

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. Pray for the kids who are facing situations in which they need bravery. Ask God to give those kids courage to move forward in faith, knowing that God will be with them every step of the way.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Safe and Sound

Daniel Is Thrown into
a Den of Lions
Daniel 6

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

**You can do what you should
because God is with you.**

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Be strong and brave. Do not
be afraid. Do not lose hope.
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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 markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- When the kids arrive, tell their adults that there will be a baby food tasting game today.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a piece of paper and marker.
- Ask the kids to draw a picture of something they would never want to be without.
- If they're struggling, here are some examples:
 - a favorite food
 - a friend
 - a blanket they sleep with every night
- Ask them to write a brief description of what it is and why they would never want to be without it.
- Invite volunteers to share with the group.

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



TRUE OR FALSE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Sticky notes and markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid two sticky notes and a marker.
- Have them write "T" for True on one and "F" for False

on the other.

- Tell the kids to stick their sticky notes on their hands or feet.
- Read a series of statements about God and have the kids lift the hand or foot of their choice to answer.
- To create more of a challenge, have the kids raise their hands or feet as high as they can to answer.
- True Or False statements:
 - God is there for me when I need God.
 - God hears me when I pray.
 - God is too busy to take care of all of us.
 - When I want to ask God for help, I need to make an appointment.
 - God was with Daniel in the lions' den.
 - God is only with me when I'm happy.
 - God is with me when I'm afraid.
 - God has given me the Bible so I can get to know God.
 - God sent Jesus to tell me to work harder and do better.
 - God sent Jesus to forgive me so that I can have a relationship with God forever.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God was with Daniel when he chose to do the right thing, and the same is true for you and me. Even if it seems like you're the only one making the wise choice, you aren't alone! Just like God was with Daniel, God will be with you, too. We can have courage when we remember that God is with us, always. So this week, when it seems like everyone else is doing one thing that you know isn't right, remember God is with you. He will help you to make the wise choice. Remember that **you can do what you should do because God is with you.**"

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NEVER MISSING GOD

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Never Missing God" and "Never Missing God Sticker Page" Activity Pages and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Joshua 1:9 and read it out loud using the navigation tips below.

***Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd 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." 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.*

- Give each kid a "Never Missing God" Activity Page and a set of stickers.
- Invite the kids to fill in the missing words of the memory verse with the correct words found on their stickers.
- Encourage kids to use their leftover stickers to give to friends throughout the week who they see standing up to their fears!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Although our memory verse was missing words, it reminds us that God is never missing in the midst of our fears. God is with us wherever we go. God is with us in the dark, in the scary, in the unknown, and in any challenge that comes our way. So **you can do what you should because God is with you.**"

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STAND

DON'T FACE YOUR FEARS ALONE

WEEK
THREE

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: Leftover stickers from "Never Missing God" Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has their set of stickers.
- Encourage kids to choose one sticker for themselves to cheer them on to be courageous today!
- Close your group time in prayer, asking God to help the group face their fears this week.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You that You never leave us. Even in the dark, even when it's hard, You are always with us. Although this doesn't mean that all of our fears will disappear, we do know You will help us have courage to face the fears we encounter. Thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit to help us as we navigate each challenge. Please help us show others that they can be brave as they face their fears, too. Use us to be an encouragement to others and remind them **you can do what you should because God is with you.**"

As adults arrive to pick up, ask the kids to show off their "Face Your Fears" jars. Ask what story they learned about today. Remind them that courage isn't just for someone like Daniel. Courage is for them, too, no matter what they face this week. Give them a fist bump as you say, **"You can do what you should because God is with you."**

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