



GETTING READY

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Host
- Suit jacket and bowtie (or tuxedo T-shirt) for the Host to look like an award show Host
- Large flashlight to be used as a spotlight
- Adult volunteer to shine the “spotlight”

Music and Sound Effects (SFX):

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Award show theme music (suggestions: “Hollywood on Parade” or “Red Carpet Fanfare” by Hollywood Studios Orchestra)
- SFX (provided): Applause

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Courage Slide
- Blank Bottom Line Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- “Hidden Talent Awards” Slide

What You Do:

- Download and print this week’s tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.

- 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.
- Download the weekly SFX and have them ready to use.
- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

2. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- Four pre-selected adult volunteers (Small Group Leaders, Worship Leaders, etc.)
- Two extra-large blue tarps—as big as possible!
- Four step stools or ladders (*optional*)
- Magnet clips or cable ties to attach the tarps to the ceiling (*optional*)

Large Group Visuals:

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

What You Do:

- **Pre-select four adult volunteers to help you with the tarps during the story. Take some time to practice with them in advance.**
- **Plan out where in your room you want the tarps to be, and where the kids can stand on each side of the “sea.” We’ve written the script so the kids pass from the back of the room through the tarps in the middle, up to an empty area at the front—but you might choose to do this across the room (from side to side) or in a hallway.**
- **Make a plan to suspend the tarps as high as possible when they become the vertical “walls of water.” Your Leaders can stand on stools or ladders. Or if you have a drop ceiling, consider attaching the tarps to the ceiling with magnet clips or cable ties. (This will work best if your tarps are extremely large, so they hang all the way to the floor.)**

3. Worship

What You Need:

- Alive Again
- Real Love

Break on Through

Bible Story: Break on Through (Israel Goes Through the Red Sea) • *Exodus 13:17–14:31*

Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when things seem impossible.

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

Opener

CG: "Hidden Talent Awards" Slide

SFX: Award show theme music (suggestions: "Hollywood on Parade" or "Red Carpet Fanfare" by Hollywood Studios Orchestra)

Adult volunteer shines the flashlight around on stage like a spotlight.

Host enters, wearing a suit jacket and bowtie (or a tuxedo T-shirt).

HOST: "Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Hidden Talent Awards!"

Start clapping to encourage the audience to applaud.

"My name is [your name], and I'll be your host. The Hidden Talent Awards are always a highlight for me, as I'm sure they will be for all of you.

"You see, we all have amazing talents that we don't often get to share with the world. It takes a lot of courage to put your talent on display for the whole world to see.

CG: Courage Slide

Optional Video (Media Package): Life App Loop

"As we've been talking about here at [your environment's name] this month, courage is being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid.

CG: "Hidden Talent Awards" Slide

“Today we have the amazing opportunity to share some of YOUR hidden talents with the rest of us. A hidden talent could be something like talking with a duck voice, clapping your hands while saying ‘Yee-haw!’ or eating corn on the cob while humming ‘Mary Had a Little Lamb.’

“I’ll go first.

Share one of your hidden talents—something random and silly that will encourage the kids to come up with something random and silly for themselves.

Kids may think they have to do a traditional type of talent (singing, dancing, etc.) unless you set the tone that ANYTHING can be a talent—the sillier, the better!

“Who would like to begin?

Move around the room and allow kids to demonstrate their hidden talents as they want to. Don’t force anyone to do it; be sure they’re opting in by raising their hands. (Don’t call on adult Leaders, because they’ll have their turn next week!)

SFX: Applause (after each talent)

After each kid shares their hidden talent, play the applause track and celebrate them.

“That was absolutely incredible! I had no idea there was so much hidden talent right here in this room. So much courage, too. You never know what might happen at the Hidden Talent Awards! *(Point to the slide on screen.)*

SFX: Award show theme music

“Now let’s lift our voices and move our feet as we worship God together. Everyone stand up!”

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

Worship

WORSHIP LEADER: “Everybody get on your feet! It’s time for us to sing and praise God together. Our God can do the impossible! He is super-big, super-strong, and super-wonderful. Say that: ‘Super-big.’ *(Wait.)* ‘Super-strong.’ *(Wait.)* ‘Super-wonderful.’ *(Wait.)* Oh, yeah! Get ready to sing and give your very best as we worship Him now. Here we go.

SFX: “Super Wonderful” / track 1 from Little Praise Party-Taste and See

WORSHIP LEADER: “We can always trust God. He will never leave us! In Psalm 9:10, David wrote: ‘Lord, those who know you will trust in you. You have never deserted those who look to you.’ *(NirV)* As we sing in worship, let’s choose to trust God with everything we’re going through. Sing this with me.”

SFX: "I Can Always Trust You" / track 1 from Can't Stop Won't Stop

Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.

VIDEO: One Big Story Intro

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! (*Hold up Bible.*) We've been opening up God's story together here at [your environment's name], and we're right in the middle of one of the most exciting, most epic parts of the entire Bible. We're picking up the story of Moses and God's people, the Israelites.

"Let me catch you up to speed. God's people had been slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years. God sent Moses to confront Pharaoh and demand freedom for the Israelites. God sent all of those plagues—you know: the frogs, the gnats and flies, the locusts, and so on. After all of those plagues, Pharaoh finally told the people to go . . . and they left quickly, in the middle of the night.

"But they hadn't fully escaped Pharaoh and the Egyptians just yet."

THE EDGE OF THE SEA

STORYTELLER: "God's people left Egypt and camped on the edge of the desert. God went ahead of them and led them. He appeared to them as a big, tall pillar of cloud during the day, and a big, tall pillar of fire at night.

"Let me hear you make a wind sound.

Kids make wind sounds.

"Good. I wonder if the pillar of cloud sounded like that. How about a pillar of fire? How would that sound?"

Kids make fire sounds.

"Excellent! It was very clear that God was guiding His people. They could SEE the clouds and the fire, so they knew for sure that God was with them!

"But, back in Egypt, Pharaoh changed his mind about letting God's people go. He decided to come after them with his chariots and horses and troops! Let me hear you gasp.

Kids gasp.

"Pharaoh's army caught up with God's people at the edge of the Red Sea. Can I hear some waves, please?"

Kids make ocean wave sounds.

"The stage was set for something really big to happen. God's people were trapped between the Egyptians and the sea, and there was no way out! It must have seemed like an impossible situation."

WHINING AND COMPLAINING

STORYTELLER: “When God’s people saw Pharaoh’s army, they got really upset. They whined and complained and told Moses they were better off as slaves in Egypt. Can you believe that? I bet Moses was pretty frustrated. I mean, God had been protecting and providing for His people, and they weren’t trusting Him.

“Listen to what Moses said to them.

Open the Bible to Exodus 14:14 (NIRV) and read.

“The LORD will fight for you. Just be still.

“Let me hear you take a deep breath and be still.

Kids take a deep breath.

“Ahhhhhh. That feels good, doesn’t it?

“God told Moses to reach out his hand over the water. The pillar of cloud moved behind God’s people, forming a wall between them and the Egyptians. Now it was just God’s people and the rushing waters of the Red Sea.

“It’s kind of hard for us to imagine just how HUGE this moment must have been. But I think we should try. Can you use your imagination with me? *(Pause for response.)* Good. I’ve asked some Leaders to help me out.

Call up your four pre-selected Small Group Leaders (or Worship Leaders). Bring out the two extra-large blue tarps.

(To audience) “First, I need all of you to move to the back of the room.

Have all the kids stand at the back of the room, looking up toward the stage. Go to the back of the room with them as you tell this part of the story.

The idea is that you want to have the kids standing in the back of the room, then a section in the middle where the Leaders will be standing with the tarps, and then an open section at the front of the room where the kids can go after they pass through the “sea.”

“You are the Israelites. The Egyptian soldiers are coming to get you . . . but you can’t escape, because the Red Sea is right in front of you!

The four Leaders pick up the two tarps and hold them horizontally—two Leaders per tarp, with one Leader on each side. They wave the tarps like ocean waves.

“How are you ever going to get through?”

PASSING THROUGH

STORYTELLER: “Well, let me tell you what happened. Moses reached out his hand, just like God had said, and God divided the waters of the sea!

The four Leaders lift up the two tarps so they’re hanging vertically, parallel to each other, like walls of water.

You can either have them hold the tarps head-high or, for a bigger impact, have the four Leaders stand on stools or ladders. Alternately, you could attach the tarps to the ceiling using magnet clips or cable ties.

“All night long, the wind pushed the water into two great walls with a dry path in between them. The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground!

“Let’s all walk through just like the Israelites did.

Lead the kids through the “dry path” between the tarps, up to the open area at the front of the room.

“Amazing! God had led His people to safety. The Egyptians chased after them, but God jammed the wheels of their chariots.

“God told Moses to reach out his hand over the sea again. At sunrise the sea went back to its place, sweeping up all the Egyptians and washing them away.

“God had saved His people! Let me hear you cheer!”

Kids cheer.

Have a seat on the edge of the stage and wait to gather the kids’ attention before you wrap up to the story.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: “What an amazing story! God had rescued His people from what seemed like an impossible situation. Even though it was scary, they had the courage to walk through the sea.

“Of course, they weren’t so courageous at first. Remember, when they saw the soldiers coming, they whined and complained to Moses. They said they wished they could go back to being slaves in Egypt. But when they saw God’s power, they had the courage to do what God said they should do.

“You and I can choose to trust God and have courage because we know God is with us. Remember this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should, even when things seem impossible.

“Let’s pray and ask God to give us courage.”

CG: Blank Bottom Line Slide

Pray

STORYTELLER: “Dear God, thank You for helping the Israelites when it seemed like they had no way out. You rescued them from a situation that seemed impossible! Please help us to have courage, even when things seem impossible in our lives. Help us to trust You and remember that You’re always right there with us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

Closer

HOST: “Nothing is impossible for God. He can do things that seem impossible!

CG: Today’s Story Image

Optional: Place Today’s Story Image on your timeline.

“Can you imagine standing there at the edge of the raging sea with Pharaoh’s army right behind you? The waters divide so you can safely walk through. You would be so amazed at seeing God’s power that you’d have the courage to do whatever He asked you to do!

CG: Timeline

“The Bible is full of examples where God did things that seemed impossible. Nothing is too big for Him. Remember, He brought Jesus back from the dead! So we can know for sure that Jesus really is God’s Son—the One who came to save us from our sins.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should, even when things seem impossible.

“That’s what courage is all about—trusting God and believing that He’s bigger than ANYTHING we might face. Don’t ever forget that *[Basic Truth]* you can trust God no matter what!

“So, when you’re afraid and things seem impossible, take the first step. If you’re afraid of the dark, use the flashlight only if you really need it. If you’re afraid of roller coasters, start with a small one! If you’re afraid of dogs, maybe just go to a pet store and watch them for a while. Talk to God and ask Him to help you to have the courage to overcome your fears.

“I bet you have some other great ideas about how you can have courage. Be sure to tell your friends when you get to Small Group, okay? You can head there now!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

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

CG: Theme Slide