

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for kids who are dealing with things that seem impossible, whether it's learning fractions at school or a parent who is terminally ill. Pray that those kids would feel God's presence and would have the courage to face the unknown with God on their side.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Whatever It Takes

David Anointed/Goliath
1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-51

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

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

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EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- As kids arrive, read an impossible challenge from the list below.
- Encourage the kids to join you in attempting the impossible challenges!
- Continue reading off and attempting the impossible challenges as long as time and interest allow.
- Impossible challenges:
 - Lick your elbow
 - Rub your head and pat your belly at the same time
 - Say, "Sally sold seashells down by the seashore" ten times fast
 - Wriggle your nose without moving your entire face
 - Pair up and one makes funny faces while the other kid tries not to laugh then switch roles
 - Raise just one eyebrow
 - Touch your nose with your tongue
 - Touch your chin with your tongue
 - Draw the number six with your finger in the air while you make clockwise circles with your leg
 - Whistle

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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



SHOULD VERSUS WANT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Butcher paper and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Each kid has their own piece of paper .
- Read one of the scenarios below.
- Let the kids discuss how they might WANT to respond.
- Then challenge them to draw or write in their square how they SHOULD respond with courage.
- Let the kids share their answers before moving on to the next scenario.
- Instruct kids to make sure they leave room in their square for drawings or sentences for four scenarios. (Roll out more paper toward the end, if needed.)
- Scenarios:
 - There's a mean kid calling you names and making fun of your clothes.
 - Everyone is laughing at one kid in your class.
 - There's a substitute teacher, and no one is listening to him.
 - It's the first day of school, and you don't know anyone in your class.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Sometimes, there's a big difference between what we WANT to do and what we SHOULD do. What we want to do is easy. What we should do requires courage. It takes someone with bravery to stand up to a bully, defend the kid everyone is laughing at, do the right thing when no one else is listening, or introduce yourself and make new friends. The good news is that you aren't alone when it comes to courage. God is with you, especially when you need courage to do what you SHOULD do. **You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.**"

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an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



SUPER SMART

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Super Smart Code" Activity Pages, Bibles, and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Super Smart Code" Activity Page, pencil, and a Bible.
- Invite the kids to work together to figure out the code.
- When they've finished, read Joshua 1:9b together out loud using the navigation tips below.

Finding verses with a multi-age group: Guide all 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, ask a middle elementary kid (2nd–3rd grade) to find "Joshua" in the list under "Old Testament." When the kid finds Joshua, lead them to look at the page number beside the word and say it aloud, explaining that the number tells them on what page they can find Joshua. Ask older elementary kids (4th–5th grade) to help younger ones find the correct page in their Bibles. When they all find Joshua, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Ask a kindergartner or 1st grader to find chapter 1, and give time for all the kids to turn the pages to find it. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers, and ask a middle elementary kid to find verse 9 in chapter 1. Then slowly read the verse aloud, especially for your pre-readers; or ask older elementary kids to read it to the group.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This verse is from a section of biblical history when the Israelites faced the impossible—moving into the Promised Land. They were a traveling group of former slaves. They had fought against their enemies, but they'd never faced a battle like this. God spoke to Joshua and told him to be brave and trust that God was on their side. Nothing is impossible with God.

"Whatever you're facing, **you can do what you should even when things seem impossible.**"

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STAND

DON'T FACE YOUR FEARS ALONE

WEEK
TWO
NOVEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP

K-3

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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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 kids to sit in a tight circle.
- Use the dialogue below to remind kids that they can always talk to God when they need courage to face the impossible.
- Give the kids a moment to pray silently on their own, then close the group with a prayer like the one below.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"When it comes to courage, I have some good news. You can ALWAYS pray and talk to God. God hears you when you pray. So this week, when you're faced with a situation that requires courage, talk to God and ask for help so **you can do what you should even when things seem impossible.** I'll give you a minute to pray on your own. If there's something you're worried about that you know requires courage, ask God to help you. After a few minutes, I'll close us out in prayer.

"God, thank You for the story of David and Goliath. It seemed impossible, but David still walked out onto that battlefield with courage because he knew You were on his side. This week, when we need courage because things seem impossible, would You help us? Would You remind us that we're not alone? Thanks for hearing us when we pray and for giving us the courage we need to do the right thing. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, let them show off their section of the butcher paper to show examples of how **you can do what you should even when things seem impossible.**

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