

June 17, 2018

Memory Verse:

"I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the
Lord in the land of the living."
Psalm 27:13 NIV

Key Question: What happens when you trust yourself more than God?

Bottom Line: God is stronger than anyone

Bible Story: Clip My Hair • Judges 13-16

Life App: Confidence - Living like you believe what God says is true.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: There's an important story about honesty throughout the book of Judges 13-16. From the start, Samson was set apart to lead God's people. His life had many ups and downs as he tried to live from his own strength, but ultimately his confidence in God allowed him to carry out the plan for his life.

Believing that God is stronger than anyone can give us the confidence to put our trust in what He can do more than what we can do. We can only do so much on our own. We need God's help to accomplish God's plan for our lives.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"
shout out the name

1. 1. Early Arriver Idea

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids to your group and use a couple minutes to ask about their week (highs/lows)
- Ask a series of "Which is stronger?" questions like the ones below. Kids can vote by pretending to be the stronger animal.
- Which is stronger:
 - A mouse or a moose?
 - A hamster or a horse?
 - A jaguar or a jellyfish?
 - A worm or a walrus?

- A goose or a gorilla?
- A chicken or a cheetah?
- A bee or a bear?
- A dog or a donkey?
- A llama or a lion?

Ask: "If you could be any kind of strong animal, which animal would you be? Why?"

What You Say:

"What do elephants and rhinoceroses and gorillas and bears and tigers and horses and hippos and orcas and lions have in common? (They're all big; they're all strong.) Yes! They're all VERY strong."

Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few) Worship SONGS

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Strong Minds

[Application Activity]

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines & working as a group

What You Need: "Strong Minds" Activity Page cards; "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Guide kids to get into teams of two or three.
- Give each team a set of cards and then guide them to put the cards in order, dominoes-style. (Cards go left to right. Place cards that have corresponding numbers of dots next to each other. For example: One card has four dots on the left and one dot on the right, so to the left of that card, you would put a card that has four dots on the right. And to the right of that original card, you would put a card that has one dot on the left.)
- You may want to show kids how to put the first couple of cards in order, and then let them go off of your example.
- When every team finishes, help kids say the verse together.
- End by leading kids to say the verse while doing the motions they learned last week (see the "Memory Verse Motions" Activity Page). After each repetition, encourage kids to strike a "strong man" pose.

What You Say:

*"How did Samson see God's goodness? (God made Samson strong; when Samson remembered God, God made him strong again.) Samson had good and bad times in his life, but when Samson chose to trust in God, God's strength allowed him to do amazing things. Can YOU trust God? (Pause.) Yes! [Bottom Line] **God is stronger than anyone!**"*

3. Pray & Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead kids into prayer.

What You Say:

*"Who's the strongest person you can think of right now? Is it your dad? A character in a video game? A superhero? God is WAY stronger than all of them! [Bottom Line] **God is stronger than anyone!** He's so strong that He created the whole world and everything in it. He's so strong that He brought his only Son back from the dead!*

"Since God is so strong and since He loves you so much, can you trust Him when you have a problem? (Pause.) Yes, you can! So whenever you have a problem, ask God to help you. He loves you more than anyone and He is stronger than anyone. Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You that You love us more than we can imagine and that You are stronger than we can imagine. Help us rely on Your strength instead of on our own strength when we have problems. Thank You that You love us and that You will help us. We love You, Lord. You are SO good. Amen."

*As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids, "Who is stronger than anyone? (God!) Yes, [Bottom Line] **God is stronger than anyone!**"*