



## WEEK 2 - October 2019 - PRESCHOOL

**Bible Story Focus:** God knows everything so I can be brave.

Gideon at Battle • *Judges 7:9-22*

**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!

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

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

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

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

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

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**LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:**

### **Bible Story**

**What You Need:** A Bible, a bin full of small plush animals (at least 30), a kazoo, and a flashlight

*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: Preset the bin of stuffed animals, the kazoo, and the flashlight onstage.)*

**STORYTELLER:** *(Enter carrying the Bible.)* "Hey, friends! How's your day so far? If you're glad to be here, say, 'So glad!'"

**CHILDREN:** "So glad!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Me, too. I'm so glad you're here, too, because I have an awesome true story to share with you today about a guy who needed to be super brave. Do you want to hear it? If you do, on the count of three, say, 'Tell me a story!'"

**CHILDREN:** "Tell me a story!"

**STORYTELLER:** "This true story from the Bible starts with a man named Gideon with a very small army.

*(Option: Story Image W2 01)*

*(Dump 10 or so plush animals onto one side of the stage.)*

“Now, God told Gideon to go and battle the Midianites.

*(Walk over and dump the rest of the stuffed animals onto the opposite side of the stage.)*

“This made Gideon very scared. He was afraid to battle the Midianites because the Midianites were a BIG army. *(Point to the larger pile of plush animals.)* There were SO many Midianite soldiers that you couldn’t even count them all. Look at all of them!

*(Option: Story Image W2 02)*

*(Begin counting the larger pile of plush animals.)*

“One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, . . . okay, let’s just say there were a LOT of soldiers on the Midianite side.

*(Walk back over to the smaller pile of plush animals.)*

“Gideon was scared for sure. But God told him that he would win the battle. Gideon didn’t know how his little army would beat the very big Midianite army, but God knows everything. Gideon knew that if God said he would win, then he would win!

*(Option: Story Image W2 03)*

“Gideon knew that God would help him be brave. So Gideon took some trumpets.

*(Pick up the kazoo and play a little tune.)*

“Now, let me hear you make a trumpet sound!

*(Pause as children respond.)*

“Nice trumpeting, friends. Then Gideon took some jars and torches.

*(Hold up the flashlight.)*

“And he gave them to his very small army. How would trumpets *(play a little tune on the kazoo)* and jars and torches *(turn on the flashlight and shine it on the ceiling)* help win battles?

*(Pick up a few plush animals from the smaller pile and set them up around the edges of the larger pile.)*

“Gideon and his army carefully and quietly snuck down to the Midianite camp at night while they were sleeping. *(To the children)* Shhh! We have to be very, very quiet.

“Then they blew their trumpets. Let me hear those trumpets again.

*(Grab the kazoo to blow as the children make their own trumpeting noises.)*

“The broke their jars so their torches would shine.

*(Shine the flashlight on the ceiling.)*

“Then Gideon’s army shouted, ‘For the Lord and for Gideon!’ Say that with me.”

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** “For the Lord and for Gideon!”

**STORYTELLER:** “Louder, friends!”

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** “For the Lord and for Gideon!”

*(Option: Story Image W2 04)*

**STORYTELLER:** “And just like that, the Midianites ran away. Gideon’s army won the battle just like God said they would! God really does know everything. When He tells you to do something, God will help you be brave enough to do it.

“Did you like the story? If you did, give it two thumbs up! *(Pause.)* Awesome. Tell me, friends: **Who can help you be brave?**”

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

**STORYTELLER:** “It’s true. God helped Gideon be brave, and *[Bottom Line]* **God can help me be brave.** Let’s pray.”

### **PRAYER**

**STORYTELLER:** “Dear God, thank You for the awesome story of Gideon! He didn’t need a huge army or a big battle plan. He just needed to trust You. Help us to trust You because You can help us be brave. We love You. In Jesus’ name we pray, 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:** “Hello, everyone. It’s so great to see you again. We’re going to hear another story about how God helped someone be brave. **Who can help you be brave?”**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Yes! *[Bottom Line]* **God can help me be brave.** God is always with us, so we don’t need to be afraid. Let’s sing our new song and tell fear to get out of here. Are you ready?”

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

“Yay! What incredible singers you are. I am so proud of you! **Who can help you be brave?”**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Yes! *[Bottom Line]* **God can help me be brave.** That’s what our memory verse says. Are you ready to do it with me? *(Pause.)* Let’s do it! *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 it again.

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

“Way to go! You are doing great with that verse. Isn’t it so fun to do? Now, we know that God is always with us. We know God made us. In fact, God made everything! Let’s sing the song we learned last month about how God made everything and it’s all good!

*(Lead children in singing “All Good.”)*

“Awesome singing, friends! You are so fantastic. I’m so glad God made you! I’m so glad God is always with us and helps us. **God can help me be brave. Who can help you be brave?”**

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

*Dismiss children to small groups.*

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**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"*