



WEEK FOUR – OCTOBER 2019

Bible Story: The Stand (Twelve Men Check Out the Land of Canaan) • *Numbers 13–14*

Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when others are afraid.

Memory Verse: *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NirV)

Life App: Courage—Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

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

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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

1. Early Arriver Idea (What Is That?)

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Prepared shoebox; bag or box containing: cooked spaghetti, pipe cleaners, popped popcorn, a ball of foil or paper, a wet sponge, a plastic egg, a pine cone, and a few cotton balls

What You Do:

- Set the shoebox on the floor.
- Have the kids close their eyes (NO peeking) as you place one item from the bag or box into the shoebox.
- Ask the kids to open their eyes.
- Select a kid to place her hand in the shoebox to feel and then try to identify the item inside. You can give hints if you would like to.
- Once a guess has been made, remove the item for the kids to see.
- Repeat with the remaining items, making sure the kids close their eyes as you place a new item in the shoebox for each round.

What You Say:

“Was it a little scary to place your hand inside that box not knowing what was inside? Some of these items felt pretty gross! *[Transition]* In Large Group we’ll hear about some spies who faced a pretty scary situation. Let’s go find out what happened!”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

*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. Grasshoppers vs. Giants**

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Clothespins, green markers, green chenille pieces, clear tape, white school glue, and googly eyes

What You Do:

- Give each child a clothespin to create a grasshopper.
- The pincher part of the clothespin will be the grasshopper’s mouth.
- Encourage the kids to use a green marker to color the top of the clothespin.
- As they’re coloring, tear off a piece of clear tape for each child, the length of the clothespin.
- Lay the tape on the floor, sticky side up.
- Lay three pieces of the chenille stem across the sticky side of the tape: one at the top, one in the center, and one at the bottom of the piece of tape.
- Then, help each child stick the tape onto the bottom side of the clothespin and bend the chenille stems to create the grasshopper’s legs.
- Pass out two googly eyes to each kid to glue onto the end of the clothespin on either side of the pincher or “mouth.”
- Give each child the fourth small piece of chenille stem to place in the pincher part of the clothespin and bend upward to form the grasshopper’s antennae.

What You Say:

“Everyone, hold up your creation! Look at how much bigger you are than this grasshopper. The spies in our Bible story were so afraid. They said there were giants in the land and that they felt like grasshoppers next to them! But remember, NOTHING is too big for God. You can obey Him and do what He’s asked you to do because He is more powerful than anything. You can trust that He is in control even when others are afraid—even when YOU are afraid. Just like you are WAY bigger than this grasshopper, God is way bigger and

way stronger than anything you might face. **[Bottom Line] You can do what you should, even when others are afraid.**”

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Grasshoppers from the “Grasshoppers vs. Giants” activity

What You Do:

- Encourage the children to hold their grasshoppers as a reminder that to God, all our fears are like small grasshoppers! Nothing is too big for Him to handle.
- Close in prayer for the group as they hold their grasshoppers.

What You Say:

“Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that nothing is too big for You. We can be brave and have courage, even when others are afraid. We want to obey You, God. Help us to do what we should do even when others are afraid. You are awesome, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

“If possible, I want you to put these grasshoppers in your backpack and carry them with you as a reminder that nothing is too big. These cute little grasshoppers will remind you that God is with you, and He will give you courage so that **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should, even when others are afraid.**”

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off their grasshoppers and talk about what they have to do with courage!