

WEEK 4 - October 2019 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: God is powerful so I can be brave.
Hezekiah • 2 Chronicles 32:1-23
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 and a toy crown

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.

STORYTELLER: "Today's true story from the Bible starts with a king named Hezekiah. (*Put crown on head.*)

(Option: Story Image W4 01)

"Hezekiah was a brave king, because he knew God was the one true God and the MOST powerful. King Hezekiah's job was to take care of God's people.

"One day another king—a very mean king—came along. Show me your best MEAN face! (*Pause.*) Oh, that's very mean. The mean king and his army were on their way to fight God's people.

(Option: Story Image W4 02)

"But King Hezekiah was ready to lead and take care of God's people. He gave everyone jobs to get ready for the mean army. He had them fix the walls. Show me how you can hammer to fix the walls.

(Pause as children pantomime using a hammer.)

"And King Hezekiah had them get the water ready and gather the supplies. Show me how to gather all the supplies."

(Pause as children pantomime gathering supplies.)

"Great job! Then King Hezekiah brought all the people together. King Hezekiah told them 'Be courageous, do not be afraid because the Lord our God will help us fight the battle.'

"When the people heard King Hezekiah talk about God's power, it made all of them feel brave too. The king prayed and asked God to help them fight the mean army.

(Option: Story Image W4 03)

"And guess what happened. If you want to know, say, 'I want to know!"

CHILDREN: "I want to know!"

(Option: Story Image W4 04)

STORYTELLER: "God sent an angel to help them! Wow! An angel. When the mean king and his army saw the angel, they knew just how strong and powerful the one true God really is. God saved King Hezekiah and His people. God took care of them. Everyone say, 'YAY, God!"

CHILDREN: "Yay, God!

"We can be brave because God is powerful and He takes care of us, too. God can help you be brave. It's true! Now let me hear it from you. Tell me: **Who can help you be** brave?"

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "God can help me be brave."

STORYTELLER: "He sure can! God is more powerful than anyone or anything. Let's pray and thank God for helping us to be brave."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Heavenly Father, we know that You are more powerful than anyone ever! You saved King Hezekiah and His people. And You can help us be brave, too. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

(Host walks back up to the stage. 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: "Hello, hello, friends. It's our last Super Kid day, so let's answer this question loud and strong. **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. Now it's time to sing loud and have fun! Let's tell fear to get out of here!

(Lead children in singing "Fear Get out of Here," this month's worship song.)

"Way to go! I love singing with you. There is no more fear here. It is gone. Tell me. **Who** can help you be brave?"

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

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes indeed, *[Bottom Line]* God can help me be brave. Who can help me remember what we do next? We sang our first song. What do we do now? (*Pause.*) Yes! We say our memory verse. Are you ready to say it with me? 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.)

"Yes! Wow! You are awesome. Any time you start to get a little worried or a little scared, you can say that verse and remember that God is with you so you don't have to be afraid. God loves you, and God made you. In fact, God made everything! Let's sing our song about that!

(Lead children in singing "All Good.")

"That was wonderful. It is so much fun to sing about God with you. Now, one more time: **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"