



WEEK  
**FIVE**  
OCTOBER 2023

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

PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

### BIBLE STORY

God can help me do brave things.

**MIRIAM**  
**EXODUS 2:4-10; 15:20-21;**  
**MICAH 6:4**

### 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]. It's so good to see you. It's time to worship God! **God made me**, and God made you. And God can help us be brave. **Who can help you be brave?"**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "That's right! Now, let's stand up and sing about how God loves us and can help us be brave!"

*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."

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Our memory verse reminds us that our God is with us. I'm SO glad to know that God is with me and will help me be brave. **Who can help you be brave?"**

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

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes! We can be brave and go God's way. Sing this with me.

*Lead children in singing "God's Way."*

"Great singing, friends! Thanks for worshipping with me today. **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*)



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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 or mask, and cape from previous weeks; "Brave Stars" Activity Pages, and cardstock; Optional painter's tape

**HOST:** "Hello, Super Kids! I'm [your name], and I've decided to decorate with stars. Each star shows something brave that we can do.

*Hold up the star with the slide on it. If you have space, tape each page on the wall. If not, just hold up each picture.*

"Have you ever been brave and gone down a big slide? (*Look for responses.*) Way to go, Super Kids!

*Hold up the star with the dinner plate.*

"Ooo, I know! Have you ever been brave and ordered your own food at a restaurant! (*Look for responses.*) Yummy AND brave!

*Hold up the star with the two friends.*

"Oh, this is an important one! Have you ever been brave and met a new friend? (*Look for responses.*) Great job, Super Kids! In today's Bible story, there is someone who did many brave things! See you later, Super Kids!"

*Storyteller enters as Host gathers the props and exits.*

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible, baby doll, baby basket or bassinet, large plant like a fern, megaphone, and a tambourine; *Optional Story Images* and cardstock

*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Friends, I'm [your name], and I want to share a true story from the Bible today!

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

"Today's story from the Bible is about a woman named Miriam. What was her name?"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Miriam!"

**STORYTELLER:** "That's right. The Bible teaches us that Miriam was sent by God to help His people. Miriam knew that God was with her, and that made her strong and courageous (*make the ASL sign for 'strong:' hold fists in front of body*) so she could do brave things.

"When Miriam was a young girl, she had a baby brother named Moses.



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*Pick up the baby doll and cradle it in your arms.*

"To keep Moses safe, her mother had to hide him. Miriam's mother put baby Moses in a basket and placed it in the tall grass by the river.

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 01)*

*Place baby doll in the basket and set it behind the plant.*

"Then Miriam was brave and stayed to watch over her baby brother.

*Crouch down nearby to watch the basket, as if you are Miriam.*

"When a princess came to the water and saw Baby Moses, God helped Miriam be brave so she could talk to the princess and help keep her baby brother safe for a long time.

*Pick up the basket and set it behind you, out of the way.*

"Another time Miriam was brave was when she and her brother, Moses, were grown-ups. Miriam helped Moses lead God's people, the Israelites.

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 02)*

*Pick up the megaphone. Put it up to your mouth.*

"One big job God gave Miriam was to be a prophet. A prophet is someone who delivers messages from God. God helped Miriam be brave and talk to all of those people.

*Put down the megaphone and pick up the tambourine.*

*(Option: Display Story Image W5 03)*

"Another way God helped Miriam be brave was when she led God's people in singing and dancing to praise God. She shook her tambourine and sang, 'Sing to the Lord.'

"Can you shake your pretend tambourines like Miriam? (*Shake the tambourine.*) Now say, 'Sing to the Lord!'"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Sing to the Lord!"

**STORYTELLER:** "One more time!"

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Sing to the Lord!"

**STORYTELLER:** "Great job! God helped Miriam be brave and lead all the people to sing and praise God. That was a brave thing! God helped Miriam do so many brave things! She was strong and courageous. (*Make the ASL sign for 'strong:' Hold fists in front of body.*)



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"Miriam knew God was with her, and that helped her be brave. 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.** Good 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 strong and powerful and loving and good! Help us this week to be brave and do brave things like Miriam. Thanks for always helping us because You love us! And we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

"Friends, you are AWESOME! I'll see you next time. Bye!"

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

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Stars from Intro

**HOST:** "Wow! God helped Miriam do so many brave things. **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! We're going to need a lot more stars because God can help us be brave every day. **[Transition]** And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

*Host dismisses small groups and exits.*