



WEEK
FOUR
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:

- God used Esther in a special way at a special time.

Share whether you agree or disagree with the following statement:
"Everyone was made to do something courageous . . . and whatever that something is, no one can do it quite like you."

- If you believe that statement, how does it help you do what you should even when you don't know how it will all turn out?
- If we miss an opportunity to show courage, what should we do?
- How do you think our need for courage changes at different times in our life?
 - For example, what did courage look like for you when you were a little kid?
 - How might it look when you are in high school?
 - What's the best ways to get ready for the courageous things you'll do as you get older?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Stand Up
Esther
Esther

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you done something you were afraid to do?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can do what you should even when you don't know what will happen.

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

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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, tweezers, pipe cleaners, beads

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure kids have access to a Bible or a Bible App.
- Invite everyone to look up and read Psalm 27:14.
- Form two teams.
- Give each team a pipe cleaner, a pair of tweezers, and a bag of assorted beads.
- Explain that on "go," one kid on each team must say the verse, use the tweezers to put a bead on the pipe cleaner, and pass everything to the next kid who repeats the process.
- Each kid must WAIT until the verse is quoted and the bead is on the pipe cleaner – even if it takes longer than they would like.
- Allow kids to use their Bibles and assist each other in saying the verse if a team member can't remember it.
- The first team to finish wins.
- Discuss the verse.
 - Would you say that patience or waiting to see God work in a situation takes courage? Why or why not?
 - What are some situations when the most courageous thing you can do is wait?
 - How do we go about being strong and not losing hope in situations where we are not sure whether the outcome will be good or bad?
 - When we "wait for the Lord," how are we showing courage?

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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: No supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the prayer starters below to guide kids in a group prayer.
- Encourage any who are willing to pray aloud to do so after each starter.
 - Lord, You are . . .
 - Lord, forgive me for . . .
 - Lord, thank you for . . .
 - Lord, help me to have courage when . . .

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, we have learned about so many amazing and courageous heroes this month. Thank You for the examples of Esther, David, Daniel, Joshua, and Caleb. Even though they lived thousands of years ago and faced many situations we will never face, we know that the same courage You gave them is something we can have, too. Please show us how to be heroes for You by doing what we should even when we don't know what will happen. We believe You are always with us and can help us when we are alone or afraid. In Jesus' name, amen."