



WEEK
TWO
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 with me.

DAVID AND GOLIATH
1 SAMUEL 17:1-50

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” from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month’s worship song, “Be Brave,” included in your monthly files; and “No Matter What I Know” which is available on OrangeKidsMusic.com; Optional Dance Moves Videos for “Be Brave,” available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and “No Matter What I Know,” available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, friends! My name is [your name]. I’m SO glad to see you because we’re learning all about how **God can help me be brave! Who can help you be brave?”**

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

WORSHIP LEADER: “That’s right! No matter what comes my way. **God can help me be brave!** Sing this song with me!

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

“What an awesome song! 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 say it together with the motions.

Lead children to say the memory verse with the motions.

“Great job! God can help you be brave, even when you feel scared because God is with you, no matter what! Sing this out with me.

Lead children in singing “No Matter What I Know.”

“Great job! One more time, **who can help you be brave?”**

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



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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, mask or sweatband, and cape from Week One; table; paper plate or medium-sized platter; aluminum foil; painter's tape; and a large toy shield

Preset a table in your storytelling area. Place the foil on the table.

Host enters wearing the red costume and carrying the prepared plate or platter.

HOST: "Hey, friends! It's me, [your name]. (*Hold up the prepared plate or platter.*) Does this look like a shield to you? (*Pause.*) It may not LOOK like a shield now, but it's about to!"

Pick up the big toy shield.

"My friend has this super-cool shield that's big and heavy and it is SO cool! So, I'm going to make my own shield using this foil. Can you count to ten while I make my shield? Leaders, help them count! Ready, set, go! One . . .

Cover plate with aluminum foil as leaders and children count to ten.

"Ta-da! (*Hold it up in a fighting stance.*) Wait a minute. This shield doesn't feel anything like my friend's shield! This shield feels like, NOT a shield! I'll have to think of something else. See you later."

Storyteller enters as Host exits, leaving props behind.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, volunteer child to play David, plush sheep, extra-large robe, large toy shield from Intro sketch, and a bin to hold these props; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and bin of props.

STORYTELLER: "Hey, friends! I'm [your name], and I have a true story to share with you from the Bible!"

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

"Today's story is about a boy named David.

Call up pre-selected child to play David.

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"David was a shepherd, which means he took care of sheep!"



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Hand "David" the plush sheep.

"David had to be very brave to protect his sheep both day and night. But David knew that God was always with him so he could be STRONG and COURAGEOUS.

Lead David to make the ASL for "strong:" Hold fists in front of body.

"One day, David went to visit his brothers who were in God's army. Let's travel to see your brothers.

Take the sheep from David and lead him to walk in place then stop.

"While he was with them, David heard this really big, scary giant named Goliath saying mean things to God's army, the Israelites.

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"Goliath teased the Israelites *(in a sing-song voice)* 'Nah, nah, nah, nah, nah! Who's going to challenge me?' The Israelites were so afraid. Can you show me your afraid face? Yes! All of the Israelites were so afraid!

"But wait! Didn't we just talk about someone who was strong and courageous *(ASL sign for strong)* because he knew that God is always with him?

Point to the David volunteer.

"YES! It was David. Do you think David was brave enough to challenge the giant? Well, Goliath came out and teased the Israelites again saying, *(in a big booming voice)*, 'Who's going to challenge me?' Can you guess what David said? *(to the volunteer)* Raise your hand, David. David said, 'I'll do it!'

"Everyone was SO surprised. David was NOT a soldier. How could he challenge the giant? But David knew something important. David knew that he could be strong and courageous *(ASL sign for strong)* because God was always with him. They put armor on David.

Hand David the bathrobe to put on and the toy shield to hold.

"How does that armor fit? It's too big, right? The armor was too big and too heavy. David said he didn't need the armor. Here I'll take that. It's too big!

Take robe and shield and set on the table.

"David knew God was with him, and that made David brave!

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"Then, David took a sling and five smooth stones. Goliath said, *(in a big booming voice)*, 'Who's going to challenge me?'

"Raise that hand, David! *(Pause.)* David said, 'Me!' He was so brave. Goliath said, 'BWAHAHAHA. YOU? You're just a



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kid!" David took out his sling and said, 'Goliath, you may have all your big weapons, but God is WITH me!

"Then he put one rock in the sling and slung it right at Goliath.

Raise your hand over your head to get the David volunteer to do the same.

(Option: Display Story Image W2 04)

"The rock hit Goliath and knocked him all the way to the ground! God's army was so excited. Everyone, cheer! Yay, God! God helped David save them from the mean giant. Thanks for your help, David.

Send volunteer back to his seat.

"God helped David be brave, both in the field with his sheep and on the battlefield with Goliath. God can help YOU be brave, too. **Who can help you be brave?"**

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

STORYTELLER: "Yes, **God can help me be brave.** God helped David be brave, and He can help you be, too! **[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: "Heavenly Father, thank You for the courage David showed because He knew You were with him! When we need to be brave, help us remember that You are with us! Thanks for loving us, God. We love You! In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

Host enters as Storyteller exits with the Bible, leaving all the props behind.

OUTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Toy shield and the paper plate shield from Intro Sketch

Host enters.

HOST: "Wow! God was with David, and that made David SUPER brave! And he didn't even have a shield like this. (*Pick up the big toy shield.*) David knew that **God can help me be brave.**

"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 the ear.*)

CHILDREN AND HOST: "Got it!"

HOST: (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good! You know, I don't need a big, heavy shield to be brave! I'm going to write 'God is with me' on the shield I made so I can remember that I can ALWAYS be brave! **[Transition]** And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.