



WEEK
TWO
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:

- Each kid's story is different. We ALL face fears and scary situations but the stuff that scares YOU might not be the same as the kid next to you. What are some ways God might be challenging you to be courageous that are unique to you and somewhat different from someone else?
- What does courage look like for you on a day-to-day basis?
- Even though we all face our own unique fears, what are some things about courage that apply to everyone no matter their particular situation?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Whatever It Takes

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What seems impossible to you?

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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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: Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand out Bibles or let kids look up and read Psalm 20:7 on their digital devices.
- If needed, remind kids that a chariot is a type of carriage pulled primarily by horses. Chariots were used by armies to transport weapons or as a mobile archery platform. The more chariots, the greater the army. Chariots were also used for hunting and as a fast way to travel.
- Invite the kids' interpretations of the verse by asking open-ended questions and giving them an opportunity to share their thoughts.
 - What do you think it means to trust in a chariot or a horse?
 - We don't use chariots or horses the way they did in Bible times, so how does this verse apply to us today when it comes to trusting God and having courage?
 - What are some "chariots and horses" that we trust in to give us courage?
 - Why is it better to trust in God?
- Form a circle.
- Choose one kid to stand in the center of the circle.
- Invite the kid in the middle to point to someone in the circle and call out either CHARIOT, HORSE, or GOD.
 - For "chariot," the kid pointed at pretends to hold the reins of a horse while the kids on each side of him crouch down to become the wheels of the chariot.
 - For "horse," the kid pointed at goes down on all fours, while those on each side pat the tops of their legs to make galloping sounds.
 - For "God," the kid pointed at holds their arms in the air while the kids to the right and left run around that kid one time.
- Explain that the kid who is last to respond correctly will trade places with the kid standing in the center of the circle. If everyone responds at the same time, play again going faster each time.
- Lead kids in saying Psalm 20:7 together and doing the motions used in the game for the words, HORSES, CHARIOTS, and GOD.

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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: Rocks used earlier

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out an even number of large and small rocks equal to the number of kids in the group. For example, if you have 10 kids you'll need 5 large and 5 small rocks.
- Ask kids to choose one rock to hold.
- Lead kids in prayer, using prompts similar to the ones below.
- Say:
 - If you're holding a small stone, think of times when it's hard for you to stand up and do what you should. Ask God to help you grow your courage in that area of your life.
 - If you're holding a large stone, think of something you know to be true about our great and strong God. Thank God for those characteristics.
- Let kids trade rocks and repeat the prayers or suggest other prompts that are specific to your group's needs.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, You have told us to be strong and courageous, but that's not always easy for us. Please help us to do what we should even when things seem impossible. We know YOU are more powerful than our greatest fear and can help us stand strong. YOU are our ROCK, and we love You. Give us the help we need this week to be strong for You in the things we say and do. In Jesus' name, amen."