



WEEK
ONE
OCTOBER 2023

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

I can be brave because
God is powerful.

RAHAB AND THE SPIES
JOSHUA 2:1-24; 6:24-25

MEMORY VERSE

“Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord
your God goes with you.”

DEUTERONOMY 31:6, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who can help you be brave?

BOTTOM LINE

God can help me be brave.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN’S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: “Memory Verse Card” Activity Page; cardstock; Bible; instruments or music player; this month’s worship song, “Be Brave,” included in your monthly files; and “God’s Way,” available on OrangeKidsMusic.com; Optional Dance Moves Video for “Be Brave,” available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and “God’s Way,” available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and I’m SO excited to see you today! When I ask, ‘**Who can help you be brave?**’, I want you to say, ‘**God can help me be brave.**’ **Who can help you be brave?**”

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: “**God can help me be brave.**”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, **God can help me be brave.** Let’s sing together!”

Lead children in singing “Be Brave,” this month’s worship song.

“**God made me**, and God is always with me! The Bible teaches us to ‘Be strong and courageous. (Hold fists in front of body.) Do not be afraid . . . (cross and uncross hands) for the Lord your God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) goes with you,’ (march in place) Deuteronomy 31:6. (Open hands like a book.)

“Let’s learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Listen to me say it and do the motions, then you can do it with me! ‘Be strong and courageous. (Hold fists in front of body.) Do not be afraid . . . (cross and uncross hands) for the Lord your God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down) goes with you,’ (march in place) Deuteronomy 31:6. (Open hands like a book.)

Lead children to say the memory verse with the motions.

“Great job! God is with us! God will never ever leave our side. Sing with me.

Lead children in singing “God’s Way.”

“Great job, friends! Remember, God is with you, and God can help you be brave!
Who can help you be brave?”



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CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God can help me be brave."

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, **God can help me be brave.** [Transition] And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

Host enters as Worship Leader exits.

INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Red gloves, red mask or sweatband, red cape, and a bag to hold everything

Host enters carrying the bag of red items.

HOST: "Hello friends! I'm [your name], and this bag has something (*hold bag overhead like a trophy*) SUPER inside. Do you want to see what's inside? (*Pause.*) Okay!"

"First, we have . . .

Pull out the gloves and put them on.

"SUPER GLOVES! These are awesome! Pretty cool, right? Want to see what else I have?"

Pull out mask or sweatband and put it on.

"Next, we have a super [mask/headband]. Wow! I'm only missing one thing.

Pull out the cape and swing it around as you put it on.

"My super cape! (*Look down at costume.*) Look! My super costume is all one color. What color is it? (*Pause.*) Yes! It's red. Good job, everybody. This super red costume is super awesome! And today, we're going to hear a Bible story about someone SUPER powerful. Are you ready to hear it? (*Pause.*) Great! See you later, super friends!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits with bag.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, cardboard house, red rope, two matching ball caps, and two pre-selected volunteers to play the spies; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

Preset the prepared cardboard house in storytelling area. Place the red rope behind the house.

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and two ball caps.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! My name is [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

Open the Bible for the children to see then set it down.



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"Today's true story begins in a city called Jericho! Can you say that with me?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Jericho!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right. Now there was a leader named Joshua who was the leader of God's army!"

(Option: Display Story Image W1 01)

"Joshua sent two spies to explore the city of Jericho. I need my two spies, please.

Two pre-selected volunteers enter. Give them matching ball caps to wear.

"Joshua told the spies to check out the city of Jericho. So they did!

Send volunteers to sneak around together throughout the room.

"Inside the city, lived a woman named Rahab.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 02)

"Rahab had heard how powerful God is! She believed in the great things God had done. And that made her strong and courageous! Believing how powerful God is made Rahab brave.

Walk over to the cardboard house.

"It made her SO brave that Rahab helped the two spies Joshua sent to the city. *(whispering)* Pssst! Spies, come over here with me.

Volunteers move to the cardboard house.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 03)

"Rahab let the spies in her house because so many soldiers in the city were looking for them. *(to the volunteers)* Quick, get inside and hide!

Volunteers can crouch down behind the cardboard house.

"If the soldiers knew that Rahab was hiding the spies, she would be in big trouble! But Rahab knew that the spies were friends of God, so she wanted to help them. Then when it was time for the spies to leave, Rahab was brave again and helped them safely get out of the city. *(whispering to volunteers)* Quick, you've got to get out of here. Go that way!

Motion for volunteers to exit away from the cardboard house. Have one grab the red rope.

"As the spies were leaving, they told Rahab to hang a red rope outside her window.

(Option: Display Story Image W1 04)

One volunteer hands Storyteller the red rope.

"When God's army came to the city, they would make sure Rahab and her family were safe.



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Hang red rope over the front of the cardboard house as volunteers exit.

"Later, when Joshua and God's army went to the city of Jericho, they saw the red rope and they remembered Rahab! God's army made sure Rahab and her family were safe.

"God helped Rahab be brave and courageous, and God can help you be brave, too! When I ask, '**Who can help you be brave?**', I want you to say, '**God can help me be brave. Who can help you be brave?**'"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "God can help me be brave!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job, friends. **[Transition]** Our story time is over (*pick up Bible and close it*), but we're not through. Let's talk to God because God loves you!"

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, You are so strong and powerful! There is nothing greater than You. Please help us this week to be strong and brave, just like Rahab, knowing that You will help us! We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

"Friends, you are such great listeners! Let's be strong and brave this week with God's help. See you next time!"

Host enters as Storyteller exits with the Bible.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

Host enters, still wearing the red super costume.

HOST: "Wow! Believing God was powerful helped Rahab be super brave and courageous! God can help us be super brave, too!

"I think I (*point to self*) got the story. Did you (*point to children*) get it? If you did, say, 'Got it! Get it?'" (*Cup one hand behind ear.*)

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good! **Who can help you be brave?**"

CHILDREN AND HOST: "**God can help me be brave.**"

HOST: "You've got it, friends! Every time I wear my red super costume, I can remember that just like Rahab, I can be brave because God is powerful! **[Transition]** And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.