

WEEK

ONE

SOCIAL

Opening Activity



What You Need

- ☐ Hairbrush
- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Plastic Bowl
- ☐ Pair of Shoes
- ☐ Pair of Socks
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Shirt
- ☐ Floor Tape
- ☐ A Large Bag



Inclusive Pro Tips

Bring the bag to each kid and let them pick from their seat.

Some kids might feel shy about acting in front of other kids. Offer the option to whisper clues to a leader or friend who can speak for them.

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive → Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Recall a time when God gave you the courage to do something you didn't think you were ready for. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of you and help you take the next step! Ask God to help the kids trust Him when they feel nervous or unsure. Whether it's a big change or something small, pray that kids would know God is with them even when they don't feel ready.

1. Before kids arrive, create a start and finish line with floor tape.
2. Place the opaque bag at the finish line.
3. Explain and demonstrate how to play!
 - Instruct the kids to line up behind the starting line.
 - Say, "Inside this bag are items we might use to get ready to come to church!"
 - Kids are to run to the bag one at a time, pick one item, and return without showing it.
 - They are to describe the item or act it out until the group guesses what it is.
 - Once the group guesses the item correctly, the kid is to show the rest of the group the item, then place it on the floor in front of the group.
 - Continue playing in the same way until all items are guessed.
4. Work together as a group to place the items in order based on what they might do first, second, third, and so on when getting ready to go to church!
 - For example, brush your teeth (toothbrush) → eat breakfast (bowl) → brush your hair (hairbrush), etc.
 - Even if they all get ready a little differently at home, encourage the kids to work together to make one plan as a team.

② What You Say

"We all have different routines to get ready and out the door for church! Some of these things help us feel ready on the outside—like brushing our hair or putting on shoes. But God helps us feel ready on the inside too. Did you know that even when you're getting ready and feeling all the BIG feelings of being rushed, nervous, or sleepy, you can ask God to help? Yes, you can! He is with you! **[TRANSITION]** Today, in our true story from the Bible, we'll discover someone who didn't feel ready either, BUT God helped them. Let's go!"

Transition → Lead your group to the Large Group area.

GROUPS 1/4

Show It with Scarves

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Scarves or Bandanas
- ☐ "Story Movements" Activity Page



Inclusive Pro Tips

Allow kids to sit while performing the motions with their scarves.

① What You Do

1. Instruct the kids to stand up and spread out in your small group area.
2. Direct the kids to stretch their arms out wide like a star to ensure they have enough space.
3. Give each kid a scarf or bandana.
4. Say, "We're going to use our scarves to help us remember the amazing story of Moses and the courage God gave him, even when he didn't feel ready!"
5. Explain how to play:
 - When you move your scarf, the kids are to move their scarves in the same way as you recap the Bible Story.
 - Encourage the kids to imagine being in the story as they follow along!
6. Read through the story recap and movements using the "Story Movements" Activity Page.
7. Gather the kids to discuss.

"Wow! We covered a LOT of events in the life of Moses today! By God's power, the waters of the Red Sea parted, and God's people were saved. It took SO much courage to stand in front of Pharaoh and to lead a whole nation of people! But . . . God was with Moses every step of the way. And guess what? God is with YOU too!

"You will face some things you don't feel ready for—like starting kindergarten, riding the bus for the first time, or trying to read new words. It might feel really scary to introduce yourself to a new friend or to make a mistake and not know how to fix it. What are some things that you might need courage for? **(INVITE RESPONSES.)** Thank you for sharing! Friends, God is with us every step of our lives—even in the hard things! He is stronger and bigger than anything we face! The God who is stronger than everything is with you, and **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when you don't feel ready!"

Make It Personal → Tell your few about an age-appropriate time when you faced something hard —especially something new—that you didn't feel ready for. Maybe you signed up to play a new sport, or you got a brand-new job. Maybe you moved to a new city. Talk about how remembering God was with you helped you have courage when you did the new thing. Maybe God reminded you of His presence through the people He sent to cheer you on, or you carried a Scripture along the way that reminded you of what's true.

GROUPS 2/4

Courage Scenarios

Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Courage Scenarios" Activity Pages
- ☐ Floor Tape or Cones



Inclusive Pro Tips

Give kids the option to sit instead of standing on the line.

① What You Do

1. Show the picture cards from the "Courage Scenario" Activity Page one at a time.
2. Briefly discuss what's happening in the pictures.
3. Divide the kids into four groups and give one picture to each group.
4. Let the groups look at their picture and answer:
 - "How do you think the kid in this picture feels?"
 - "What could help them have courage?"
5. Use floor tape (or cones) to mark a line across your group area.
6. Collect the pictures and invite the entire group to stand along the line.
7. Explain how to play:
 - You will hold up each scenario one at a time, and the kids will share what they could do in that situation to help them have courage, even if they don't feel ready.
 - After allowing a few kids to answer each scenario, lead the whole group to take one step forward.
 - Before moving on to the next picture, remind the kids: [Bottom Line] God can give you courage when you don't feel ready."
8. Continue until all pictures are reviewed and every group gets to share their answers.

② What You Say

"Wow, some of those situations seemed really hard, huh? Starting a new school? Making new friends? Speaking in front of your whole class? These can all feel scary. And you know what? It's okay to feel that way. But you don't ever have to go through those hard things alone. You aren't going through any of those hard things alone! God is ALWAYS with you! The same God who made the oceans, the stars, and YOU is right there in it with you! He is stronger and bigger than anything, and He will always be with you. The next time you feel nervous or not ready, stop and pray to God. You can say something like, 'God, remind me that You are with me. Please help me be brave!'"

"When we follow Jesus, God gives us the best helper ever—the Holy Spirit! God is closer than close! God's Spirit lives in us and goes with us everywhere! School, in the car, at home, at basketball practice, you name it! The Holy Spirit helps and guides as we go through our every day. Remember God is with you and **[BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage when you don't feel ready!"**

GROUPS 4/4

Pray and Dismiss

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

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Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed


Inclusive Pro Tips

Demonstrate how to draw a heart in the air. Have kids repeat the motion.

When you pray, use simple and clear words so the kids can understand. Offer an opportunity for the kids to respond "Amen" with you at the end.

① What You Do

1. Help kids form groups of two. It's okay if there's a group of three.
2. Invite the kids to share their names with their buddy!
3. Explain to kids that prayer is a conversation we can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!
4. Say: "We're going to take a quiet moment to pray for our friend. You don't have to say your prayer out loud. You can talk to God quietly and ask Him to help them know that God is with them, and to give your friend courage this week!"
5. Once the groups have finished praying, invite them to look each other in the eyes and say, **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God can give you courage when you don't feel ready!"
6. Close in prayer.

② What You Say

"God, You are SO amazing! Thank You for helping Moses when he didn't feel ready. Thank You that You reminded him that You were with him, and that gave him courage. Help us remember that You are the biggest, and You are with us in all things! This week, when we're feeling scared or nervous, may Your Holy Spirit help us to know that You are with us, to trust You, and to take brave steps even when it's hard. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share Psalm 56:3 with verse motions. Encourage the kids that this week, **[BOTTOM LINE]** "God can give you courage when you don't feel ready!"

WEEK

TWO

SOCIAL

Opening Activity

What You Need

- ☐ Offering Container



Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

Instead of open-ended guessing, say something like, "Is it red, yellow, or blue?"

Use real objects for kids to see the color and item.

Be flexible with how kids can participate.

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive → Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God for already knowing each of their worries and the things they're facing. Whether they need courage at school, on the playground, or in their own homes—ask God to help the kids remember that God is with them, they're never alone, and He will help them face whatever they're facing. Thank God for moving into each of His followers. Ask God's Spirit to give the kids courage when they need it!

1. Greet each kid with a big smile and by name as they arrive!
2. Invite anyone who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
3. Gather the kids in a circle.
4. Explain that you'll be playing a few games that you might play in the car on a road trip!
5. Explain how to play:
 - You will quietly pick a color and an item in your head and start describing it without sharing its color yet.
 - For example, you might say, "This fruit is pretty sour! It grows on a tree and is used to make a drink that many people love!" (answer: yellow, lemon)
 - Give the kids time to guess the item.
 - Once someone gets the item right, celebrate them and play another round with a new color and item.
6. Play as many rounds as time allows.

Item Suggestions

1. **Red:** roses, watermelon, a stop sign, a bird, a firetruck, a lobster, a heart
2. **Green:** an apple, a grape, a lime, a plant, broccoli, an avocado, a tractor, a frog, a leaf, money
3. **Yellow:** a banana, corn, a bumblebee, a sun, a lemon, cheese, a rubber duckie, a baby chick
4. **Orange:** a pumpkin, a basketball, a goldfish, a peach, a tiger, a carrot, a fox
5. **Blue:** a bird, the ocean, eyes, peacocks, a shark, jeans, blueberries
6. **Purple:** an eggplant, an octopus, a plum, cabbage, an iris, grapes, grape jelly

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② What You Say

"That was SUPER fun! You were like detectives figuring out all the items with the clues given to you! **[TRANSITION]** In today's true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about some really brave spies. They weren't brave because they were the strongest, but because they knew God was with them. He is the strongest! Let's go!"

Transition → Lead your group to the Large Group area.

GROUPS 1/4

Label It! Story Review



Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Blank Name Labels
- ☐ "Story Script" Activity Page

Inclusive Pro Tips



Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

Instead of big physical movements, invite the kids to recap the story with hand motions as you read.

① What You Do

1. Before you begin, use the permanent marker to write the following names on labels:
 - Moses
 - Joshua
 - Caleb
 - Spies (up to 10)
 - Canaanites (only two)
2. Give a label to each kid and direct them to stick it on their shirts.
3. Ensure they know which role they're pretending to be.
4. Group the kids playing the "spies" together and the kids playing the "Canaanites" together.
5. Say, "We're going to act out our Bible Story today! When you hear your character's name and I nod to you, do what I say in the story."
6. Read through the "Story Script" Activity Page, nodding to the kids when it's their turn to "act."
7. After you have acted out the story, use the following questions to discuss:
 - What did you learn from this story?
 - Who was brave even when others were scared? (Joshua and Caleb!)
 - Why were Joshua and Caleb brave? (They knew God was with them and He is the biggest!)

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② What You Say

"Wow! You all acted this story out like pros! Did you notice something super-cool? Joshua and Caleb saw the same stuff the other spies saw—the big cities, the strong people—but they didn't freak out. Why? **(INVITE RESPONSES.)** Well, Joshua and Caleb put their focus on something different than the ten spies did.

"Instead of thinking and thinking about how big and strong those giants were, they thought instead about how big and strong and powerful God is. And when they remembered that the biggest One, the strongest One, was with them, it helped them be brave!

"The biggest One and the strongest One is with you too! He is actually inside of you! When you choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you! And He can help you have courage for the big things you're facing. Remember, **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when others are afraid."

Make It Personal → Tell your few about an age-appropriate time you were scared, but you chose to focus on the truth that God, the strongest, lives in you, and that truth helped you be brave.

GROUPS 2/4

Courage or No Courage

Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ Floor Tape


Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

Allow kids to point or give thumbs up/down instead of moving to either side of the tape line.

Allow additional time to process. Pause after each scenario and ask follow-up questions if necessary. For example, "Is that courage? What do you think?"

① What You Do

1. Use floor tape to mark a line down the center for your small group area.
2. On one side of the line, tape a big checkmark. (This means, "Yes, that's courage!")
3. On the other side, tape a big "X." (This means: "Nope, not courageous.")
4. Explain how to play:
 - You will read a scenario aloud to the group.
 - If someone thinks the kid is showing courage, they are to jump to the checkmark side.
 - If someone thinks the kid is not showing courage, they are to jump to the "X" side.
5. Read each scenario twice before allowing the kids to respond.
6. Continue in this way until all scenarios have been read.

Scenarios:

1. "Your friend dares you to walk along the top of the playground. It's not safe. She says you're afraid, but you ignore her."
2. "A kid sees someone getting picked on at lunch . . . and doesn't do anything to help."
3. "You find a cool purple pencil on the floor. Later, someone says they lost theirs, and you give it back, even though you're anxious."
4. "You don't want to go to P.E./gym because it's new and scary, so you tell your grown-up you won't try it."
5. "You're nervous to play piano at your recital, but you still do it, and it goes great!"
6. "Your friends are being silly when the teacher leaves the room. But you stay quiet and keep reading like the teacher asked."
7. "You're at the pool. Your grown-up is in the pool, ready to catch you. It's a big jump, but you go for it!"
8. "You forgot to bring back a book you borrowed. You tell the teacher the truth and apologize."
9. End by explaining how, when we ask God for courage, He gives us strength to face difficult things—just like the tape gave the beach ball strength.

Scenarios:

1. You are starting at a new school and don't know anyone. Do you ask God for courage to introduce yourself to new people, or do you stay afraid and keep to yourself?
2. Most kids at lunch are laughing at someone behind their backs. Do you ask God for courage and stand up for them, even when others aren't?
3. Everyone in your Small Group, including you, feels nervous about praying out loud. Do you ask God for courage to go first, or do you stay quiet?
4. Your team doesn't want to include the new kid at practice because they're different. Do you ask God for courage and invite them to join you, even if your teammates say no?

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GROUPS 2/4

Courage or No Courage

Application Activity

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What You Need

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② What You Say

"Great job, friends! You jumped, you thought, and you used your courage muscles!"

"Here's something big I want you to remember: We all have chances every day to be brave. Sometimes being brave feels easy, and sometimes it's hard. And that's okay. You never have to be brave all on your own! When you choose to follow Jesus, God gives you a gift called the Holy Spirit to live inside you. That means God is ALWAYS with you. He is the biggest and can give you the strength and the courage to face whatever hard thing you're facing.

"Even when everyone around you is scared or isn't making the right choice—you can do things differently! So this week, when you face situations where you might be the only one choosing courage, ask the Holy Spirit to remind you that God, the biggest, is with you and ask Him to help you take that big, brave step! Nothing is too big for God, and He lives inside of you, so **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when others are afraid!"

GROUPS 3/4

I Trust in God!

Memory Verse Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Bible marked at Psalm 56:3



Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

Play seated or standing, depending on the needs of your entire group.

Pair kids so they can participate together.

Try adding a rhythm or beat to help the kids stay focused.

① What You Do

1. Invite the kids to stand in a circle with you.
2. Encourage an older kid to open the Bible marked at Psalm 56:3 and read the Memory Verse. (Or read it yourself.)
3. Say the verse together several times.
4. Discuss any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
5. Explain and demonstrate how to play:
 - As the kids stand in a circle, one at a time, kids are to say one word from the verse.
 - You will start by saying "When," then the kid next to you says "I," and so on.
 - If someone says the wrong word, start the verse over.
 - The kid who says the Bible reference "Psalm 56:3" at the end must sit down. Cheer them on!
 - Continue repeating the verse around the circle until one kid is left standing.
6. Encourage the kids to stand back up and play another round!

② What You Say

"You all are getting so good at remembering this month's Memory Verse! Who can we put our trust in? **(PAUSE.)** God! That's right! Even when something feels scary, like a new school or trying something hard, God wants us to remember He is with us and He can help us face anything! God will give you all the courage you need to face any situation. And don't forget, **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when others are afraid."

WEEK

THREE

SOCIAL

Opening Activity



What You Need

- ☐ Offering Container
- ☐ "Roadside Bingo" Activity Page
- ☐ "Bingo Cards" Activity Pages
- ☐ Bingo Chips or Paper Scraps



Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

Depending on your group's mobility needs, play in a seated circle or around a table.

Celebrate kids throughout the game, not just those who win!

Allow kids to raise their hand when they get bingo.

① What You Do

Pray for your group before they arrive → Pray for kids who will visit your group for the first time. Thank God for the kids in your group and the unique ways He has made them! Recall a time God gave you the courage to help someone in need. Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to guide you. Ask God to help you remind the kids that they don't have to be afraid to help others because God is always with them. Pray that the kids would understand that helping others is not about getting attention, but about sharing God's love with others. Ask God to help the kids recognize when He is leading them to take action.

1. Welcome kids with a big smile and by name as they arrive.
2. Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
3. Say, "Today we're playing roadside bingo! Let's get started!"
4. Divide the kids into groups of two.
5. Give each kid a "Roadside Bingo" Activity Page and bingo chips (or paper scraps).
6. Shuffle the cards from the "Bingo Cards" Activity Page and set them face down in front of you.
7. How to play:
 - You will flip over a card, show it to the group, and say what it is out loud together.
 - The kids will check their card and cover that space with a chip when they see it!
 - Pairs can help each other at any time throughout the game.
 - The first kid with five in a row should yell, "BINGO!"
8. If time allows, have the kids swap their "Roadside Bingo" Activity Page cards and play again!

② What You Say

"That was fun! You know, it was so cool to see you all working together to fill your bingo cards. This might have seemed small, but sometimes helping someone takes a whole lot of courage. **[TRANSITION]** Today in our true story from the Bible, we'll hear how God gave Rahab the epic courage to help someone besides herself. AND, God is still doing this today! Come with me!"

Transition → Lead your group to the Large Group area.

GROUPS 1/4

Spy Game

Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ "Story Adventure" Activity Page


Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

Make sure the cards are at a reachable level for all kids.

① What You Do

1. Before you begin, hide the "Story Adventure" Activity Page cards around your group space.
2. Gather the kids together.
3. Say, "Today we're going to go on an adventure as we review what happened with Rahab and the spies!"
4. Explain how to play:
 - Lead the kids to follow you to locate one of the cards. Show them what a card looks like!
 - On your go, kids will travel together around the room to locate the rest of the "Story Adventure" Activity Page cards—there are eight total.
 - As they get closer to finding each card, you can say things like, "You are getting closer!" Or: "You're far away!"
 - Once the kids find a card, instruct them to bring it back to you.
 - Play until all eight cards are collected!
5. Celebrate the kids for finding the images.
6. Work together with your group to place the cards in order.
7. Before reading each card, ask:
 - "What do you see happening in this picture?"
8. Once the cards are in order, read the cards aloud.

② What You Say

"WOW! Rahab saw that the one, true God is strong and good, and she chose to believe in Him even though the people in her city didn't. THAT'S where her courage came from. It wasn't just her being brave—it was God helping her to be brave!"

"Rahab knew the spies worshipped the one true God, and she wanted to be a part of God's team, His family, too! So she helped the spies when they needed help. Because of her courage, she and her family were saved when God's people entered Jericho! It was a BIG risk for sure. And guess what? God protected Rahab and her family just like the spies promised. And Rahab not only became an important member of God's family, God was so proud of her trust that He made her a great-great-many-times-great-grandmother of Jesus!"

"God can give you courage too! So when you see someone who needs help, on the playground, at school, or anywhere, **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage to help someone in need."

Make It Personal → Tell your few about an age-appropriate time you saw a need and God gave you the courage to help. Maybe you stood up for a friend. Or maybe you helped pack meals for the homeless. Or you helped someone who fell on the playground. Talk about how God helped give you courage to help!

GROUPS 2/4

Courage-In-Action Chain



Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Paper Lunch Bags
- ☐ Construction Paper
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Safety Scissors
- ☐ Puppet Example

Inclusive Pro Tips



Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

Offer pre-cut shapes, stickers, and adaptive scissors.

Repeat the instructions one step at a time and offer frequent encouragement.

① What You Do

1. Gather the kids together in a circle.
 - This activity can be done on the floor or at a table—whichever works best for your group!
2. Give each kid a paper lunch bag.
3. Show the puppet example and demonstrate how to place their hands inside like a puppet!
4. Set out the markers, scissors, glue sticks, and construction paper.
5. Invite the kids to decorate their puppet however they'd like.
 - Kids can draw eyes on the flap (bottom of the bag) and a mouth under the flap.
 - They can cut and glue construction paper to make clothes or hair.
6. Divide the kids into groups of two. It's okay if there's a group of three.
7. Instruct the kids to face each other with their finished puppets.
8. Read the scenarios below, one at a time, and let the kids use the puppets to act out how they might respond to show courage and help in that situation.

Scenarios:

1. **Scenario 1:** A kid in your class keeps getting left out by others. When you play a game at school, this kid is always picked last. How can you show courage and include them?
2. **Scenario 2:** A kid fell off the swings at the playground, and everyone around them won't stop laughing. You can tell the kid is hurt, but no one is doing anything.

② What You Say

"I love your puppets, friends! And, I love hearing you talk through what you might do in each of these scenarios! God is full of love and kindness. He sees EVERYONE! And He loves to give us the courage to be kind like He is! When we are kind like He is, we are showing people that God loves them too!"

"And you aren't on your own when you're kind like Jesus! When you decided to follow Jesus, God moved inside of you through His Holy Spirit. He is closer than close! And as you go throughout your day, you'll feel a nudge from Him to help and do something. Maybe it's a classmate who's being left out, or a sibling who's struggling with something. They need help! And God will give you the courage and the strength to help! So just do what you feel Him nudging you to do. Jesus' very Spirit will lead you to be kind like He is!"

"I'm SO happy we don't have to be brave alone. God is always with us and wants to help us. This week, ask: 'God, please give me courage to help someone in need.' Because God will give you all the courage you need to help! He cares for you and for all the needs around you. He is kind and He loves people so much! Is there someone God is telling you to be brave and stand up for? **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage to help someone in need."

GROUPS 4/4

Pray and Dismiss



Prayer Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed

① What You Do

1. Sit in a circle with your group.
2. Explain to kids that prayer is a conversation we can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!
3. Say, "Let's think of someone who might need help this week. It could be someone at school, home, or someone you saw who needed something."
4. On the count of three, invite the kids to whisper the name of the person they thought of.
→ If kids don't want to whisper the name, allow them to draw a heart in the air to show they have someone in mind.
5. Give the kids one minute to talk to God about that person.
6. Close in prayer.

② What You Say

"God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to rescue us so that we can have a friendship with You—forever! Thank You for being so close to us through Your Holy Spirit. Teach us to listen to Him. And give us Your strength and courage when we see a need to so we can help! We love You so much, God. Thank You for loving us first. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show off their paper bag puppets as they talk about how **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage to help someone in need.

Inclusive Pro Tips



Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

If a kid needs more space, allow them to sit outside the circle and still be included.

Offer adaptive seating or fidget tools to all kids.

Getting Ready

Social

Welcome the kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Use this time to create space for them to connect with you and with each other by playing age-appropriate games, asking fun questions, and encouraging friendly interactions. This is a great moment to help kids feel seen, known, and ready to experience today's story.

Groups

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

Choose as many of these activities as you like.

Social

Opening Activity

- ☐ Offering container
- ☐ Print "Roadside Bingo" Activity Page on cardstock, one for every kid
- ☐ Print "Bingo Cards" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart, one bingo card for every kid
- ☐ Bingo chips or paper scraps, 20 pieces for every kid

Groups

Spy Game

- ☐ Print "Story Adventure" Activity Page double-sided on cardstock and cut apart, one set for each Small Group

* Paper Bag Puppet Theater

- ☐ Paper lunch bags, one for every kid
- ☐ Construction paper in various colors, one piece for every kid
- ☐ Glue sticks, one for every kid
- ☐ Markers, enough for each Small Group to share
- ☐ Safety scissors, enough for each Small Group to share
- ☐ Before group time:
 - Use the supplies to make a puppet to show the kids.

Right on Target!

- ☐ Bible marked at Psalm 56:3, one for each Small Group
- ☐ Floor tape, one roll for each Small Group
- ☐ Toy cars, one for every kid

Pray and Dismiss

→ No Supplies Needed

*If you don't have time to do all, be sure to do the starred activity.

Home

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Parent Cue app** and **ParentCue.org**

WEEK

FOUR

GROUPS 1/4

Roll and Tell



Bible Story Review

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Roll and Tell" Activity Page
- ☐ Matchbox or Other Toy Cars



Inclusive Pro Tips

Consider your group's needs and adjust the activity accordingly. If playing this game on a table works better for your group, please do so!

Allow the kids to have movement breaks between each picture.

Invite kids to participate by choosing a feeling face that matches that part of the story (For example, kids might make a worried face for picture 3, or a happy or relieved face for picture 4.)

① What You Do

1. Gather the kids together.
2. Lay out the pictures from the "Roll and Tell" Activity Page on the floor in order. Leave 1-2 feet of space between each picture.
3. Give each kid a toy car.
4. Point to "Picture 1." Invite the kids to stand a few feet away and roll their cars to land on it.
5. Once everyone has had a turn, instruct the kids to "park" the cars along the edge of the picture.
6. Gather to talk about what's happening in the story.
7. Repeat this process for each picture, moving from one to the next in story order.

Picture 1: Naomi with Ruth and Orpah

- There was a famine in Bethlehem, so Naomi, her husband, and her two sons moved to Moab. While they were in Moab, Naomi's husband died. Her sons married Ruth and Orpah, but her sons died too.

Picture 2: Ruth Stays with Naomi

- Naomi heard that the famine was over in Bethlehem and wanted to go back home. Naomi encouraged Ruth and Orpah to stay in Moab. Orpah chose to stay home with her family in Moab, while Ruth chose to go with Naomi to Bethlehem, take care of her, and follow the one, true God.

Picture 3: Ruth Gathers Grain

- Life was hard for Ruth and Naomi in Bethlehem because they didn't have jobs. They weren't sure how they would even eat! But Ruth picked leftover grain from a field that belonged to Boaz to help Naomi.

Picture 4: Boaz Helps Ruth

- Boaz asked about Ruth and learned that she had been helpful to Naomi. He told Ruth not to pick grain from any other field and made sure she had enough. Later, Boaz married Ruth, and they had a baby boy!

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② What You Say

"Whoa! Why do you think Ruth chose to stay with Naomi instead of going back home? (INVITE RESPONSES.) That's right! Ruth wasn't just a very good and loyal friend, she wanted to follow God! She didn't know anything about what was ahead—she was moving to a new town, and she didn't know how she would take care of Naomi. But Ruth did know one thing, that God was worth her trust. And God took care of everything Ruth needed! He made sure she had food, was safe, and He even sent her Boaz! God took care of everything. And the same God who helped Ruth is with YOU too!

"God was so honored by Ruth's trust in Him! He was so honored, that He wrote her story into something way bigger! Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David, and many, many generations later, another baby was born into David's family. Do you know who that was? (PAUSE.) That's right. It was Jesus! God wrote Ruth into Jesus' family tree!

"Whether you feel unsure about your first soccer practice or nervous about your move to a new school, remember you're never alone. God is with you. God will go with you in whatever you're facing, and He is the strongest! And that can give you courage to face what's next. So whatever God calls you to do, remember: **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when you don't know what's next.

Transition → Tell your group about an age-appropriate time when you trusted God by stepping into the unknown. Maybe you left a steady job to start a new company. Maybe you moved to a new city without knowing anyone. How did trusting God, even when you weren't sure what was coming next, help you to have courage?

GROUPS 2/4

What's Around the Bend?



Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

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Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Steering Wheel" Activity Page
- ☐ *Optional: Bible*

Inclusive Optional Supplies

- ☐ "Steering Wheel" Activity Page



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Adjust where this activity takes place (**ON THE FLOOR OR AROUND A TABLE**) depending on the needs of your entire group.

① What You Do

1. Divide the kids into groups of four. It's okay if there's a group of three or five.
2. Give the "driver" in each group a steering wheel from the "Steering Wheel" Activity Page.
3. Instruct each group to sit in two rows of two as if they were in a car.
4. Explain how to play:
 - Say, "We're going on a road trip! Pay close attention to what I say—I'll describe what's ahead while you steer!"
 - One at a time, begin describing the drive with fun surprises. (See sample descriptions below.)
 - Invite the kids to react and respond to each prompt as you call them out.
 - After several prompts, say "Switch drivers!" until everyone has had a turn to "drive."
5. Once everyone has had a turn in the driver's seat, gather the kids to discuss together. Ask:
 - "What was it like not knowing what was coming next? Did you feel surprised? Nervous?"
 - "Ruth didn't know what would happen next either, but she trusted God. How can you trust God too?"

Road Trip Ideas

- "The road is smooth and the sun is shining. It's a perfect day for a drive!"
- "Whoa! Curve ahead! Turn, turn, turn! Don't tip over!"
- "Okay, STOP! A deer is crossing the road. Let's wait and be patient . . ."
- "Oh no, look! A HUGE hill. Let's climb slowly . . . up, up, up! I'm not sure what's on the other side."
- "Yikes! The sun is shining in your eyes. It's hard to see the road. Drive slow and carefully."
- "THUMP! That was a big pothole! Quick, steer around it!"
- "Ahh, it's starting to rain! Turn on your wipers! Can you see okay?"
- "Uh-oh, this part of the road is super bumpy! Let's slow way down."

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GROUPS 2/4

What's Around the Bend?



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② What You Say

"Whoa! What a wild ride! We don't always know what's coming next. But guess what? There is something you can know. God is with you! And He will take care of you, no matter what's coming, because He loves you so much.

"Friends, you can be brave and face whatever's up ahead because God is with you! Whenever you're feeling nervous or afraid of what's next, pray to God and ask: 'God, would You please give me courage? Help me trust You even though I don't know what's next.'

"When you choose to follow Jesus, God sends His very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to live inside of you. God is closer than close! He goes with you wherever you go, and He is the strongest! And the truth that God the strongest, faces everything with you, can help you be brave. When you face something new and you're unsure, remember: **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when you don't know what's next."

GROUPS 3/4

Vroom, Vroom, Verse



Memory Verse Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Bible marked at Psalm 56:3
- ☐ "Adventure Verse" Activity Page
- ☐ Toy Cars
- ☐ Coloring Supplies



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① What You Do

1. Invite an older kid to open the marked Bible to Psalm 56:3 and read the Memory Verse aloud. (**READ IT YOURSELF IF NEEDED.**)
2. Repeat the verse together several times.
3. Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
4. Give each kid a car and an "Adventure Verse" Activity Page.
5. Point out the words of the Memory Verse along the road.
6. Set out the coloring supplies and encourage the kids to color the road on their page.
7. Invite the kids to "drive" their car along the road as they say the verse slowly together.
8. Say the verse in various ways.
→ Whisper, robot voice, fast, or slow, etc.
9. Help the kids write their names on the page.
10. Encourage the kids to take their "Adventure Verse" Activity Page home and practice the verse with family!

② What You Say

"Wow! Look at these fun roads and the truth you're learning! Our Memory Verse this month tells us something BIG: When we feel afraid or unsure, we can put our trust in God.

"So, tell me: when I'm afraid, when you're afraid, who can we put our trust in? (**PAUSE.**) God! That's right! You can trust God no matter what. On good days, on bad days, and on days with lots of ups and downs!

"When we memorize the Bible, God's Word, it isn't just a 'cool' thing to say. It's true! It gets stored in our hearts and the Holy Spirit helps us remember it. We CAN put our trust in God. He is strong, He keeps His promises, and He never changes! Take your page home to share this verse with your family! No matter what happens, remember **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when you don't know what's next."

GROUPS 4/4

Pray and Dismiss



Prayer Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed

① What You Do

1. Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
2. Say something like: "This month we've seen how God gives courage to all kinds of people when we trust Him. **[BOTTOM LINE]** God can give you courage when you don't know what's next too!"
3. Explain to kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything!
4. Invite kids to share any prayer requests they might have.
5. Lead them in the call-and-response prayer below.
6. Say each line slowly and clearly to give kids the opportunity to repeat after you.

② What You Say

"God, You are AMAZING! **(REPEAT)**
 Thank You for loving us, **(REPEAT)**
 for guiding us, **(REPEAT)**
 and for giving us courage **(REPEAT)**
 when we're afraid. **(REPEAT)**
 Help us to trust You **(REPEAT)**
 no matter what comes our way, **(REPEAT)**
 because YOU are with us always **(REPEAT)**
 and You are the strongest! **(REPEAT)**
 We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen! **(REPEAT)**"

Transition → As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share their Adventure Verse Activity Page from the "Vroom Vroom Verse" Activity. Challenge them to share the verse with their grown-up!

Inclusive Pro Tips



Consider the needs of your group and adjust the activity accordingly.

If a kid needs more space, allow them to sit outside the circle and still be included.

Offer adaptive seating and fidget tools to utilize during prayer time.