



GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- Two jars or containers (ideally clear plastic) labeled “SING” and “DARE”
- Sing Jar Options (printed from the Large Group Visual and cut out)
- Dare Jar Options (printed from the Large Group Visual and cut out)
- Spray water bottle (on mist setting)
- Craft paper/fishing line Bible timeline and Today’s Story Image (*optional*)

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Courage Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- “Sing or Dare” Slide
- Sing Jar Options (printable)
- Dare Jar Options (printable)

Optional Videos (available for purchase through the 252 Media Package):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown (30- or 60-second version)

- Theme
- Theme Transition to Life App
- Life App Transition to Theme

What You Do:

- Print the Sing Jar Options and Dare Jar Options, cut out the slips of paper, and put them in the corresponding jars labeled “SING” and “DARE.”

2. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Female Leader
- Two older girls
- Biblical robe for the Leader to wear (or a neutral-colored blanket)
- Biblical robe for Miriam (or a neutral-colored blanket)
- Royal robe and princess crown for Pharaoh’s daughter
- Wading pool filled with water
- Baby doll
- Basket big enough to hold the doll and float in the wading pool

Large Group Visuals:

- One Big Story Intro (Video)
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Nile River picture

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have CG capabilities, you have Orange’s permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- The One Big Story Intro Video is available with the monthly download. You can find it in the “Prelude” folder under “Monthly Planning.”
- Put the wading pool on the stage and put water in it. Have the baby doll and the basket close by so the Storyteller can easily get them.

3. Worship

What You Need:

- We Are Royals
- Who You Say I Am

Basket Case

Bible Story: Basket Case (Moses Is Born) • *Exodus 2:1-10 (Supporting: Exodus 1)*

Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when you don't know what will happen next.

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.

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (Large Group, 35 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

SFX: *Play high-energy music as kids enter.*

CG: *Theme Slide*

Optional Video (Media Package): *Theme Loop*

Host enters.

Optional Video (Media Package): *Countdown (30- or 60-second version)*

Optional Video (Media Package): *Theme*

Opener

HOST: *(Do some vocal warm-ups.) "Me-me-me-meeeeee! Fa, la, la, la, la! Do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do! (Clear throat.)"*

"Hey, everybody! Sorry about that. I'm just warming up for a singing audition I've got later. Singing on a stage in front of people can be a little scary, but it can also be really fun. No matter who you are, if you're going up on stage, you need courage!"

CG: *Courage Slide*

Optional Video (Media Package): *Theme Transition to Life App*

"Courage is being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid."

CG: *Theme Slide*

Optional Video (Media Package): *Life App Transition to Theme*

"Here's what I want to know. Do any of YOU want a chance to get up on stage with your small group? *(Pause for response.)* Good! Then let's play 'Sing or Dare.'"

CG: *"Sing or Dare" Slide*

“If I choose your small group, you’ll have the chance to sing a song together as a group, OR you can do a dare. We’ve got a Song Jar full of song choices, and a Dare Jar full of dare choices. It’s up to you! Okay, which group is first?”

Choose a group to play and bring them up on stage.

NOTE: Be sure to allow any kids in the group to opt out if they don’t want to play. Just ask the kids to raise their hands if they want to play, and let the others have a seat. Don’t make them feel bad for opting out; just move on naturally.

Allow the Small Group Leader to choose a slip of paper from either the Sing Jar OR the Dare Jar. Then have the group (collectively) sing a song for the audience or do a dare.

Each time, cheer for the group and dismiss them back to their seats. Go through as many groups as you have time for.

“That was amazing! So. Much. Fun. You all showed a lot of courage!”

“Today’s story is about a family that found themselves in a pretty scary situation. Do you think THEY found a way to have courage? We’ll find out! But first, let’s stand up and get ready to sing and worship God!”

Mission Announcements Here

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, indeed! Get up on your feet and get ready to sing as we celebrate the greatness of our God. He gives us courage and strength every day. So don’t hold anything back as we sing to Him together.

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

VIDEO: One Big Story Intro

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “Last month we looked at the story of Joseph, who was the great-grandson of Abraham. Joseph became a very important leader in the land of Egypt. When other countries ran out of food, Joseph invited his family to move from Canaan to Egypt so they would have food to eat. Joseph’s family stayed in Egypt for a very long time, and their family continued to grow. After years and years, so many children were born that God’s people, the Israelites, became a great nation! But the Egyptians were not happy about that at all.

“The Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They made the Israelites work really hard all day long in the hot sun. But still, the numbers of God’s people kept on growing. Finally, Pharaoh, the king, had had enough. He had a terrible, awful idea. He decided the best way to stop God’s people was to kill all of their baby boys. Can you believe it? What a horrible thing to do!”

“Now, I know that sounds very sad and scary, but I promise there’s a happy ending! Can you trust me and listen all the way to the end of the story? *(Pause for response.)* Great!

“Let me get a couple of courageous volunteers to help me tell it.”

Choose a female Leader to be Jochebed and an older girl to be Miriam. Give them each a biblical-looking robe or a blanket to wear as a wrap. Give Jochebed a baby doll to be Moses.

A BABY IN A BASKET

STORYTELLER: *(Point to the female Leader.)* “Jochebed was an Israelite, so she was one of God’s people. She was also a mom. She was the mom of a baby boy who we call Moses. *(Point to the baby doll.)*

“Jochebed loved her baby boy very much, but she knew she couldn’t keep him because Pharaoh’s men would come to hurt him. So, Jochebed did something very, very brave. She trusted God, even when she didn’t know what would happen next.

“Jochebed got a basket and built it so that it wouldn’t let any water in. She made the basket like a tiny little boat. *(Give the basket to Jochebed.)* She placed her sweet baby boy inside that basket and set him gently in the river.

Point to the wading pool. Cue the Leader to put the baby doll in the basket and set it in the pool.

(Point to the girl volunteer) “Jochebed’s daughter, Miriam, watched close by. She waited to see what would happen to her baby brother.

“Now, let’s just stop here for a minute. This might not seem too crazy right now because we’re obviously using a doll instead of a real baby, and we’re just putting it in this little wading pool. That doesn’t really require a lot of courage, does it?”

“But, imagine for a moment that you’re Miriam *(point to the girl volunteer)* or her mom, Jochebed *(point to the Leader)*. You’ve put your little baby in a basket, and he isn’t floating in a little wading pool. He’s floating in the Nile River!

CG: Nile River picture

“Look how big that river is! Jochebed and Miriam really had to trust God to take care of Moses, didn’t they? They had to have a lot of courage to believe that God would keep him safe.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

THE PRINCESS GOES TO THE RIVER

STORYTELLER: *(Point to the basket in the pool.)* “So we’ve got sweet little baby Moses, floating in a basket in the Nile River. Miriam, his big sister, is watching him from far away to see what will happen.

“Let’s see. I’ll need another volunteer.”

Choose an older girl to be Pharaoh's daughter. Give her a princess crown and royal robe to wear.

“Well, about that same time, Pharaoh's own daughter went down to the river to take a bath. She saw something moving in that basket floating in the water, and she asked one of her servants to go and get it for her.

Pick up the basket out of the water. Hand the baby doll to the girl playing Pharaoh's daughter.

“When the basket was brought to her, she saw sweet little baby Moses crying and she felt sorry for him. She knew he must be one of the Israelite babies that was supposed to be killed. She decided to keep Moses and raise him as her own baby.”

REUNITED, AND IT FEELS SO GOOD

STORYTELLER: “When Miriam saw that Pharaoh's daughter had rescued baby Moses, she ran to the princess with a great idea.

Nod to the girl playing Miriam to cue her to run over to the girl playing Pharaoh's daughter. (You might need to repeat the line to get her to run over.)

“Listen to what Miriam said.

Open the Bible to Exodus 2:7 (NirV) and read.

“Do you want me to go and get one of the Hebrew women?”

“She asked Pharaoh's daughter if she would like to have one of the Israelite women help take care of the baby.

“Pharaoh's daughter thought that was a great idea. So guess who Miriam found to take care of baby Moses. *(Pause for response.)* That's right! Moses's mom.

Bring the Leader over toward the two girls. Hand the baby doll to her.

“She was able to take care of Moses and raise him for Pharaoh's daughter. And Pharaoh's daughter paid her to do it. Can you believe that? Amazing!

“Let's give all of our actors a big hand. *(To the volunteers)* Thanks for your help!”

Dismiss the volunteers to their seats.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “When Moses was older, Jochebed took him to live with the princess in Pharaoh's palace. God had used the courage of Jochebed and Miriam to save Moses from being killed. And that's important, because God had big plans for Moses!

Pick up the basket.

“Jochebed and Miriam didn’t know what would happen to baby Moses when they put him in that basket in that big river. But they trusted that God would take care of him. They had courage! They knew this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should, even when you don’t know what will happen next.

“You see, God always has a plan for us—even when we don’t know what will happen. That’s one of the many reasons we know that *[Basic Truth]* we can trust God no matter what. When we trust Him, we can find the courage we need to do what He’s asked us to do.

“Let’s talk to God and ask Him to give us His courage.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

Pray

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, I can’t imagine how frightened Jochebed and Miriam were to put their sweet little baby in that river. Thank you for giving them the courage they needed to be able to keep him safe. Will you please help each of us to have courage to do what we should, even when we don’t know what will happen next? We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

Closer

HOST: “One of the reasons that today’s story is so important is because it’s part of a much bigger story. It’s part of God’s big and never-ending story!

CG: Timeline

“You see, Moses and Miriam were related to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They were in Egypt because God had brought Joseph’s brothers to Egypt years and years earlier. That’s why baby Moses was in Egypt when the decree was made to get rid of all the baby boys born to Israelite families.

CG: Today’s Story Image

“Miriam and her mom didn’t know what was going to happen when they put Moses in a basket by the Nile River. But it took courage to try SOMETHING. And with God’s help, Moses was saved. As you’ll see in the next couple of weeks, he grew up to do big things to help save his people.

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

“Miriam and her mother had the courage to do the right thing. The Bible is full of other great examples of people who had courage, too. Think about Jesus’ friends, the disciples. THEY had the courage to risk their lives to tell the world about Jesus. And because of them, WE know about Jesus today!

“Over and over, we can see that this is true.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should, even when you don’t know what will happen next.

“So when you’re feeling afraid or nervous about something, and you aren’t sure what will happen next, talk to God. Put your trust in Him. Have the courage to do what you know you SHOULD do—and then trust God to do the rest.

“You’ll get to talk some more with your small group about what it means to have courage. I’ll see you later!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

SFX: Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

CG: Theme Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop