

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Fear is contagious, especially when it comes to kids. Pray for God's protection around your few as they may be facing things that are frightening or scary. Ask God to give them courage to help them be brave in the presence of others who are fearful.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

You Make Me Brave
Joshua and Caleb
Numbers 13-14

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

MONTHLY 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, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, paper, and pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive to Small Group.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and a pen.
- Ask kids to write down a fear they have.
- Here are some suggestions to share:
 - fear of making new friends
 - fear of heights
 - fear of trying a new food at a restaurant
 - fear of the dark
- Write down a fear you have as well.
- Encourage the kids to rotate around the group to look at everyone else's fears.
- If two kids have the same fear, instruct them to write a tally mark on their piece of paper to show that another kid shares that fear.
- Once kids have finished looking at each other's papers, ask the kids if anyone else shared their fear.
- Talk about the common fears that were shared and also the unique fears that the group had.
- Remind kids that even if no one else shared in their fear, we're not alone in having fears. Everyone has fears, so we should never feel like we have to face them alone!

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



SUPER SUIT!

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Super Suits" Activity Pages; safety scissors; tape; and markers, crayons or colored pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid the "Super Suit"

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- Set out the coloring materials.
- Encourage the kids to create their own Super Suits.
- On each accessory and on the superhero's clothing, invite kids to write some things that helps them be courageous like voice amplifier, calm hands, God's strength, God's presence, calm nerves, etc.
- When they're finished, invite the kids to share about their Super Suits.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"These suits really are super! What do you have on your suit that could help you speak up when others are afraid to? (*Invite responses.*) What if you have to calm someone down when others are panicking? (*Invite responses—calm hands, super-strength for hugs, force field, etc.*)"

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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"There are a lot of ways **you can do what you should even when others are afraid.** Sometimes, courage is loud and speaks up. Sometimes courage is quiet and calms others down.

"Joshua and Caleb had to do both. They spoke up and told Moses that they could take the city with God's help. They tried to calm the crowd and reminded them of God's strength and protection. You can use your super voice in different ways to do what's right."

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Optional Discussion Questions for Older Kids

If you lead 4th, 5th, or 6th graders, consider asking these discussion questions:

- Where in your life do you need courage to speak up for others and help them win?
- Where in your life do you need courage to calm someone down and keep them safe?

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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



MEMORY VERSE IN MOTION

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass out the Bibles, one for every two or three kids. Using the navigation tips below, help the kids look up

Joshua 1:9b.

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide kids to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to "Joshua" at the top of the page as you say, "Joshua." Then guide kids to find the big number 1 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 1 for the little 9; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the second part of the verse as you read it aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders: Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find "Joshua" in the list under "Old Testament." You can help by telling them that Joshua starts with the letters J-O. When the kids find Joshua, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Joshua. Help the kids find the page. When they find Joshua, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 1. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 1.

- Read the verse aloud together, two or three times.
- Gather the kids to stand and teach them the following motions to help them learn the verse.
- Repeat the verse with the motions as long as time and interest allow.
 - Be strong and brave (*muscle arms*)
 - Do not be afraid (*shake right pointer finger back and forth*)
 - Do not lose hope (*shake left pointer finger back and forth*)
 - I am the Lord (*point to the sky*)
 - Your God (*point to chest*)
 - I will be with you (*motion outward with both arms*)
 - Everywhere you go. (*march around*)
 - Joshua 1:9b

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You can be STRONG and BRAVE. Let me see those muscles! You don't have to be afraid (*wave your right pointer finger*) or lose hope (*wave your left pointer finger*). Why? Because God will be with you (*march*) everywhere you go! What an amazing promise. God was with Joshua and Caleb as they spied on the land, and He gave them courage when everyone around them was so afraid. We can be brave enough to do what we should because God is on our side. **You can do what you should even when others are afraid.**"

STAND

DON'T FACE YOUR FEARS ALONE

WEEK
ONE
NOVEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP

K-3

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids to sit in a circle.
- Remind them that when they need courage, they can always pray and ask God for help.
- Make sure everyone knows the name of the person on their left.
- Encourage the kids to spend a moment praying for the friend on their left, that they would remember **you can do what you should even when others are afraid.**
- After a few moments of silent prayer, close your group with a prayer like the one below.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You for the story of Joshua and Caleb and how they showed courage, even when the people around them were afraid. This week, would You please help us be brave and do the right thing, even if we're the only one? Thanks for Your promise to be with us and help us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to say this month's memory verse with the motions as they remember that **you can do what you should even when others are afraid.**

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