

City LG - October 26-27, 2019

Bible Story: The Stand (Twelve Men Check Out the Land of Canaan) • *Numbers 13–14*

Bottom Line: You can do what you should, even when others are afraid.

Memory Verse: *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NIRV)

NOTE: You will lead a Large Group Game, described in detail at the end of this script, as children head into Small Groups.

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “Fireblazin” and “Look to You”

(Worship Leader prays)

(Hold up Bible.) “This month, we’ve looked at some really amazing stories of how God sent Moses to lead His people to freedom.

“You see, God’s people, the Israelites, had been living as slaves in Egypt. But God had a good plan to bring them out of Egypt—to a new land where they could be free. God sent Moses to tell Pharaoh to let His people go. And eventually, Pharaoh agreed.

“Pharaoh changed his mind and came after God’s people, but God saved them by dividing the waters of the Red Sea. That way the Israelites could walk through the sea on dry ground.

“Now Moses had led God’s people across the desert—all the way to the land God had promised them. They had been through so much, but God had been with them through it all. Now God had brought them right to the edge of their new home!

“It seems like this would be the easy part—going in and settling in the new land. But the problem was there were already people living there.”

“God told Moses to send some men to check out the land of Canaan—12 men, to be exact. There was one man from each tribe of Israel. Let’s see what happens next in this week’s Bible Story! Take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)

“Just as God had said, none of the Israelites who had given into fear were able to go into the land. In the end, it was their children—along with Joshua and Caleb—who would enter the land God had promised. Joshua and Caleb had a lot of courage. It’s tough to stand up for what’s right when other people don’t want to. It’s tough to be brave when others are afraid to do what’s right. But Joshua and Caleb knew something important...

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should, even when others are afraid.

“Let’s pray and ask God to give us that kind of courage.”

Pray: “Dear God, thank You for giving Joshua and Caleb the courage to trust you—even when others were afraid. Please help us to trust You like they did. Help us to do what we know we SHOULD do, even if the people around us don’t want to. Please give us the courage to always do what’s right. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“It isn’t easy being the only one to show courage. But when you do, something really cool happens. You can give others the courage to do what’s right, too!

“Joshua and Caleb were the only ones who weren’t afraid to enter the land God had promised. Their choice wasn’t the popular choice, but they didn’t let that stop them. They were courageous because they knew it was the right thing to do.

“And they weren’t the only brave people that we can read about in the Bible. Think about how courageous Jesus was! He loved people who other people had forgotten. He forgave people who had done wrong things. He chose to die on the cross for us, and nothing could stand in His way! We can follow the example Jesus gave us. We can have courage with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives inside every person who believes.

“Remember this...

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should, even when others are afraid.

“So, let’s all stand up for what’s right! When your friends are talking bad about someone behind their back, or if they’re trying to convince you to do something you know you shouldn’t do, speak up . . . or walk away. Ask an adult for help. Have the courage to do what’s right, even if it means you have to go against the crowd. That isn’t always easy, but you can do it with God’s help! And remember, you can set an example for others when you show courage. It’s almost time for you to head to Small Group, but before you go, let’s worship God with our offering!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya and is part of a really great place called Mission of Hope International!”

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

GAME: Laser Maze

What You Need: Prepared laser maze(s) on the floor (*made of carpet tape and red crepe paper*)

What You Do:

- Challenge the kids to pretend they’re spies trying to sneak into a secure space and move through the maze without “setting off the alarm” (*walk through it without stepping on the crepe paper*.)
- If you want (and if you think your kids can handle it), a Small Group Leader can act as the alarm and make a hilarious noise whenever a kid touches the crepe paper.