



WEEK  
**THREE**  
OCTOBER 2023

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

### BIBLE STORY

I can be brave and trust God.

**DANIEL AND THE LIONS**  
**DANIEL 6:1-23**

### 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 “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:** “Hey, friends! My name is [your name]. I’m so happy we’re together so we can worship God with our friends! Do you know WHY we worship God? Because **God made me** and God made you, and God loves us SOOO much! So let’s stand up and sing together!

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

“Great job! Tell me, **who can help you be brave?”**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Yes, God can help us be brave. That’s what the Bible teaches us. ‘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 our memory verse together!

*Lead children to say the memory verse with the motions.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Who goes with you? (Pause.) God, that’s right! God is with us, and God knows what’s best. Sing with me!

*Lead children in singing “God’s Way.”*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** “Great job! You know what? Even when we’re afraid, God is with us to help us be brave. 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.** Thanks for worshipping with me today. **[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, sweatband, and cape from previous weeks

*Host enters wearing, all of the red items.*

**HOST:** "Hey, friends! I'm [your name]."

*Begin doing various stretches.*

"One, two, three, four, five, six! And deep breath in (*breathe in deeply*), and out. (*Slowly let your breath out*).

"Sorry, friends. Just doing my super stretches. Would you like to do some Super Kid training with me? (*Pause*.) You would? Great! On your feet, Super Kids.

"Everyone, stretch with me, way up high like this. (*Reach arms high overhead*.) Great! And now let's touch our toes. (*Touch your toes*.)

"Good! Now that we're warmed up a bit, how about some star jumps? Can you do ten star jumps with me? Ready. Count.

*Lead children to complete ten star jumps (jumping jacks) while counting.*

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten! Whew, good job! Okay, how about we jog in place for ten seconds? Ready? Jog.

*Lead children to jog in place as you count to ten.*

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and ten! Way to go, Super Kids! You can have a seat. Thanks for training with me. Oh, I almost forgot. I need some water! See you in a little while."

*Storyteller enters as Host exits.*

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, butcher paper, markers, toy crown, cardboard box from Week One, and pre-selected volunteer to play Daniel; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

*Preset your "lions' den" in the Storytelling area.*

*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and crown.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to share a true story from the Bible.

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



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"Today's story starts with a man named Daniel. Come on up here, Daniel.

*Motion for pre-selected Small Group Leader to stand next to you.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 01)*

"Daniel loved God and prayed to God every day! Daniel knew that he could always trust God. Now, Daniel worked for the king.

*Put on the toy crown.*

"King Darius liked Daniel because Daniel was wise and worked VERY hard.

*Shake "Daniel's" hand.*

"The king liked Daniel so much that he wanted to put him in charge of everything. But this made some other people very jealous and angry. These angry people did NOT want the king to put Daniel in charge of everything, so they thought of a way to get Daniel in trouble. Who did Daniel pray to every day? *(Pause.)* Yes! The angry people knew Daniel prayed to God every day. So they decided to trick the king into making a new rule.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)*

"The new rule said that no one could pray to God. They could only pray to King Darius. And if anyone broke this new rule, they would be thrown into a den of hungry lions! OH MY! Do you know what a lion sounds like? Let's all pretend to be lions together. Ready? One, two, three, ROARRRRR! And stop. Very good.

"Now the new rule said that people couldn't pray to anyone but the king. But who did Daniel pray to every day? *(Pause.)* That's right. Daniel only prayed to God! Do you think the new rule made Daniel stop praying to God? *(Shake head "no.")* No way! Daniel was brave. He knew he could be STRONG and COURAGEOUS.

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

"Because Daniel trusted God. So Daniel prayed to God every day, just as he always did.

*Motion for Daniel to kneel in prayer.*

"When the angry people saw Daniel praying to God, they ran off to tell the king! 'King Darius,' they said, 'Daniel was praying to God and not to you. Throw him in the lions' den!'

*(Make a sad face.)* "The king was very sad. He didn't want to throw Daniel in the lions' den, but he had to follow his new rule. So Daniel had to go to the lions' den.

*(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)*

*Motion for Daniel to go crouch behind the lions' den.*

"Let's ROAR one more time like hungry lions. Ready? One, two, three, ROOAARRRR! Good job! Daniel was brave because he knew he could trust God.



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"King Darius said to Daniel (*put your hand around your mouth like a megaphone*), 'I hope the God you pray to every day saves you from the lions!'

"All night long, the king worried about Daniel.

*Begin to pace back and forth as if worried.*

"Then finally in the morning, after worrying all night long about Daniel, the king ran to the lions' den. (*Run to the den.*) He called out, 'Daniel! Did the God you pray to every day save you from the lions?'

*Have Daniel pop up and move his mouth while you talk.*

"Daniel answered, 'Yes, King! God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions. I'm not hurt at all.

"Everyone, say, 'Yay God!'"

**STORYTELLER AND CHILDREN:** "Yay, God!"

(*Option: Display Story Image W3 04*)

**STORYTELLER:** "The king was SO happy that he wrote a new rule saying that everyone should pray to the one true God. Daniel trusted God, and God helped Daniel be brave. God can help you be brave, too! (*to the volunteer*) Thanks for helping us with our Bible story today!"

*Send the volunteer to their seat and take off the crown.*

"Tell me, **who can help you be brave?**"

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

**STORYTELLER:** "It's true! God helped Daniel be brave, and God will help you, too! We can be brave and trust God, just like Daniel. [**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, thank You for helping Daniel be strong and courageous! Daniel trusted You and kept praying to You, the one TRUE God! Help us be brave and strong and to trust You, too. Thanks for loving us, God. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

*Host enters as Storyteller exits with the Bible.*



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## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

*Host enters.*

**HOST:** "Wow! Daniel was brave because He trusted God would take care of him, even in the lions' den. **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 ear.*)

**CHILDREN AND HOST:** "Got it!"

**HOST:** (*Give two thumbs-up.*) "Good! I was doing lots of good things with my super training. But the BEST thing I can do is trust God! And when I trust God, **God can help me 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.*