

WEEK

ONE

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Brave" and "You Are My Hope")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Conversation Starter
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Take a Snapshot
2. Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
3. Verses to Take with You
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.

THIS MONTH



Today's Bible Story

Moses

Burning Bush, Plagues, Red Sea
Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42, 13:17-14:31

Bottom Line

God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"
Psalm 56:3



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Hey, everyone! Welcome! I'm SO pumped you're here today as we kick off a whole new month all about COURAGE! We're calling it 'On the Move,' because sometimes, being brave means taking a step, making a move, even when it feels tough or you don't know the way.

"And sometimes, the tasks ahead of us feel . . . well, HUGE! Like trying to build something amazing out of practically nothing. Which brings us to our first challenge of the month! It's called the 'Giant Task Team Build!'"

SLIDE → "Giant Task Team Build" Title Slide

→ **Quickly encourage the kids to gather in their small groups. Give each small group an identical bag of unusual building supplies—e.g., straws, paperclips, tape, marshmallows, index cards.**

"Alright teams, listen up! Your mission, should you choose to accept it—and you kinda have to—is to use **ONLY** the supplies in your bag to complete a **GIANT** task! In the next five minutes (**ADJUST TIME AS NEEDED**), your team is to work together to build the **TALLEST** freestanding tower possible! That means it has to stand up all by itself. Got it? Tallest tower wins ultimate bragging rights!

"Do you think you can do it? Great! Each small group, gather around your bag and pour it out to see what you have to work with. (**PAUSE AS EACH SMALL GROUP POURS OUT THEIR BAG.**)

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Story

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Worship

"Great! Now that everybody's got their supplies out, let me set my timer for [PREDETERMINED AMOUNT OF] minutes. (SET YOUR TIMER.) Now I'm ready! Are you ready? (LISTEN FOR RESPONSES.)

"Awesome! Ready . . . set . . . BUILD!

AUDIO → Upbeat music

- **Start timer. Play upbeat music. Move around, offering commentary and encouragement, highlighting teamwork and creative ideas. When the timer goes off, stop the game.**

"Time's up! Hands off your towers! Wow, look at these creations! Some of these look . . . interesting! Let's see which small group conquered the Giant Task!

- **Quickly judge the tallest tower and declare a winner.**

"Give it up for our winning small group, and for ALL the small groups! Seriously, taking on a big challenge like that takes some creative thinking and teamwork, right? Sometimes we have to do big, giant tasks—tasks that feel way bigger than we are. Today, we're going to hear about someone who faced a huge task, and he was really scared. But first, let's stand and worship our amazing God who gives us strength for any task!"

② Worship

- **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It is SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. Let's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!

AUDIO → "Brave" / track 7 from Everything to Me

Optional Video → "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

"Yeah! Sometimes being brave starts with remembering who God is and what He promises. Our Memory Verse this month reminds us where to put our focus when things feel scary. When we're scared, we can always come to God for help because He loves us. Let's check out our Memory Verse—it's from Psalm 56, verse 3.

SLIDE → Memory Verse

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Worship

"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: *"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3"*

WORSHIP LEADER: "Trusting God when we're afraid . . . that takes courage. And knowing He is our hope makes all the difference. He gives us the strength to face anything. Let's declare that together as we sing 'You Are My Hope'!"

AUDIO → "You Are My Hope" / track 8 from Every Beat

Optional Video → "You Are My Hope" Dance Moves Video (**MEDIA PACKAGE**) or Live Lyrics Video

"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!"

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

SLIDE → Theme Background

- **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**
- **Communicator has small slips of paper and pencils/pens ready to distribute. Also has a whiteboard/large paper pad set up so the kids can see it (AND TWO DIFFERENT-COLORED MARKERS, BOTH COLORS ARE EASY FOR THE KIDS TO SEE).**

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: "Hey, everyone! That was awesome worship!"

"I'm thinking about that Memory Verse: 'When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.' Trusting God takes courage, especially when we don't feel ready or brave enough for what's in front of us."

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "Speaking of not feeling ready . . . have you ever been asked to do something new, or maybe something kinda big or scary, and your first thought was: 'Uh oh. No way. Can't do it'?"

- **Pause for responses.**

"Maybe it was trying out for the school play, or giving a presentation, or even just speaking up when you saw something unfair. We all have those moments where we hesitate, where we come up with reasons not to do the brave thing. Let's call those 'excuses'!"

- **Distribute slips of paper and pencils/pens quickly to the kids.**

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Worship

"I want you to do something really quickly. On that slip of paper, I want you to anonymously—that means don't put your name on it—write down one excuse you've maybe thought, or felt, or even said when you were facing something new or challenging. Like, what's a reason you might hesitate? Maybe it's: 'I'm not good enough.' Or: 'I might mess up.' Or: 'What if people laugh at me?' Or: 'It's too hard.' Just write one down quickly.

→ **Allow 30-60 seconds. Collect the slips in a basket.**

"Thanks for sharing those. It takes a little courage just to write them down! Let me read a few that came up . . .

→ **Read 3-5 common or relatable excuses anonymously, without judgment. For example, you could say: "Okay, someone wrote, 'I'm too shy.' That's real. Here's, 'I don't know how.' Yep, I've felt that one. 'Someone else can do it better.' Ooh, that's a tough one too."**

"Wow. See? We all have these feelings, these reasons why stepping up feels hard. These excuses pop into our heads and can make us freeze up. It can make us think: 'What makes it hard to feel brave?'

"Keep that question in mind. Because today, we're diving into the story of someone who probably could have filled this whole basket with excuses. His name was Moses, and God gave him a task that was so big, it probably seemed impossible!

"Before we jump into that, let me tell you about something really amazing we're doing this year—we're going through the entire story of the Bible. Why? Well, one of the reasons God gave us the Bible is to get to know Him. So as we go through the story God is telling, our intention is that we get to know Him better!

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll go through a story that's part of God's Big Story. We'll add that week to our timeline. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"This week, we're going to look at the story of a person who had no idea, but he was doing something crucial in God's Big Story. And he was terrified.

"But first, let me bring you up to speed about where we are in God's Big Story so far. In the very beginning, God made everything! He made the heavens, the Earth, and everything on it—animals, people . . . everything!

"The two people God made in the beginning were meant to be His close friends. But sadly, God gave them one rule, and they chose not to follow it. They disobeyed God and sinned. And their sin ushered in a curse that pulled them away from God. Sadly, everyone who came after them was under this same curse. It pulled them away from God. People couldn't be as close to God as He wanted them to be.

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Worship

"But God loves us! He didn't want to leave things that way! So He started His great rescue plan. A key part of this rescue plan was to bring people back to being His close friends, which is what He has always wanted us to be.

"God started this great rescue plan through a family! So God chose a man named Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. Abraham had a son named Isaac, who had a son named Jacob, who had a son named Joseph. And there were lots more members of God's family too! Sadly, Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt. But he rose to become second in command of the whole country! Years later, Joseph invited his family to come to Egypt, where they were saved from famine.

"But after some time, a new Pharaoh, the king, came up to rule Egypt. And he didn't know about Joseph. And that's where we are in God's Big Story. God's people were in Egypt.

TRUTH

"Let's set up some backstory for Moses' impossible task.

- **Move to the whiteboard/large paper pad. Draw a line down the middle, labeling one side in one color "Moses' View / Feeling" and the other side in the other color "God's View / Promise".**

"In Egypt, Pharaoh, the ruler, saw God's people were growing in number. God had done what He said He would—He grew and grew and grew His people. But Pharaoh didn't like it one bit. This is what he said:

- **Open the Bible to Exodus 1:9-10 (NIRV) and read.**

"Look," he said to his people. "The Israelites are far too many for us. Come. We must deal with them carefully. If we don't, there will be even more of them. Then if war breaks out, they'll join our enemies. They'll fight against us and leave the country."

"Pharaoh was afraid of God's people and made their lives miserable with forced labor. But the meaner he was to God's people, the more they grew and spread. So to stop them, he made a terrible decree to kill the boys who were born. Things looked hopeless for God's people.

"They cried out to God for help! And God heard them and came to help them. Part of His rescue plan involved a man named Moses.

"Moses' family was brave. When he was a baby, they hid him in a basket by the river. And guess who found him? Pharaoh's own daughter! She raised Moses like her own son.

"But when Moses got older, he got into trouble trying to help his people. He had to run far away to a land called Midian. He lived there quietly for a long time as a shepherd, maybe thinking his story was over. But it was far from over!

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"One day, while Moses was tending to the sheep, he saw something incredible—a bush that was on fire, but it wasn't burning up! And then, God spoke to him from the bush! Here's what happened:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 3:4-6 (NIRV) and read.**

God spoke to him from inside the bush. He called out, "Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am," Moses said.

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob." When Moses heard that, he turned his face away. He was afraid to look at God.

"The God of the universe had introduced Himself to Moses! Wow! And God continued. He said:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 3:7-10 (NIRV) and read.**

The LORD said, "I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land. It has a lot of room. It is a land that has plenty of milk and honey. The Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites live there. And now Israel's cry for help has reached me. I have seen how badly the Egyptians are treating them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh. I want you to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. They are my people."

→ **Write on the whiteboard on the "Moses' View / Feeling" side a question mark or phrases like: "Who am I? Just a shepherd. An outlaw. Forgotten."**

→ **Write on the "God's View / Promise" side a flame or write something like: "I see My people suffering. I love them. I will help. I have a plan. I choose YOU, Moses."**

"So let's quickly break down what just happened. God introduced Himself to Moses! He spoke to Moses through a bush that was on fire. He told Moses that He had seen His people's pain, was concerned about it, and was going to help them. AND He said that Moses was going to be the one to help bring His people out of Egypt. Talk about a giant task! So, how did Moses feel? Well, he immediately started making excuses.

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 3:11 (NIRV) and read.**

But Moses spoke to God. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" he said. "Who am I that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

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"Sound familiar? 'I'm nobody! They won't listen! What if they don't believe God sent me?' Moses didn't think much about himself. He thought he was just a shepherd, or a nobody, but God knew him and was with him. God saw more in Moses than Moses saw in himself. Then God shared a huge promise with Moses that He needed Moses to remember. He said this:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 3:12 (NIRV) and read.**

God said, "I will be with you."

→ **Point to "God's View / Promise:" and write "I WILL BE WITH YOU." (UNDERLINE "WITH YOU.")**

"Even though Moses felt totally unready, God promised His presence and His power. God knew Moses wasn't ready on his own, but that wasn't the point! God would go with him and He would provide. God even gave Moses signs and sent Moses' brother with Moses to help him speak. God was showing Moses that He would take care of him. Finally, Moses went to Egypt. His brother Aaron joined him.

"So, Moses and Aaron confronted Pharaoh, but Pharaoh wasn't too happy. Pharaoh didn't say: 'Oh sure, take my free labor force and leave!' No way! He made God's people work even harder!

"The people blamed Moses. Moses felt like giving up.

→ **Add 'Ready to quit' to Moses' side.**

"Moses probably felt like this whole 'rescue mission' was a disaster. But God told him to keep going.

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 7:1-5 (NIRV) and read.**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I have made you like God to Pharaoh. And your brother Aaron will be like a prophet to you. You must say everything I command you to say. Then your brother Aaron must tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel leave his country. But I will make Pharaoh stubborn. I will multiply the signs and amazing things I will do in Egypt. In spite of that, he will not listen to you. So I will use my powerful hand against Egypt. When I judge them with mighty acts, I will bring my people Israel out like an army on the march. Then the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD. I will reach out my powerful hand against them. I will bring the people of Israel out of Egypt."

"God was with Moses and Aaron—so that meant all of God's power was with them on their mission to get Pharaoh to let God's people go.

"So when Pharaoh refused again, God did what He said He would do. God unleashed His power with ten terrible plagues upon Egypt. First, God changed the river into blood, then He sent a plague of thousands of frogs, then God sent a plague of gnats, then a plague of flies, then God killed all of the Egyptians' livestock. God sent a sickness of really painful boils all over the bodies of the Egyptians, and then God sent a plague of hail. God sent a plague of locusts to eat up all of the crops, then God sent a plague of darkness that covered ALL of Egypt for three days. But even

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Worship

through every single one of these plagues, Pharaoh still continued to be stubborn.

"Finally, God sent the tenth plague. This is what Moses told Pharaoh.

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 11:4-8 (NIRV) and read.**

Moses told Pharaoh, "The LORD says, 'About midnight I will go through every part of Egypt. Every oldest son in Egypt will die. The oldest son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, will die. The oldest son of every female slave, who works at her hand mill, will die. All the male animals born first to their mothers among the cattle will also die. There will be loud crying all over Egypt. It will be worse than it's ever been before. And nothing like it will ever be heard again. But among the Israelites not even one dog will bark at any person or animal.' Then you will know that the LORD treats Egypt differently from us. All your officials will come and bow down to me. They will say, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you!' After that, I will leave."

"God warned that this plague would be the worst—the firstborn in every Egyptian household would die. BUT God provided a way for His people to be saved. Protection.

"Through Moses, God instructed each family of His people to kill a lamb. He gave them instructions to take the blood from the lamb and put it on the sides and tops of the frames of their doors.

→ **Draw a simple door with red marks on God's side of the board.**

"God told His people: 'When you see the blood, I will PASS OVER you.' Here's what God said:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 12:22-23 (NIRV) and read.**

"None of you can go out of the door of your house until morning. The LORD will go through the land to strike down the Egyptians. He'll see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe. He will pass over that house. He won't let the destroying angel enter your homes to strike you down."

"Later during the night of the tenth awful plague, finally, Pharaoh told God's people to take their flocks and herds and leave. God's people didn't waste a second! They grabbed their stuff and left Egypt—over a million people on the move!

"As God's people left Egypt, He led them. He led them with a giant cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night so they would know where to go.

→ **Add to whiteboard on Moses' side: Freedom! (DRAW A PATH.) On "God's View / Promise": Draw a cloud/fire pillar.**

"But Pharaoh changed his mind AGAIN! He sent his army charging after God's people. God's people reached the Red Sea—water in front, Pharaoh's army behind. They were trapped! They all start to panic.

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Worship

→ **Add to whiteboard, Moses' view: "Trapped but trusting!"**
(WRITE THOSE WORDS LARGELY.)

"It looked impossible! But Moses had started to trust God! Listen to what happened:

→ **Open the Bible to Exodus 14:13-16 (NIRV) and read.**

Moses answered the people. He said, "Don't be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the LORD will save you today. Do you see those Egyptians? You will never see them again. The LORD will fight for you. Just be still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground."

→ **Write on "God's View / Promise": trust/power**

"Trusting God, Moses held out his staff. And God did the impossible! God created a path of DRY ground right through the sea! God's people walked through walls of water on either side. When the Egyptian army chased them in, God told Moses to stretch out his hand again, and the waters crashed back down, swallowing the entire Egyptian army!

"God's people were safe on the other side. Can you imagine the relief? The amazement?

→ **Write "Saved!" on both sides.**

"Think about Moses. Did he feel ready when God called him? Did he feel brave facing Pharaoh? He felt like he couldn't do it. He felt scared and overwhelmed.

"But no matter how Moses felt on this side (CIRCLE GESTURE THE "MOSES" SIDE), God was always faithful and strong and good (CIRCLE GESTURE THE "GOD" SIDE).

"As Moses journeyed with God, he got more and more confident in Him. Look at this side of the column! (CIRCLE GESTURE THE "MOSES" COLUMN.) Moses grew to trust God as he saw Him be good over and over and over.

"But even when Moses didn't feel ready, God was always there to help him! God gave him courage. And that's the truth I want you to remember today.

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.

"God didn't wait for Moses to become brave on his own. God provided the courage through His presence and power. And that Passover lamb?

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Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

That blood on the doorframe that saved God's people? That was pointing ahead hundreds of years to Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb. He gave His life, shedding His blood, so that we could be saved from sin, passed over from judgment. When Jesus poured out His blood, He paid for our sin, and now we can be close to God again!

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "Maybe some of those excuses you wrote down earlier feel really true for you. Maybe you feel like you're not smart enough, or strong enough, or popular enough, or brave enough for the things God might ask you to do, or just for the challenges you face every day. Guess what? That's okay! Just like Moses, you don't have to feel ready. God, the God of the universe, is with you."

"When we follow Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit to live inside us. The Spirit is our helper, our guide, and He will give us everything we need, when we need it. God is closer than close through His Spirit inside of us, and we never face anything alone."

"We might still feel afraid. Remember our Memory Verse? Psalm 56:3? It says: 'When I'm afraid . . .' It doesn't say IF, it says WHEN! Fear is normal. But the verse continues: 'I put my trust in you.' We can choose to trust God, even with shaky knees and scared hearts, and ask Him for the courage we need for that next step. Because God can give you courage when you don't feel ready."

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

COMMUNICATOR: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!"

SLIDE → God's Big Story

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!"

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"This week, we're up here in the part of this picture of God's Big Story with Moses raising his hands while God parts the Red Sea to save His people. **(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)** That's where we are in God's Big Story!"

"This week, we looked at the story of Moses. God had an important job for Moses, but Moses had lots of worries! For every single worry, God provided help. And God didn't only take care of Moses, He also took care of His people. Every time they cried out to Him, He helped. God is always good. And by taking care of this family, God was also taking care of us. Because many, many, many years later, as we'll see, Jesus, our great rescue, would come from this family. And Jesus would rescue us all!"

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!"

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Story

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Worship

SLIDE → Week 1 Timeline Image

→ **If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.**

"This week we talked about Moses."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "When we think about Moses, we can remember that in spite of his fears, God always promised to be with him. God gave Moses signs, He gave him his brother to help him speak—all of these things to help him. But most importantly, God gave Moses His presence. He promised that He would go with him."

"And the same is true about you. God is with you everywhere you go. So even when you face something hard, remember that God is always with you. You can trust Him even when you don't feel like you can do what you're facing alone. He will give you the ability to do it, even if you're scared, and He will go with you every step of the way."

"As you head back to your Small Groups, I want you to keep thinking about this question:

SLIDE → Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "What makes it hard to feel brave?"

SLIDE → Theme Background

"Talk about it with your group. What are those specific things—maybe some of those excuses we shared—that make it hard? And how can knowing God is with you in every step, ready to give you courage, make a difference? Let's pray before you go."

③ Prayer

HOST: "God, thank You for the story of Moses. Thank You for showing us that You don't need us to feel perfectly ready or brave on our own. You just ask us to trust You. We admit, God, that sometimes it's really hard to feel brave. We feel scared, we make excuses, we feel like we're not enough. But please help us to trust and believe You are with us and You are enough. Thank You for giving us Your Spirit. Thank You for going with us everywhere we go. Please, fill us with Your courage for whatever we face this week, especially when we don't feel ready. Help us remember to put our trust in You. And thank You for Jesus, our Passover Lamb, who saves us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/ Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Bags to hold unusual building supplies, one for each Small Group
- ☐ Identical sets of building supplies, one for each Small Group (for example: 20 straws, 30 paperclips, 1 roll of tape, 10 mini-marshmallows, 5 index cards)
- ☐ Timer or smartphone

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- ☐ Upbeat music as kids play the game

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide
- ☐ "Giant Task Team Build" Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. Note: Legally a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store. ThinkOrange.com.
- Before kids arrive, prepare identical bags of unusual building supplies, one for each Small Group. (For example: Place 20 straws, 30 paperclips, 1 roll of tape, 10 mini-marshmallows, 5 index cards in each bag.)

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Brave" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" from Every Beat

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.

Note: Make sure your church has obtained licensing rights to play or perform music. You can obtain a license to perform worship music from Christian Copyright Licensing International (www.ccli.com). It covers over 200,000 worship songs for congregational singing. You are responsible for including the copyright information on all songs reproduced under the Church Copyright License (including song lyrics projected onscreen). This includes the song title, writer credit(s), copyright notice, and your church's CCLI license number. You can include this information on one of the lyric slides, or you can create a separate slide detailing this information, but the copyright information must appear at least once for each song you play or perform. For example:

"Hallelujah" words and music by John Doe

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PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Small slips of paper (enough for each kid)
- ☐ Pens/pencils
- ☐ Collection basket
- ☐ Whiteboard and two colors of dry-erase markers (for contrast) or large pad of paper on easel and two colors of markers (for contrast)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Virtue Transition to Theme

What You Do:

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 1 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Prepare a large whiteboard with two different colored dry-erase markers, OR an easel with a large pad of paper with two colors of marker. (The two distinct colors are helpful for visual contrast). The whiteboard or pad of paper should be visible to the kids.

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at Store.ThinkOrange.com.

Feature Presentation: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Motion graphics, including loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)
- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue

APlay

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APlay is free with your curriculum subscription and packed with features to help your weekly experience run smoother. APlay gives you more time to focus on what truly matters — more ministry, less media management with Apple TV-based media solutions.

WEEK

TWO

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Brave" and "Yes I Am")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Conversation Starter
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Take a Snapshot
2. Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
3. Verses to Take with You
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.



Today's Bible Story

Moses

Burning Bush, Plagues, Red Sea
Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42, 13:17-14:31

Conversation Starter

When is it hard to trust God?

Bottom Line

God can give you courage when other's are afraid.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"
Psalm 56:3



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "What's up, everyone! Welcome back! We're continuing our journey this month talking about COURAGE and being 'On the Move'! Sometimes moving forward means facing some tricky obstacles, like figuring out how to cross a giant raging river . . . or maybe just a section of this floor!

"That's right, it's time for a challenge that will test your teamwork and your strategy! Get ready for the 'Cross the River Challenge'!"

SLIDE → "Cross the River Challenge" Slide

"Let's get into your small groups. Can you do that? (**PAUSE WHILE THE KIDS GET IN THEIR SMALL GROUPS.**) Great!

"Let me give you your 'rafts.' I'll explain more about these 'rafts' in a second.

→ **Give each small group a small, identical number of "rafts"—e.g. 3-4 carpet squares, poly spots, or pieces of cardboard.**

"So, do you see these tape lines right here? This is a river! You and your entire small group are on this side of the river!

→ **Point to starting side of the tape line and instruct all of the small groups to arrange themselves behind the tape line.**

"Your goal is to get EVERYONE safely to the other side (**POINT TO FINISH**

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

LINE). The catch? You can ONLY travel using these magic rafts! **(GESTURE TO A RAFT ITEM.)** You cannot touch the dangerous river water—a.k.a. the floor—at any time while crossing. If anyone touches the floor, that person has to go back to the start. You only have these few rafts, so you'll need to figure out how to get them back and forth to shuttle your whole team across. It takes planning! It takes teamwork! It takes courage! First team to get everyone across wins! Ready . . . set . . . **CROSS THAT RIVER!**

→ **Start the game. Play upbeat background music. Host provides commentary, encourages strategy, and enforces rules. Celebrate the winning team.**

→ **AUDIO: Play high-energy music**

"Whew! Nice work, small groups! That required some serious brainpower and working together! Sometimes the biggest obstacle isn't the river itself, but figuring out how to trust the plan and work together, especially when things look tricky.

"Today we're hearing about a time God's people faced a huge obstacle, and got some very different reports about what to do next. Let's get ready to worship the God who is always with us and guides us through every obstacle!"

② Worship

→ **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It's SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. That's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!

→ **AUDIO: "Brave" / track 7 from Everything to Me**

→ **Optional Video: "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video**

"Awesome! Let's say our Memory Verse together. It's Psalm 56:3.

SLIDE → Memory Verse

"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "When I'm afraid. I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Trusting God! That's key. When we trust God, we

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Story

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can have confidence no matter what others say, because we know and believe that what He says about us is more true than what anyone else says! You are a child of a Father who loves you!

- **AUDIO: "Yes I Am" / track from Ready, Set, Move!**
- **Optional Video: "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) or Live Lyrics Video**

"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!"

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

- **SLIDE → Theme Background**
- **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**
- **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit. Has a table set up with two clear jars on it: one labeled "FEAR" and one "FAITH/COURAGE." Also has items ready in a box on the table so the audience can't see the contents, which are: zip-top bags of large rocks, small pebbles, large plastic grapes/ colorful pom-poms/ large fruit representation, colorful craft gems/shiny objects, a container of murky water, and a container of clear water.**

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: "Hey guys! Great job in worship, declaring who God is. Trusting Him is essential, but let's be real, sometimes it's easier said than done, right?"

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "Quick question—and just think about this in your head for a sec. If our whole group here had to decide right now on ONE topping for a giant pizza to share, what do you think would win?"

"Pepperoni or pineapple?"

- **Pause briefly for mental consideration.**

"Okay, let's do a quick vote just for fun.

"All in favor of 'pepperoni,' raise your hand!"

- **Count roughly.**

"Okay, hands down. All in favor of 'pineapple'?"

- **Count roughly.**

"Looks like (STATE THE WINNER) wins!"

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Worship

"Now, for something fun like pizza toppings, going with the majority is usually no big deal. But what about bigger things? Can you think of a time when maybe going along with the crowd, doing what most people are doing or saying, might not be the best or wisest choice?"

→ **Pause for thought, maybe take one or two brief answers if time allows.**

"It can be tough to stand apart from the crowd—especially if the crowd seems really sure about something, or maybe really afraid of something. It takes courage to trust what you know is right, or to trust God, when everyone else is panicking. So my question to you is: 'When is it hard to trust God?'"

"Think about that. When is it hard to trust God? Maybe especially when the people around you are full of fear or doubt? Our story today is about a time exactly like that."

→ **Move to the table with the jars.**

"Before we jump into that story, let me tell you about something really amazing we're doing this year—we're going through the entire story of the Bible. One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is to get to know Him. So as we go through the story God is telling, our intention is that we get to know Him better!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll go through a story in the Bible that's part of the big story God is telling. We'll add that week to our timeline. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"But before we dive into today's story, let's catch up to see what has happened so far in God's Big Story!"

"Adam and Eve were the first people God made. God made them to be His close friends! But they sinned, and it pulled them away from God. God wanted them to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! God didn't go away, but people's hearts did. It was so sad. And everyone who was born after Adam and Eve was born with the same problem—they couldn't be close friends with God either.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He started His great rescue plan. And this great rescue was going to come through a family! So God started His great rescue with a man named Abraham. God chose Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. God grew and grew and grew Abraham's family, and they became a whole bunch of people—God's people. Eventually, God's people were enslaved

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in Egypt. It was so sad and difficult. But then God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to freedom! And he did! And that's where we are in God's Big Story. God's people were free!"

TRUTH

COMMUNICATOR: "Today we're moving right along in the Bible to the fourth book, Numbers. (HOLD UP BIBLE.)

"This book of the Bible is called Numbers because it talks about counting God's people as they were traveling.

"God had a home prepared for His people, but they had to travel through the wilderness to get there. After about two years traveling through the wilderness, learning to trust God (SOMETIMES!), God's people finally arrived at the edge of the land God had promised them—Canaan! This was the land God had promised Abraham generations ago. It was time to move in! God told Moses:

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 13:2 (NIRV) and read.**

"Send some men to check out the land of Canaan. I am giving it to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of Israel's tribes."

"So, because there were twelve tribes of Israel, twelve spies went into Canaan. They explored for forty days. When they came back, they reported back on what they found. The land was super-fruitful, but there were powerful people living there—they even saw giants! And the land was filled with cities with huge walls.

"Then the spies gave two different responses to what they found in the land, based on what they chose to focus on.

→ **Hold up the "FEAR" jar, then put it back on the table.**

"Ten of the spies came back and said this:

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 13:31-33 (NIRV) and read.**

They said, "We can't attack those people. They are stronger than we are."

→ **Put a large rock into the "FEAR" jar.**

The men spread a bad report about the land among the Israelites. They said, "The land we checked out destroys those who live in it."

→ **Add another rock to the "FEAR" jar.**

"All the people we saw there are very big and tall. . . . We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes. And that's also how we seemed to them."

→ **Pour some murky, cloudy water into the "FEAR" jar, making it hard to see through it clearly.**

→ **Hold up the murky "FEAR" jar.**

"The ten spies spread and spread and spread the fear in their response.

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The crowd listened to the fearful report. Panic spread like wildfire!

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 14:2-4 (NIRV) and read.**

The whole community said to them, "We wish we had died in Egypt or even in this desert. Why is the LORD bringing us to this land? We're going to be killed by swords. Our enemies will capture our wives and children. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" They said to one another, "We should choose another leader. We should go back to Egypt."

"But two spies, Joshua and Caleb, saw the same land with the same challenges, and focused on something different.

→ **Hold up the "FAITH/COURAGE" jar.**

"They came back and said:

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 14:7-9 (NIRV) and read.**

"We passed through the land and checked it out. It's very good."

"The land really was plentiful! The grapes were so huge that it took two men to carry one single bunch on a pole!

→ **Place large plastic grapes or colorful pom-poms representing fruit into the "FAITH/COURAGE" jar.**

"If the LORD is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land. It's a land that has plenty of milk and honey. He'll give it to us."

→ **Add some colorful gems representing God's promises.**

"But don't refuse to obey him. And don't be afraid of the people of the land. We will swallow them up. The LORD is with us. So nothing can save them. Don't be afraid of them."

→ **Pour clear water into the "FAITH/COURAGE" jar. Place the two jars side-by-side.**

"Look at these two reports. Same land, same exploration trip. But two totally different perspectives. One focused only on the scary giants and high walls—the FEAR.

→ **Point to "FEAR" jar.**

"The other acknowledged the challenges but focused on something else! They knew God was with them, was bigger than those scary giants, and had promised them the land! This report from Joshua and Caleb focused on God's presence, His strength, and the goodness of His promise—FAITH and COURAGE.

→ **Point to "FAITH/COURAGE" jar.**

"Now, who do you think God's people listened to? The two guys full of

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faith, or the ten guys full of fear?

→ **Allow responses—likely “the ten.”**

“You got it. In fact, they even asked to kill Joshua and Caleb instead of focusing on what was true.

→ **Add more murky water and maybe small pebbles representing complaints to the “FEAR” jar.**

“They completely forgot that God was with them! They forgot that God is stronger than those giants—they had seen God’s power that rescued them from Egypt and provided for them in the wilderness. But they had forgotten. And God was hurt.

“Suddenly, God’s glory appeared. God was so hurt that the people didn’t trust Him after everything He had done. Moses prayed for the people, and God forgave them.

→ **Open the Bible to Numbers 14:20-23 (NIRV) and read.**

The LORD replied, “I have forgiven them, just as you asked. You can be sure that I live. You can be just as sure that my glory fills the whole earth. And here is what you can be just as sure of. Not one of these people will see the land I promised to give them. They have seen my glory. They have seen the signs I did in Egypt. And they have seen what I did in the desert. But they did not obey me. And they have tested me ten times. So not even one of them will ever see the land I promised to give to their people of long ago. The person who has not respected me will never see it.

“So now they would wander in the wilderness until they all passed away. Only their children, and the two faithful spies, Joshua and Caleb, would get to enter the land.

→ **Hold up the “FAITH/COURAGE” jar.**

“The people were devastated when they heard this. Then they tried to rush in and take the land anyway, thinking they could do it on their own now. But it was too late. They disobeyed again, and they were defeated. Their fear led them to distrust God, and they missed out on His promise for them.

“But Joshua and Caleb? They held onto courage because they trusted God, even when the vast majority around them were terrified. They focused on God’s power and promises. They focused on the truth that He was with them and nothing is stronger than Him.

→ **Point to the “FAITH/COURAGE” jar.**

“They didn’t focus on the scary giants.

→ **Point to the “FEAR” jar.**

“And that’s the key—what you choose to focus on. Even though Joshua

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and Caleb were facing the same tough things as the other spies—there really were powerful giants living in the land in cities that were strong—they chose to focus on God. And what they focused on made all the difference. Their view of God got bigger and bigger, and their fears got smaller and smaller. They trusted God, and He gave them the courage to face the tough things.

"They got courage to face the scary things that were in front of them because they focused on God—on His presence and on His power. They were brave because they knew the strongest of all was with them.

"Joshua and Caleb showed us something so important:

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when others are afraid.

"It's easy to get swept up in the fear of the crowd. When everyone else is panicking or saying, 'It's impossible!' it takes real courage to stand firm, focus on God, and trust Him. But Joshua and Caleb showed us it's possible.

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "Think about your own life. Maybe it's trying out for something new, and your friends say, 'Don't bother, it's too hard, you'll never make it.' Maybe it's seeing someone treated unfairly and everyone else just walks by, afraid to get involved. Maybe it's just pressure to go along with something you know isn't right because 'everyone else is doing it.'"

"In those moments, it can be really hard to trust God, right? It feels easier, maybe safer, to just go with the flow, to let the fear . . .

→ **Point to the "FEAR" jar.**

". . . dictate your choices. But God invites us to choose a different way. He invites us to focus on Him—His promises, His presence, His power. The things that fill up our 'Faith and Courage' jar. The strongest, God Himself, always goes with you.

→ **Point to the "FAITH/COURAGE" jar.**

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

HOST: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"In God's Big Story, we're a little bit after the picture of God working through Moses to part the Red Sea. We're traveling on this path right here—we're traveling, just like God's people were! (**GESTURE TO SLIDE.**)

"This week we talked about Joshua and Caleb and the ten other spies

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who went to scope out the land God had promised to His people—the Promised Land! God, once again, took care of His people. Every need that came up on their journey, God met it. If they were thirsty, He got them water! If they were hungry, He delivered them food! Even the land that was going to be their future home that they spied into was awesome—the Promised Land. Every step of the way, God took care of this family. He took care of this family because He is good, but also, as we'll see in God's Big Story, because He was bringing His great rescue through this family. By taking care of this family, God was also taking care of us. Because Jesus, our great rescue, would come from this family!

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!"

SLIDE → Week 2 Timeline Image

→ **If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.**

"This week we talked about Joshua and Caleb and the other spies!"

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "When we think about Joshua and Caleb and the other spies, we can remember that God is always, always more powerful than anything we face. And if we think and think and think about God's strength and His power, our view of Him will grow bigger and bigger until the thing we're afraid of will get smaller and smaller in our minds! What we focus on matters. Other people might be scared, and that's okay. We can be brave because we know God is with us and He is more powerful than anything! God is the strongest!"

"We can ask the Holy Spirit inside of us for help when we need a reminder that we're not alone, or if we need a reminder that the God who is with us is bigger and stronger than anything we'll face."

"So as you head to Small Groups, let's ask this question:"

SLIDE → Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "When is it hard to trust God?"

"Talk about those specific times with your group. When does the fear of the crowd, or the size of the challenge, make trusting God feel really difficult? And how can remembering that God is with us—the strongest of all—help us be courageous? Let's pray."

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10 MINUTES

Worship

③ Prayer

HOST: “God, thank You for showing us through Joshua and Caleb that courage comes from trusting that You are with us and that You are stronger than everything—not from listening to the fears of others. Help us to see situations through the eyes of faith, focusing on Your goodness and Your presence with us—because Your presence with us is what’s really true. Help us to trust You no matter what the powerful things in our life look like. Help us to remember that You are the most powerful of anything and You go with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Painter's tape (to create a clearly marked "river" area—see "What You Do?")
- ☐ Carpet squares, poly spots, or cardboard pieces—3-4 for each Small Group to create "rafts"

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- ☐ Upbeat music as kids play the game

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide
- ☐ "Cross the River Challenge" Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. Note: Legally a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Using tape or fabric strips, clearly mark a wide "river" area on the floor. (Like a long starting line and finish line.)
- *NOTE: If you have a larger group, you might need to play several rounds of this game, with an equal number of Small Groups "crossing the river" in each round.*

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Brave" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" from Every Beat

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

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Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Two clear, identical jars/containers
- ☐ Labels (two, one to be put on each jar: "FEAR" and "FAITH/COURAGE")
- ☐ Items for the "FEAR" jar, and should fit inside of it:
 - Large rocks
 - Small pebbles
- ☐ Items for "FAITH/COURAGE" jar and should fit inside of it:
 - Large, plastic grapes or other fruit representation or colorful pom-poms (representing fruit)
 - Colorful craft gems or shiny objects (representing God's promises)
- ☐ Zip-top bags for large rocks, small pebbles, colorful pom-poms (if using for representation of grapes), craft gems (or shiny objects)
- ☐ Container of murky water
- ☐ Container of clear water
- ☐ Table
- ☐ Box to hold all items for jars

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

What You Do:

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
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- Place all of the items (including their zip-top bags) for both jars in a box so the audience can't see the contents of the box.

Large Group Visuals

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- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide

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WEEK

THREE

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Brave" and "You Are My Hope")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Conversation Starter
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Take a Snapshot
2. Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
3. Verses to Take with You
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.



Today's Bible Story

Rahab / The Promised Land

Joshua 2

Supporting: Joshua 6:22-25

Conversation Starter

How can you show someone you care?

Bottom Line

God can give you courage to help someone in need.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"
Psalm 56:3



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

Optional Video → Countdown

Optional Video → Theme Intro

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ **Host enters holding a soft rope with a beanbag tied to one end.**

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Welcome back, courageous crew! It's awesome to see you all here, ready to move and be brave! Sometimes, being brave means reaching out to help someone, even if it seems like a long shot. It might feel like you're trying to rescue something from across a giant canyon! And that, my friends, brings us to today's challenge: the 'Rescue Rope Toss'!"

SLIDE → Rescue Rope Toss

"Let's get into teams! I have (NUMBER) of rescue ropes, so let's get into (NUMBER) of teams!"

→ **Once kids are in teams, give each team a soft rope with a weighted—but safe—end, like a beanbag securely tied to it.**

"Listen up, rescuers! Do you see this 'chasm' here? (POINT TO TAPE-MARKED 'CHASM.'). Your mission is to save these stranded items! (POINT TO ITEMS ON FAR SIDE OF THE 'CHASM.'). Each team will take turns tossing their rescue rope, trying to loop it around an item, knock it, or drag it back across the chasm to their side without stepping into the chasm! If you successfully rescue an item, your team gets a point! We'll see which team can rescue the most items in the next few minutes. It takes skill, it takes aim, and it takes a little bit of courage to make that toss! Does all of that make sense, teams? (PAUSE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.)"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Alright! Now that we know what we're doing, let's get started! Ready . . . aim . . . RESCUE!"

AUDIO → Play high-energy music

- **Start the game! Monitor for safety, keep score, and encourage the teams. Optional: If you have a larger group, you may want to play several rounds of the game, so each kid can have a turn rescuing an item. Or, make it a competition between the number of teams that can compete in one round.**

"And that's time! Let's count up those rescued items! Great job, teams! Give yourselves a hand! It's not always easy to reach out and make that effort, but when you succeed, it feels pretty good, right?"

"Today, we're going to hear about someone who took a huge risk, using something as simple as a rope, to help others in a really big way. But first, let's worship the God who gives us the courage to reach out and be kind like He is!"

② Worship

- **Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.**

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It's SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. That's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!"

AUDIO → "Brave" / track 7 from Everything to Me

Optional Video → "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

"That's it! When we know God is with us, we can be brave. Remember our Memory Verse? Let's say it together. It's Psalm 56:3.

SLIDE → Memory Verse

"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "When I'm afraid. I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3"

WORSHIP LEADER: "When we trust God—when we believe that He

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

is good and His ways are good—He becomes our hope, our firm foundation, no matter what scary things we might face, or what risks we might need to take to help someone else. Let's sing about that hope we have in Him with 'You Are My Hope'!

AUDIO → "You Are My Hope" / track 8 from Every Beat

Optional Video → "You Are My Hope" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video

"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible."

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

SLIDE → Theme Background

- **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**
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Communicator has materials for "Comic Book Visuals" ready—either a large whiteboard/easel pad and markers to draw live, or pre-made large poster-board panels, or slides.

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: "Hey, awesome people! So good to be with you. We just sang about God being our hope. Jesus is our hope! He fills our heart with courage so we can be kind like He is! Jesus wants us to help people who are in need—like He did! Sometimes helping someone in need means we have to step out and take a risk ourselves."

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "Have you ever seen someone stick up for a friend, even when the bully was bigger or louder? Or maybe you've heard a story about someone who shared their lunch with a kid who didn't have any, even though it meant they had less to eat themselves. Those are moments when someone takes a personal risk—big or small—to help another person."

- **Pause for a moment of thought.**

"What makes it hard to take a risk like that? Why would someone choose to do it, even if it's uncomfortable or a little scary for them?"

- **Take one or two very brief responses if time allows and kids are engaged.**

"Those are great thoughts. It definitely takes courage to help someone else. Which makes me wonder, when have you needed courage to help someone?"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Think about that. When was a time when you needed courage to help someone—maybe when it felt a little risky for you? Our Bible Story today is about a woman named Rahab who took an enormous risk to help two strangers, and it changed her life, and the lives of her family, forever. "Before we jump into that story, let me tell you about something really amazing we're doing this year—we're going through the entire story of the Bible. One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is to get to know Him. So as we go through the story God is telling, our intention is that we get to know Him better!"

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

COMMUNICATOR: "We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll go through a story in the Bible that's part of the big story God is telling. We'll add that week to our timeline. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"But before we dive into today's story, let's catch up to see what has happened so far in God's Big Story!

"Adam and Eve were the first people God made. God made them to be His close friends! But they sinned, and it pulled them away from God. God wanted them to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! God didn't go away, but people's hearts did. It was so sad. And everyone who was born after Adam and Eve was born with the same problem—they couldn't be close friends with God either.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He started His great rescue plan. And this great rescue was going to come through a family! So God started His great rescue with a man named Abraham. God chose Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. God grew and grew and grew Abraham's family, and they became a whole bunch of people—God's people. Eventually, God's people were enslaved in Egypt. It was so sad and difficult. But then God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to freedom! And Moses did! God set His people free!

"God had a beautiful land picked out for His people—the Promised Land! Once they left Egypt, they were on their way there. But then they chose not to trust Him, and they had to wait 40 long years to enter it. And that's where we are in God's Big Story!

TRUTH

STORYTELLER: "We're journeying right along in the Bible! Our story today comes from the book of Joshua. (HOLD UP BIBLE.)

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

- Begin displaying the “Comic Book Story Panels” in the method you chose. As you tell the story, draw simple comic panels (DRAWING SUGGESTIONS ARE INCLUDED FOR EACH PANEL), show the printed-out panels on posterboard, or show the slides.
- Panel 1: Spies arriving in Jericho
- Draw: City walls of Jericho, two figures—spies—looking sneaky, maybe one figure, Rahab, at a window or door

SLIDE → Spies arriving in Jericho (OPTIONAL)

“After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, God’s people were finally ready to enter the Promised Land. Joshua, their new leader, sent two spies to check out the first big city they had to conquer—Jericho. Jericho was a powerful city with massive walls and it was full of people who were doing evil.

- Panel 2: Rahab hides the spies
- Draw: Spies on a rooftop, Rahab covering them with stalks of flax. Maybe worried faces.

SLIDE → Rahab hides the spies (OPTIONAL)

“The spies snuck into Jericho and went to the house of a woman named Rahab. Her house was actually built into the city wall! But the king of Jericho heard that spies from God’s people were in town, and he sent soldiers to Rahab’s house, demanding she bring them out!

“Rahab had a choice. She could turn the spies over, or she could help them. She had heard about God and His strength, and she wanted to be on His team. So she chose to help. She hid the spies on her roof under piles of flax—flax is a plant used to make linen.

- Panel 3: Rahab misdirects the king’s men
- Draw: Rahab talking to soldiers at her door, pointing away from the house. Soldiers looking confused or heading off.

SLIDE → Rahab misdirects the king’s men (OPTIONAL)

“When the king’s men arrived, Rahab told them:

- Open the Bible to Joshua 2:4-5 (NIRV) and read.

“It’s true that the men came here. But I didn’t know where they had come from. They left at sunset, when it was time to close the city gate. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You might catch up with them.”

- Panel 4: Rahab’s declaration of faith and request
- Draw: Rahab talking to the two spies on the roof. Maybe a speech bubble with a heart or a symbol for God.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

SLIDE → Rahab's declaration of faith and request (OPTIONAL)

"After the soldiers left, Rahab went up to the spies and said something amazing. She told them:

→ **Open the Bible to Joshua 2:9-11 (NIRV) and read.**

"I know that the LORD has given you this land. We are very much afraid of you. Everyone who lives in this country is weak with fear because of you. We've heard how the LORD dried up the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt. . . . When we heard about it, we were terrified. Because of you, we aren't brave anymore. The LORD your God is the God who rules in heaven above and on the earth below."

"Even though she wasn't a member of God's team, a member of God's family, Rahab believed in the power of the one, true God! Then she made a request:

→ **Open the Bible to Joshua 2:12-14 (NIRV) and read.**

"Now then, please give me your word. Promise me in the name of the LORD that you will be kind to my family. I've been kind to you. Promise me that you will spare the lives of my father and mother. Spare my brothers and sisters. Also spare everyone in their families. Promise that you won't put any of us to death.

So the men made a promise to her. "If you save our lives, we'll save yours," they said. "Just don't tell anyone what we're doing. Then we'll be kind and faithful to you when the LORD gives us the land."

→ **Panel 5: The promise and the scarlet rope**

→ **Draw: Spies talking to Rahab. One spy holding or pointing to a red rope. Rahab looks hopeful.**

SLIDE → The promise and the scarlet rope (OPTIONAL)

"The spies agreed, but how would they know which house was hers when the city was being attacked?

"Rahab was going to let the two spies down through her window on a rope to help them escape. So the two spies told Rahab to tie that same scarlet rope in her window so God's army would know to keep her and her family safe. That was the plan!

→ **Panel 6: The escape**

→ **Draw: Rahab lowering the spies down the outside of the city wall with the red rope. The scarlet rope is clearly visible in her window.**

SLIDE → The escape (OPTIONAL)

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"So Rahab let the two spies down by a rope through the window, because her house was part of the city wall. She told the spies to hide in the hills for three days until the king's men gave up looking for them. The spies got away safely and reported back to Joshua.

- **Panel 7: The walls fall and Rahab's rescue**
- **Draw: God's people marching around Jericho, trumpets blowing, walls crumbling DOWN, BUT one section of wall with a window and a scarlet rope REMAINS STANDING. Figures, spies, leading Rahab and her family out.)**

SLIDE → The walls fall (OPTIONAL)

"A little while later, the army of God's people came to Jericho. God gave them a strange battle plan:

- **Open the Bible to Joshua 6:2-5 (NIRV) and read.**

Then the LORD said to Joshua, "I have handed Jericho over to you. I have also handed over to you its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all your fighting men. In fact, do it for six days. Have seven priests get trumpets made out of rams' horns. They must carry them in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. Tell the priests to blow the trumpets as you march. You will hear them blow a long blast on the trumpets. When you do, tell the whole army to give a loud shout. The wall of the city will fall down. Then the whole army will march up to the city. Everyone will go straight in."

"The army of God's people followed God's instructions, and just like God said, the massive walls of Jericho came tumbling down! The spies kept their word too—Rahab and her family were saved. Joshua sent the two spies to bring Rahab and her entire family out safely.

"Rahab took a huge risk. She could have been killed for hiding enemy spies. But she chose to trust in God and had the courage to help these men who were a part of His family. And because of her courage, she and her whole family were saved.

"God saw Rahab's trust in Him! She really wanted to be a part of God's team, a part of God's family. And God did something super-special! Not only did Rahab become a part of God's family, but God made her a part of Jesus' family tree! Because many, many years after Rahab lived, Jesus was born in her family! Rahab is one of Jesus' great-great-great-so-many-greats-grandmothers!

"Rahab's courage to help others in need, fueled by her growing faith in God, had an impact that echoed through generations. Rahab showed us something so important:

SLIDE → Bottom Line

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage to help someone in need."

"Rahab saw people in need—the spies. She knew helping them was risky. But she also recognized something powerful about their God, and she chose to act."

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "Rahab wanted to be on God's team, so when she had a chance to help the spies from His family, God gave her the courage to do it. And that's the same for us!"

"How do we tell the world we're on God's team? By loving people the way Jesus did! Jesus always helped people who needed help. Maybe it's a new kid at school who looks lost and lonely. It takes courage to walk over and say hi. But that's what someone on Jesus' team would do. Maybe it's seeing someone being made fun of. It takes courage to speak up or to go stand with them. But that's what someone on Jesus' team would do. Maybe it's a friend going through a tough time. It takes courage to just sit with them and listen, or to offer help even when you don't know exactly what to do. Helping them, speaking up for them, or just being kind when it's not the popular thing to do—that is showing that you follow Jesus because you're being kind, just like He would be!"

"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. And He will give you the strength to do it! So just do what you feel Him nudging you to do. Jesus' very Spirit will lead you to be kind like He is!"

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

STORYTELLER: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!"

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"In God's Big Story, we're on the path that's after the picture of God working through Moses to part the Red Sea. We're traveling on the path!"

(GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

"This week we talked about Rahab. She had heard that God is strong and powerful, and she wanted to be on His team! Then when it came time to help the spies—people who were on God's team who needed help—she did! God saw her trust in Him! Not only did we learn about Rahab in God's Big Story, but this week we saw how God took care of His family again. Jericho was full of evil, and God's people would need to conquer it to enter the Promised Land. God helped His people because He is good, but also, as we'll see in God's Big Story, because He was bringing His great rescue through this family. By taking care of this family, God was also taking care of us. Even in Rahab's story, God was taking care of us. God made Rahab a great-great-many-times-great grandmother of Jesus, and Jesus would save us all!"

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!"

SLIDE → Week 3 Timeline Image

- If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.

"This week we talked about Rahab."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "As we saw this week, helping someone often involves stepping out of your comfort zone. It might feel a little scary. But when we trust God, like Rahab did, He can give us the courage we need. Trusting God can empower us to act, to be His hands and feet for someone who needs it. And when you do that, you're showing them a glimpse of who God is and how He loves them. God can give you courage to help someone in need."

COMMUNICATOR: "As you head to Small Groups, I want you to really dig into this Conversation Starter!"

SLIDE → Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "When have you needed courage to help someone?"

SLIDE → Theme Background

"Think about those times. What made it hard? What helped you **(OR COULD HELP YOU)** be brave? How can Rahab's story inspire you this week to look for ways to help others, even if it takes a little courage? Let's ask God to help you before you go."

③ Prayer

HOST: "God, thank You for Rahab's example of courage and faith. Thank You that she trusted You, was kind, and helped others. We want to be kind like You are! Teach us how to listen to the nudges of Your Holy Spirit. Show us how You want us to help people, and then give us the courage to act. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ Painter's tape (to mark a "chasm" area on the floor)
- ☐ Several beanbags, soft toys (These are items that will be stranded in the "chasm.")
- ☐ Soft ropes with weighted (but safe) ends—one per team (e.g., beanbag tied to end of a 6-8 feet of rope)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- ☐ Upbeat music as kids play the game

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide
- ☐ "Rescue Rope Toss" Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
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- Use the painter's tape to mark a "chasm" area on the floor with tape that's challenging, but manageable.
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- Create one weighted rope for each team. (e.g., a beanbag securely tied to 6-8 feet of rope)

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Brave" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" from Every Beat

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
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What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

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PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 3 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.es, but can be printed as well.

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- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Theme Transition to Virtue
- ☐ Virtue Transition to Theme

What You Need:

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ There are three ways to tell this story using the seven "Comic Book Story Panels":
- ☐ Drawing the seven "Comic Book Story Panels" using a large easel with a large paper pad
- ☐ Printing out the seven "Comic Book Story Panels" slides and taping the printouts to white poster boards
- ☐ Using the seven "Comic Book Story Panels" as slides only
- ☐ Optional: If drawing the seven "Comic Book Story Panels," you will need a large paper pad and markers.
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Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide
- ☐ *Optional: Panel Drawings (printable)*
- ☐ *Optional: Panel 1-7 Slides*

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- Prepare to tell the story using a series of large, simple "comic book panels" using one of the following options:
 - Drawing live on a large whiteboard or easel pad with markers. (If drawing live, focus on clear, iconic images with minimal text or simple speech bubbles to visually support the narrative. Drawing suggestions for each comic book panel are listed within the text of the script.)
 - Creating seven pre-made panels by printing and taping the seven "Comic Book Story Panels" on poster boards. (The panels are listed as slides, but can be printed as well.)
 - Using the seven "Story Panels" as slides.

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- Dance moves music video for an additional worship song related to the monthly virtue

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WEEK

FOUR

Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God

Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- Opener
- Worship ("Brave" and "Yes I Am")
- Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)
- Conversation Starter
- Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

1. Take a Snapshot
2. Bible Story Extension and Discussion Questions
3. Verses to Take with You
4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- Devotionals for Kids
- Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- [Parent Cue App](#) and [ParentCue.org](#)

✦ Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.



Today's Bible Story

Ruth

Ruth 1

Supporting: Ruth 2-4

Conversation Starter

When is it hard to be brave when you don't know what's next?

Bottom Line

God can give you courage when you don't know what's next.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you"
Psalm 56:3



Inclusive Pro Tips

Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

① Welcome

- **AUDIO:** Play high-energy music as kids enter.
- **SLIDE:** Theme
- **Optional Video:** Theme Loop

→ **Host enters.**

- **Optional Video:** Countdown
- **Optional Video:** Theme Intro
- **Optional Video:** Theme Loop

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [NAME OF ENVIRONMENT]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that happened culturally throughout the week like a big sports game, movie opening, a viral video on YouTube, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

Opener

HOST: "Hey, hey, hey, future world-changers! Welcome to our final week of this courage series! You've been amazing all month long, being 'On the Move' and facing challenges with bravery!"

"Sometimes the biggest move, the bravest step, is the one you take when you have NO idea what's coming next. You just have to make a decision and go for it! That's kind of like our game today—it's the 'Destination Decision Dash!'"

SLIDE: "Destination Decision Dash"

- **Designate four "Destination" spots in the room with the following four signs—"BEACH," "MOUNTAINS," "CITY," "SPACE STATION." (EITHER TAPE THE SIGNS AT A READABLE LEVEL, TAPE THEM TO THE FLOOR, OR PLACE THE "TENT" SIGNS AT THE DESIGNATED AREAS.)**

"Alright, everyone! Listen up! I'm going to call out different travel scenarios or needs. Your job is to quickly decide which of these amazing destinations (POINT TO FOUR SIGNS AS YOU NAME EACH ONE)—either the beach, mountains, city, or space station—best fits that scenario, and DASH to that spot!"

"There might not be one perfect answer, so go with your gut! Last one to a spot or the one who looks totally confused might be out . . . just kidding! Or am I? Let's just have some fun with it! "First scenario: You suddenly have a free weekend, and you want to relax and enjoy the sunshine! Where do you go? GO! (PAUSE WHILE KIDS GO TO THE AREAS THEY CHOSE. INVITE VOLUNTEERS WHO WANT TO SHARE THEIR REASONING FOR

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

Worship

WHY THEY CHOSE THE DESTINATION THEY DID!

- Call out scenarios like: "You want an epic adventure with amazing views!" "You only packed hiking boots!" "You want to see a million stars!" "You want to see some tall structures!" "You want to put your feet in something squishy!" Give them a few seconds to dash to a spot. Call a few rounds with different, fun scenarios.
- AUDIO: Play high-energy music

"Nice dashing, everyone! It's not always easy to make a quick decision when you don't have all the info, is it? But sometimes, you just have to trust your instincts and take that step into the unknown.

"Our Bible Story today is about a woman who had to make a HUGE decision about her destination, with a future that was totally uncertain. But first, let's worship the God who is with us no matter which path we take!"

② Worship

- Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It's SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. That's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!

- AUDIO: "Brave" / track 7 from Everything to Me
- Optional Video: "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

"Awesome! Let's say our Memory Verse together. It's Psalm 56:3.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "When I'm afraid. I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Trusting God! That's key. When we trust God, we can have confidence no matter what others say or do, because we know who God is and what He says about us. He is faithful, He is powerful, He is good! And we are His child—a child of a Father who loves us!

- AUDIO: "Yes I Am" / track from Ready, Set, Move!
- Optional Video: "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) or Live Lyrics Video

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Worship

"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!"

③ Bible Story (Communicator Script)

- **SLIDE: Theme Background**
- **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit.**
- **Communicator enters as Worship Leaders exit. Has a backpack and a few symbolic items to potentially put in it—e.g., a small photo frame, a comforting small toy, a snack, a small Bible or cross. These are more for illustration than direct story props.**

INTRODUCTION

COMMUNICATOR: "Hey, guys! What a great month it's been talking about courage. Today, we're looking at what it means to be brave when the future is a total blur—when you just don't know what's next.

TENSION

COMMUNICATOR: "Imagine this: **(HOLDS UP BACKPACK.)** You have to pack this bag right now for a long, important journey. But here's the catch: you don't know where you're going, you don't know how long you'll be gone, and you have no idea what kind of challenges you'll face when you get there. You can only pick ONE or TWO essential things to put in this bag. What would you absolutely HAVE to pack?

- **Pause, look at the preteens thoughtfully. Invite any volunteers who want to share any quick answers, like: "Food!" "My phone!" "My teddy bear!"**

"It's tough, isn't it? When the future is a big question mark, it's hard to know what you'll need, what to prepare for. It makes making decisions really difficult. That's exactly the question for today. When is it hard to be brave when you don't know what's next?

"Think about that. Those times when everything feels uncertain. The person we'll read about in the Bible today, a woman named Ruth, faced a future that was about as uncertain as it gets. She basically had to pack her 'bag' with only loyalty and faith, and step into a completely unknown future.

"Before we jump into that story, let me tell you about something really amazing we're doing this year—we're going through the entire story of the Bible. One of the reasons God gave us the Bible is to get to know Him. So as we go through the story God is telling, our intention is that we get to know Him better!

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GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

COMMUNICATOR: "We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll go through a story in the Bible that's part of the big story God is telling. We'll add that week to our timeline. (GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"But before we dive into today's story, let's catch up to see what has happened so far in God's Big Story!

"Adam and Eve were the first people God made. God made them to be His close friends! But they sinned, and it pulled them away from God. God wanted them to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! God didn't go away, but people's hearts did. It was so sad. And everyone who was born after Adam and Eve was born with the same problem—they couldn't be close friends with God either.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He started His great rescue plan. And this great rescue was going to come through a family! So God started His great rescue with a man named Abraham. God chose Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. God grew and grew and grew Abraham's family, and they became a whole bunch of people—God's people. Eventually, God's people were enslaved in Egypt. It was so sad and difficult. But then God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to freedom. God had brought His people to freedom!

"God had a beautiful land picked out for His people—the Promised Land! While they were on their way there, they chose not to trust God. It hurt Him so deeply. So they had to wait 40 long years to enter it. But after 40 long years, they did! In order to settle in the Promised Land, they had to get the evil people who were living there out! And they did.

"God's people were settled in the Promised Land! And that's where we are in God's Big Story."

TRUTH

COMMUNICATOR: "We're journeying right along in the Bible! Our story today comes from the book of Ruth. (HOLD UP BIBLE.)

"Our story starts a long, long time ago, when God's people were in the Promised Land, but they were ruled by a special set of people called 'judges.' During this time, there was a terrible famine in Bethlehem, so a man named Elimelek, his wife Naomi, and their two sons moved to a foreign country called Moab to find food.

"Tragedy struck. First, Naomi's husband, Elimelek, died. Then, her two sons married Moabite women—Orpah and Ruth. But after about ten

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years, both of Naomi's sons also died.

"Imagine Naomi. She was in a foreign land, her husband was gone, and both her sons were gone. All she had left were her two Moabite daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. She heard the famine was over back in her hometown of Bethlehem. So, she decided to go back.

"Now, if you were Naomi, what would you be feeling?

→ **Allow brief, shouted-out feelings: sad, lonely, hopeless.**

"Naomi started the journey back to Bethlehem, and Orpah and Ruth went with her.

"But after a little while on the road, Naomi stopped. She turned to Orpah and Ruth and said:

→ **Open the Bible to Ruth 1:8-9 (NIRV) and read.**

"Both of you go back. Each of you go to your own mother's home. You were kind to your husbands, who have died. You have also been kind to me. So may the LORD be just as kind to you. May the LORD help each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

"She kissed them goodbye, and they all wept.

"Okay, pause. If you are Orpah or Ruth, what are your options here?

- **A) Go back to your own family and people in Moab, where you might find a new husband and a familiar life? Or?**
- **B) Stick with Naomi, your aging mother-in-law, who has nothing, and go with her to a foreign land where you'll be the outsider?**

"What seems like the easier, safer choice?"

→ **Likely the kids' answers will be "A."**

"Orpah, after more tears and encouragement from Naomi, kissed her goodbye and started back to Moab. That was a hard choice too.

"But Ruth clung to Naomi. Naomi said:

→ **Open the Bible to Ruth 1:15 (NIRV) and read.**

"Look . . . your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

"Now, if you are Ruth, what do you do? Everyone would understand if you went back. What would YOU choose?

→ **Pause for effect.**

"Listen to what Ruth said to Naomi:

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→ **Open the Bible to Ruth 1:16-17 (NIRV) and read.**

"Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God. Where you die I'll die. And there my body will be buried. I won't let even death separate you from me."

"Wow! What an incredible promise of loyalty! Ruth chose the unknown, uncertain path with Naomi, trusting in Naomi's God.

"So, Ruth traveled with Naomi all the way to Bethlehem. When they arrived, the whole town was buzzing. Naomi was bitter from her loss, but Ruth, even as a foreigner in a new land with no idea what's next, decided to act.

"It was harvest time. Ruth said to Naomi:

→ **Open the Bible to Ruth 2:2 (NIRV) and read.**

"Let me go out to the fields. I'll pick up grain that has been left. I'll do it behind anyone who is pleased with me."

"This was a provision in God's law for the poor—the farmers were charged to leave some grain behind when they were harvesting for the poor to pick up. Picking up grain was hard work, and maybe a little humbling.

"If you were Ruth, a stranger in a new town, would you have the courage to go out into a stranger's field and ask to pick up scraps? What if people were unkind? What if no one let you? What are some ways you think Ruth might have felt?

→ **Take some brief responses from the kids.**

"Even though Ruth was a complete stranger in this new town, Ruth got up courage and went to pick up grain. And as it happened, she ended up in a field belonging to a good man named Boaz, who was actually a relative of Naomi's late husband. Ruth worked hard and picked grain, hardly taking any breaks to rest.

"If you were kind like Boaz, what things would you do to help the poor woman who was working so hard in your fields for your relative Naomi?

→ **Take some brief responses from the kids.**

"Boaz noticed Ruth's hard work, her kindness, and her loyalty to Naomi. He did everything he could to make sure that she got as much grain as she could. Boaz made sure Ruth was safe, and treated well—he even fed her and made sure she knew where to get water.

"To make a longer story short, Boaz, seeing Ruth's incredible character and courage, stepped up to help her even more. He acted as what the Bible tells us was a 'kinsman-redeemer'—a special family helper. He married Ruth! Their future, which looked so bleak, started to look bright.

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"Ruth stepped out to follow God, that's all she knew, and God took care of her every need!"

"And God was so impressed with Ruth's trust in Him. Look what God did! Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed, who was the father of Jesse, who was the father of King David! Ruth became a great-grandmother to Israel's greatest king. And even more incredibly, years and years after King David, the King of all Kings was born—Jesus! God wrote Ruth into the family line of Jesus!"

"Ruth chose to trust God, and He was so honored by the courageous steps she took following Him into the unknown that He wrote her into His big story of rescue for the whole world."

"Ruth showed us something so important!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when you don't know what's next."

"Ruth had no guarantees. She didn't know if she'd find food, or acceptance, or a future in Bethlehem. But she chose to trust God, to be loyal, and to act. And God honored it all."

APPLICATION

COMMUNICATOR: "There will be times in your life—maybe you're facing one right now—where you just don't know what's next. Maybe it's moving to a new school, or your family is going through a big change, or you're trying something new that feels way out of your comfort zone. The future can feel like a giant, blank map."

"But we don't face these things all by ourselves. When we follow Jesus, God Himself moves inside of us through His Holy Spirit. He is closer than close! So He goes with us every step of our lives. He is the strongest, and biggest, and most powerful, and He is always working for good. When we trust and believe that He goes with us, He can give us the courage to face what's in front of us when we don't know what's next. He goes with us in everything and that can help us be brave!"

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

"Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!"

SLIDE: God's Big Story

"In God's Big Story, we're on the path getting closer to this picture of King David! Ruth was King David's great-grandmother! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)"

"This week we talked about Ruth. She left everything that she knew—her home, her family, everything she had been familiar with—because she wanted not only wanted to still be a part of Naomi's family, but also part of God's. God was so honored by her choice of Him and her trust in Him. God took care of everything she needed, and He did something even

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more special—He made Ruth a part of Jesus' family tree! Because as we'll see in God's Big Story, God was taking care of this family—patiently, tenderly, faithfully, over years and years. And as He took care of this family tree, He was taking care of us. Because our Savior Jesus was going to come from this family tree. And Jesus would rescue us all!

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!"

SLIDE: Week 4 Timeline Image

→ **If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.**

"This week we talked about Ruth."

LANDING

COMMUNICATOR: "When we think about Ruth, we can remember that even if we don't know what's next, we're never going alone. God goes with us every step of the way. When we believe that He is the strongest, the biggest, and the kindest, and He is with us, He will give us courage to do whatever it is that's in front of us!"

"As you head to your Small Groups for the last time this month, really think about this Conversation Starter:

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[CONVERSATION STARTER] "When is it hard to be brave when you don't know what's next?"

"What makes uncertainty so challenging? How can Ruth's story encourage you to trust God more when you're facing the unknown? Talk about it with your group. Let's pray."

③ Prayer

HOST: "God, thank You for Rahab's example of courage and faith. Thank You that she trusted You, was kind, and helped others. We want to be kind like You are! Teach us how to listen to the nudges of Your Holy Spirit. Show us how You want us to help people, and then give us the courage to act. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Welcome/Opener

What You Need

- ☐ Host
- ☐ 1-2 pieces of poster board (depending on the way you choose to make the signs)
- ☐ Clear masking tape, one roll per Large Group
- ☐ Thick, permanent marker
- ☐ Scissors

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
- ☐ Upbeat music as kids play the game

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Memory Verse Slide
- ☐ "Destination Decision Dash" Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Countdown
- ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music and/or sound effects on an authorized basis from a resource such as Apple Music®, Amazon Music®, and/or a sound effect library and have it ready to play. Or, if you choose to stream music, refer to the terms and conditions of your streaming service. Note that you will likely need a commercial license in order to stream music publicly. Also confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform music and sound effects in your kids' environments, such as a blanket PERFORMmusic™ license from CCS. Note: Legally a song and/or sound effect belongs to the songwriter/composer who created it and the publisher who markets it. Performance rights organizations (PROs) license public performances (live or recorded) of their members' music. PROs in the U.S. are ASCAP, BMI, and SESAC. It is up to you to make sure your church has permission to perform or play a recording of a song and/or sound effect.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Cut one piece of poster board into fourths. Write one destination on each sign: "BEACH," "MOUNTAINS," "CITY," "SPACE STATION."
- Optional: Cut two pieces of poster board in half, and fold each half in half to make tent signs. Write one destination on each tent sign: "BEACH," "MOUNTAINS," "CITY," "SPACE STATION."
- Tape the signs to the floor or to the wall. (Or place the tent signs in the designated areas.)

PLANNING

Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

- ☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ "Brave" from Everything to Me
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" from Every Beat

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- ☐ "You Are My Hope" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

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PLANNING

Getting Ready: Bible Story

What You Need

- ☐ Communicator
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ *Optional: A few symbolic items for backpack illustration (photo frame, small comforting toy, snack, small Bible/cross)*

Music and Sound Effects

- ☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

Large Group Visuals

- ☐ Theme Background Slide
- ☐ Conversation Starter Slide
- ☐ Theme Slide
- ☐ Bottom Line Slide

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- ☐ Theme Transition to Virtue
- ☐ Virtue Transition to Theme

What You Do:

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
 - ☐ God's Big Story Slide
 - ☐ Week 4 Timeline Image Slide
 - ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A [God's Big Story poster](#) is available as well in the Orange Store.
- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).

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→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAM-inspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

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