



WEEK  
**THREE**  
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:**

- What's the bravest thing you've ever done?
- Does having courage mean never being afraid? Why or why not?
- How can you be afraid but still have courage?
- Who are some of the people in your life who can help you build up your courage?
- What can we do when we totally lack courage?

**TODAY'S BIBLE STORY**

**Safe and Sound**  
Daniel Is Thrown into  
a Den of Lions  
Daniel 6

**TODAY'S KEY QUESTION**

What is the bravest thing you've ever done?

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

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**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**

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



**VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU**  
[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, "Sentence Starters" Activity Page, dice

**WHAT YOU DO:**  
• Invite kids to look up Joshua 1:9b in their Bibles or on a

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- Bible app.
- Ask a few kids to read the verse aloud from a variety of translations if desired.
- Instruct kids to pair up then give each team one die.
- Give each kid a copy of "Sentence Starters" Activity Page.
- Explain that one partner will roll the die and then find the Sentence Starter that corresponds with the number they rolled.
- The kid who rolled the die will read the Sentence Starter and their partner will finish the sentence.
- Switch roles and repeat a few times then let kids choose new partners and play again.
- Continue until kids have shared with several new partners and the verse has been discussed.
- For an added challenge, instruct partners to attempt to lip sync (speak in unison) as they read the Sentence Starter then continue by having one partner anticipate the words the other kid will say then attempt to say the same thing.
  - The best way to stay in sync is by speaking slowly and watching their partner's mouth as they guess what words will be said.
  - They can wait for their partner to start a word and then try to anticipate what that word is.
  - See if your group can do this without laughing!
- Bring the group back together.
- Choose one kid to lead the others as the whole group lip syncs Joshua 1:9b together.

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



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

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Use the words of Joshua 1:9b to lead kids in a prayer for courage.
- Remind them that Joshua 1:9b encourages us to stand strong and do what we should because we know God is with us.
- Assign kids who are willing to pray aloud to lead the others in prayer as you read Joshua 1:9b and pause after each sentence.
- If you don't have any volunteers who are comfortable praying aloud, let kids pray silently after each part of the verse.
- Say:
  - 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.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear God, help us to remember that we are NEVER alone. You are with us at all times and will never leave us on our own. Give us the kind of courage that Daniel had when he chose to follow You even when he wasn't sure what would happen. Help us to be strong and brave and to not lose hope when things get hard. You are a great and mighty God, and we believe in You. In Jesus' name, amen."