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CRAFT Week 1

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse Page, Dot Markers, Super Hero Stickers, Super

Hero Stampers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Pass out Memory Verse Page.

- "Friends Today we started a brand new memory verse that comes from the book of Deuteronomy. It is all about how God helps us to be brave! I am going to say it a little bit at a time and you can repeat after me.
- O Be strong (put right forearm and wrist out in front of you, similar to Wonder Woman) and courageous! (Put left forearm and wrist out in front of you and hit wrists together.) Do not be afraid . . . (wind up in a crazy karate chop pose and chop down on the word "afraid"), for the LORD (point your right hand up) your God (point your left hand up) goes with you (put both hands on hips in a "strong" pose), Deuteronomy 31:6. (Hold out hands like a book.)"

⇒ Pass out dot markers, Super Hero stampers, and Super Hero stickers sheet.

 Today we are going to make our super memory verse look super awesome! I have dot markers for you to dot with, super stampers for you to stamp with, and super hero stickers for you to use. I can't wait to see your creation!

⇒ Finish craft and Bring it Back to Jesus.

- Wow! Your memory verse pages look super! You can bring these home and hang them up somewhere special so you can look at them and practice all month long!
- Let's try our memory verse together one more time!
- Be strong (put right forearm and wrist out in front of you, similar to Wonder Woman) and courageous! (Put left forearm and wrist out in front of you and hit wrists together.) Do not be afraid . . . (wind up in a crazy karate chop pose and chop down on the word "afraid"), for the LORD (point your right hand up) your God (point your left hand up) goes with you (put both hands on hips in a "strong" pose), Deuteronomy 31:6. (Hold out hands like a book.)"

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"CRAFT" Week 2 Super Hero Masks

SUPPLIES: Super Hero Masks, Markers

- ⇒ Pass out Super Hero masks.
 - "Look at these amazing Super Hero masks! Today we are going to create our own masks and when you wear them you will look like a real SUPER KID!
- ⇒ Pass out markers.
 - Let's decorate these super masks in a super awesome way. Color yours in any way you want!
- ⇒ Help children secure the mask on their faces. If you choose, they can leave them on for the class.
- ⇒ Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - "Wait! What happened to all the kids in my class? You came here just like regular kids and now you are SUPER KIDS!
 - Every time you wear this mask I want to think about how God made you a Super Kid. He can help you to be brave!
 - Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!

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ACTIVITY #1 Sink or Float

SUPPLIES: Bin filled with water, items that will either sink or float

- ⇒ Gather children around you on the floor with the water and the items.
 - "Boys and girls today we heard a story about Miriam. God gave her a big job to do! Her mama had to protect her baby brother by putting him in a basket on the river. Do you think that basket floated or sank? It floated! God protected baby Moses just like he protects us!"
- ⇒ Pick up your first item.
 - o "I have a bunch of items here and I thought we could see which ones sink and which ones float. Can you help me?
 - o How about this! [hold up first item] Does this sink or float?
 - [drop item in]
- \Rightarrow Repeat with all items.
- ⇒ Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - Nice job, everybody! You did a great job figuring out which things would sink and which would float.
 - In our story God kept baby Moses afloat and he helped Miriam to be brave and keep her brother safe! And God can help YOU be brave, too!
 - o Who can help you be brave?
 - o God can help me be brave!

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ACTIVITY #2 BRAVE Bean Bag Toss

SUPPLIES: B-R-A-V-E pages, floor tape, bean bags

SET-UP: Tape the letter pages down on the floor. Then create a tape line

on the floor a few feet away for children to stand on.

- ⇒ Gather children on the line across from the BRAVE letters. Have them sit down to help keep their bodies still during the game.
 - "Hey, friends! Come over here! Look at this word on the floor! Do you know what it spells? BRAVE!
 - o Today we learned that God can help us to be brave!
- ⇒ Demonstrate taking one beanbag and gently tossing it to try to land on one of the letters.
 - "Here's how our game will work! Each person will get a chance to toss the bean bags gently to try to land on any of the letters. If you hit one of the letters, we are all going to stand up and say the memory verse together with motions!"
- ⇒ Have all kids join you in saying the memory verse after each child's turn.
 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the Lord your God goes with you. Deuteronomy 31:6"
- ⇒ Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - "Friends! Great job tossing those beanbags. I am so glad that God helps us to be BRAVE and strong and courageous!
 - Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!"

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ACTIVITY #3 Seek and Find Super Ducks

SUPPLIES: Super Ducks

- ⇒ Scatter or hide the super ducks around the room. Hold one duck up.
 - "Boys and Girls, I have something very silly in my hands. Do you know what it is? It's a super duck! This Super Duck is kind of like a Super Kid! God can help him be brave!
 - I have hidden little super ducks all over this classroom and I want you to find them and bring them back to me! Are you ready? Let's go!"
- ⇒ Have children collect all the super ducks.
 - o "Great work, everybody! You found all the ducks.
 - o These ducks are so brave, just like you!
 - o Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!
- ⇒ Let the children play as long as they are interested. Continue conversation while they play.
 - "What did you find? How many gold pieces did you get? Did you know what's better than all of this treasure? The Bible!
 - Remember! The Bible is the best treasure of all! The bible is better than gold!
- ⇒ Finish up the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.
 - It was so much fun looking for those Super Ducks. But you know who
 is even more super than a Super Duck? You are! Even though you
 are kids, God can help you be BRAVE!
 - Who can help you be brave? God can help me be brave!

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

RECAP

Use the 3 Story Cards (Baby Moses, Miriam, the Egyptian Princess) provided to recap the bible story. Emphasize that Miriam was just a kid, but God helped her to be brave and do a BIG job! God can help us be brave and do big jobs, too!

REVIEW (This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)

- ⇒Key Question and Bottom Line
 - O Who can help you be brave?
 - o God can help me be brave!
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid...for the LORD your God goes with you." Deuteronomy 31:6
- ⇒ Basic Truth
 - o God loves me
- ⇒Connect it!
 - "Today we heard a true story about a girl named Miriam. She had a big job to do and God helped her to be brave! We are going to make a list of jobs we think are really BIG. Think of the biggest jobs you can think of. Maybe cleaning your entire bedroom by yourself is a really big job? When I say your name I want you to tell me a REALLY big job that God can help you with!

PRAY

"Dear God, thank You for Miriam's story. She was so brave and trusted You to help her do a really big job. We want to be brave and trust You to help us do big jobs, too! We know there is no job too big for You to help us with. It can be big jobs like (read the list the children made), and You can help us do it. Thank You for helping us, God. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."