



WEEK 1 - October 2019 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: God is with me so I can be brave.

Daniel and the Lions • *Daniel 6:1-23*

Memory Verse: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the LORD your God goes with you.” Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

Key Question: Who can help you be brave?

Bottom Line: God can help me be brave.

Basic Truth: God loves me.

Summary: We love our superheroes. We love their strength and bravery and how they use their special powers and super weapons to save the day. Whether it’s a lasso that forces truth telling or a trident that manipulates water, it’s always exciting to watch! What about in real life? We all want to be strong and courageous. We all want to say we would be brave when faced with fear. But how? What can help us be brave? How can our preschoolers be strong and courageous SUPER KIDS without the capes and super powers we see in the movies? This month we plan on giving preschoolers the answers to all of these questions while having some superhero fun!

We want our preschoolers to grow up knowing that they can be brave, because God is with them. Yep! God can help them be brave! And they don’t even need a cape or a mask!

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 | 12:00-12:10 - FREE PLAY

SFX: High-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Walk-in"

9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Small Groups"

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A Bible, a chair draped with a fluffy blanket to look like a throne, a plastic crown, royal entrance SFX, and lions roaring SFX

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Stage_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

(NOTE: Storyteller will call on an older child to play the role of the king.)

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! You know, I understand [Host's name] being scared about trying a new dance class. We all feel afraid from time to time. This reminds me of a true story from the Bible about a young man named Daniel. What was his name?"

CHILDREN: "Daniel!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, Daniel. Daniel loved God and prayed to Him every day. Daniel worked for the king. Let's see . . . I need a King Darius."

(Select an older child to come onstage. Move the chair covered with the blanket to the center of the stage. Hand the volunteer the crown.)

STORYTELLER: "Announcing King Darius!"

(SFX: Royal entrance music.)

"Here's your crown and your throne, King Darius."

(Hand the volunteer the crown and motion for him to sit down on the chair.)

“King Darius liked Daniel, and they were friends. This made some other guys very jealous and grumpy. Let me see your best grumpy face, friends.”

(Option: Story Image W1 01)

(Children make grumpy faces.)

“Yes, very grumpy. These grumpy guys wanted to get Daniel in trouble, and they knew that He prayed to God every day. So they tricked the king into making a new rule.

“Do you want to hear the new rule? Hear ye! Hear ye! Can you say that with me?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “Hear ye! Hear ye!”

STORYTELLER: “There is a new rule. No one can pray to anyone except for King Darius, because King Darius is awesome. If you break this rule, you will be thrown into a den of hungry lions! Yikes. That’s a super crazy rule.

“Tell me, what sound does a lion make? *(Pause.)* Yes! They roar. Now let’s all be lions together. Let me hear your best roar on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three!”

CHILDREN: “Roar!”

STORYTELLER: “When Daniel heard about the king’s new rule, do you think he stopped praying to God? *(Shake head no.)* No way! Daniel knew that God was with him, and that made him brave. So he kept praying to God every day.

(Option: Story Image W1 02)

“As soon as the mean grumpy guys saw Daniel praying, they ran off to tell the king.

(Walk over to the child on stage.)

“‘King Darius!’ they said. ‘Daniel was caught praying to his God and not to you! Throw him to the lions! ‘Oh, no!’ the king thought. Daniel was his friend. The king was sad and didn’t want to do it. *(To the volunteer)* Show us your sad face, King Darius. But the law was the law. So Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den.”

(SFX: Lions roaring.)

“If there is a door on your stage, Storyteller can walk over to it, open it, and close it as if putting Daniel in the den. If not, walk to one side of the stage to serve as the lions’ den.”

“But Daniel was brave. Was he brave because he was a superhero with a super awesome cape? Nope. Was he brave because he was some kind of lion tamer with a bunch of tricks to get the lions to calm down? Nope. Daniel was a regular guy just like you and me. But Daniel was brave because he knew that God was with him.

(Walk back over to “King Darius.”)

“King Darius said to Daniel, ‘I hope the God you pray to every day saves you from the lions.’ All night long, the king worried about Daniel. *(To the volunteer)* Show me your worried face. *(Pause.)* Perfect.

“When it was finally morning, the king ran to the lions’ den. *(To the volunteer)* Come with me, King Darius.

(Motion for the volunteer to follow you to the door or the spot on stage you walked to earlier.)

“King Darius called out, ‘Daniel! Did the God you pray to every day save you from the lions?’

(Option: Story Image W1 03)

“Guess what, friends! Daniel answered back! He was safe and sound. God had sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions, and Daniel was safe! The king was so happy that he wrote a new rule that said that Daniel’s God was the one true God and everyone could pray to Him.

(Option: Story Image W1 04)

“Everyone say, ‘Hooray!’”

CHILDREN: “Hooray!”

STORYTELLER: “How about some applause for our awesome volunteer? Thanks, King Darius. You can head back to your seat.

(Send volunteer back to his/her seat.)

“Daniel was brave because God was with him. And God can help you be brave, too! When I ask, ‘**Who can help you be brave?**’ I want you to say, **[Bottom Line]** ‘**God can help me be brave.**’ **Who can help you be brave?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: **[Bottom Line]** “**God can help me be brave.**”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! That’s the truth, friends. No matter what, you can be brave when you remember that God is with you. Let’s pray.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and for reminding us that You are with us. When we are afraid, help us to be brave because You are with us! We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids’ hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: WORSHIP LEADER: “Good morning, friends! It’s a new month, and this month we get to be Super Kids! Whoop! I love being Super Kids with you. Who helps us be Super Kids? Do you know? Yes! God! God is always with us, and He helps us be brave! When I ask you this very important question, ‘**Who can help you be brave?**’ you say, **[Bottom Line]** ‘**God can help me be brave.**’ Let’s do it. **Who can help you be brave?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “**God can help me be brave.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Great job! God can help you be brave, and He’s always with you. I have a new song that reminds us of that. Let’s sing it.

(Lead children in singing “Fear Get out of Here,” this month’s worship song.)

“Great singing, everyone. I’m so glad that fear can get out of here because **[Bottom Line]** **God can help me be brave. Who can help you be brave?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “**God can help me be brave.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “That’s right! **[Bottom Line]** **God can help me be brave**, and our memory verse helps us remember that. Right here in the Bible it says: *Be strong (put right forearm and wrist out in front of you, similar to Wonder Woman) and courageous! (Put left forearm and wrist out in front of you and hit wrists together.) Do not be afraid . . . (wind up in a crazy karate chop pose and chop down on the word “afraid”), for the LORD (point your right hand up) your God (point your left hand up) goes with you (put both hands on hips in a “strong” pose), Deuteronomy 31:6. (Hold out hands like a book.)* Let’s do that together.

(Say the verse and do the motions several times together.)

“Great job, everyone! That is one of my all-time favorite verses. God is with me, so I don’t have to be afraid. Wow! God loves us so much. He loves us AND He made us. Let’s sing our song about being perfectly made by God.

(Lead children in singing “Perfectly Made.”)

“Great singing! God made you, and He loves you. Now remind me: **Who can help you be brave?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “God can help me be brave.”

Dismiss children to small groups.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist “PreK Small Groups”