

CITY SG – April 16th/17th (Daring Faith Week 3)

Theme: Dare to OBEY

Bible Story: Joshua and the Israelites cross the Jordan River – *Joshua 3,4*

Bottom Line: In order for me to have Daring Faith, I need to obey what God asks me to do.

Memory Verse: “Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave.” 1 Corinthians 16:13
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Crossing the River Review Game

What You Need: a towel (one per bin), a large number of sponges cut in half to be “rocks”, masking tape

What You Do:

Divide the kids in two teams. Have them line up behind a starting line made with tape. Place the rocks (sponges) in a pile and cover them up with a towel. Place an ending line a distance away from the towel.

What You Say:

“In today’s Bible story the Israelites had to cross a River. We are going to cross the river like the Israelites. The “river”, which is the towel, will part when I say go. I want one person from each team to run across the river and pick up a “rock”, which is actually a sponge, on your way. Run down to the other end and place your rock on the other taped line. Run back and tag the next person in line that will do the same thing. After a minute the river will flow back, so I will put the towel over the rocks. Whichever team builds the tallest tower of rocks before the river flows back wins.

Ask review questions after you play a few times:

- In today’s Bible story what did God ask Joshua and the Israelites to do? (Cross the river)
- What was the name of the river that was between Joshua and the land that God had promised? (The Jordan River)
- How did they get across the river? (God caused the river to stop flowing)
- Today we learned that we should Dare to _____? (Trust)
- Our main point for today is “In order to have Daring Faith, I need to _____ what God asks me to do? (obey)

What God Can Do

What You Need: What God Can Do activity page (one per kid), pens

What You Do:

Hand each child a “What God Can Do” sheet and a pen. Read below, the list of things that God did in the Bible and have the kids write or draw some of these things on their “stone.” Talk about the things God did as you read them.

What You Say:

Many times when God did something amazing, the Israelites would use a stone to remember what God did. Sometimes they would build a building, or a wall, or an altar, or carve words in a rock to remember what God did. I will read this list of things that God did in the bible and you can write or draw them on your stone. Feel free to include others you think of.

- God stopped the sun in the sky
- God created the world
- God parted the sea
- God created each person
- God flooded the earth
- God saved Daniel from the lions
- God saved 3 men from a fiery furnace

"Whenever God asks us to do something, we should remember that he is powerful enough to help us do it. God may ask you to do something hard, like telling your friends and family about Jesus, or standing up for God at school. God wants you to obey what he asks us to do, but he will always help us to what he asks us to do! Just like our main point says today, In order to have daring Faith, I need to obey what God asks me to do!"

Bombardment Memory Verse Game

What You Need: sponges from above activity, tape, memory verse rocks (2 sets per bin)

What You Do:

The kids will play a game of Bombardment! Have the children form two teams and give each team a set of memory verse rocks. Put a line of tape down the middle of the two teams and put the pile of "rocks" (sponges) on the line in the middle of the teams. When you say, "go" the kids will throw the sponges onto the other side's team. When you call time (maybe 30 seconds?), the team with the fewest rocks on their side will get to uncover a rock with a word from the memory verse on it. The first team to uncover the whole verse wins.

Pray

What You Say:

"God, thank you for being there to help me do the things you ask me to do. Please give me the courage and the strength to obey you. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, amen."

Encourage the kids to fill out the page for WEEK 3 in their Daring Faith booklet at home this week. Remind them that they will earn a jewel when they bring it back. If they earn all 5 jewels, they will win a pass to go to a water park!

***Extra time activity:** If you have extra time to kill, practice "obeying" by playing a game of Simon Says. OR "Your Small group leader says☺"