



WEEK  
**ONE**  
NOVEMBER 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

### MADE TO CONNECT

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



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- Today's Bottom Line is "You can do what you should even when others are afraid." Explain why you agree or disagree with that statement.
- Do you think we're born with some of our fears? If not, where do fears come from?
- Is there ever a time when fear is a good thing? Explain.
- Why is it easier to be courageous in a group rather than on our own?
- Joshua had Caleb. Caleb had Joshua. It's important to choose close friends well. What can you do to make sure you have a friend who helps you do what you should even when others are too scared to do so?

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**You Make Me Brave**  
Joshua and Caleb  
Numbers 13-14

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What are people afraid of?

### 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

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## MADE TO MOVE

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



## VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Stand in a circle.
- Read Psalm 56:3 aloud to the group, then practice saying it several times until kids are familiar with the words. (When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3 NIV)
- Tell everyone that on the count of three, the whole group will say the verse together while staring at their feet.
- As soon as everyone says the last word, "you," they should immediately look up and directly into the eyes of ONE kid in the circle without moving.
- If two kids make eye contact, they must both sit down and are out for that one.
- If your group is okay with a little noise, kids who make eye contact can also scream and dramatically drop down to the floor.
- Repeat until only one kid is left.
- Ask:
  - How might a fearful kid change if they lived out Psalm 56:3?
  - What are some ways we show that we trust in the Lord?
  - How can we tell if we're trusting in God?
  - How might a kid who's already fairly courageous be encouraged by Psalm 56:3?
  - When might this verse help you this week in the situations you'll face?

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an activity that creates space  
for personal processing  
and application



## MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Index cards, pen

### WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind kids that when most of the spies were afraid to attack the land, Joshua and Caleb spoke up and reminded everyone that God would keep promises and provide a way for them to conquer the land.
  - The Israelites let a wave of fear sweep over them.
  - Encourage kids this week to be careful not to be like the Israelites. Instead of melting into a puddle of fear or panic, God's promise to be with you then choose to trust.
  - God is powerful, loving, and wise. There is nothing that you can't face with God's help.
- Ask kids to think of people who are in uniquely difficult situations where there can be a lot of fear and pressure to go with the crowd instead of being courageous even when others are afraid.
- Write each person's name/title on an index card.
- Of needed, add to the examples kids come up with:
  - Government leaders
  - People in the military
  - Teachers and principals at schools
  - Music and movie stars
  - Pastors and church leaders
  - All of us as we try to be courageous in our schools, neighborhoods, and families
- Spread the cards out on the floor and invite those who are willing to take one or two cards and pray for the people written on them.
- Encourage the others to pray along silently.
- Close the prayer time by including the names of all your kids in a final prayer.

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### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, we pray for the many people around the world who need to be courageous and stand for what's right even when others are afraid. We pray for ourselves as well. (Name each kid in your group and, if time allows, pray a one-sentence prayer for each one.) Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to not be afraid. You, Lord, are bigger than any fear, and we praise You for the strength You give us to do and say what's right even when no one else is. In Jesus' name, amen."