

CITY SG September 13 - 14, 2025

Bible Story: Joshua and the Spies • *Numbers 13–14*

Bottom Line: God can give you courage when others are afraid.

Monthly Memory Verse: *When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you.* Psalm 56:3 (NirV)

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: nothing

What You Do:

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

Item Suggestions:

- Red: roses, watermelon, a stop sign, a bird, a firetruck, a lobster, a heart
- Green: an apple, a grape, a lime, a plant, broccoli, an avocado, a tractor, a frog, a leaf, money
- Yellow: a banana, corn, a bumblebee, a sun, a lemon, cheese, a rubber duckie, a baby chick
- Orange: a pumpkin, a basketball, a goldfish, a peach, a tiger, a carrot, a fox
- Blue: a bird, the ocean, eyes, peacocks, a shark, jeans, blueberries
- Purple: an eggplant, an octopus, a plum, cabbage, an iris, grapes, grape jelly
- Say, **In today's true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about some really brave spies. They weren't brave because they were the strongest, but because they knew God was with them. He is the strongest!**

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Eye Spies Recap

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Story Review" Activity Page (one per group), index cards, markers

What You Do:

- Divide the kids into teams of 3-4.
- Give each team two index cards and a marker.
- Instruct them to write large letters on the index cards:
 - Card 1: “A” on one side, “B” on the other
 - Card 2: “C” on one side, “D” on the other
- Say, “Here’s how we’ll play: I’ll read a question about the Bible Story with four possible answers (A, B, C, or D). Each team will have 15 seconds to quickly discuss and choose an answer together. When the time is up, your team is to hold up the card with the letter of your chosen answer!”
- One by one, read the questions and choices out loud from the “Story Review” Activity Page.
- Award points for correct answers and celebrate teamwork!
- Say, ““God was with Joshua and Caleb, and He is also with you. When you choose to follow Jesus, He gives you a helper, the Holy Spirit, who lives in you. So, you are never alone, and you don’t have to work up courage on your own.

2. Courage or No Courage

Application Activity

What You Need: Floor tape

What You Do:

- Use floor tape to mark a line down the center of the floor somewhere near your area.
- On one side of the line, tape a big checkmark. (*This means, “Yes, that’s courage!”*)
- On the other side, tape a big “X.” (*This means: “Nope, not courageous.”*)
- Explain how to play:
 - You will read a scenario aloud to the group.
 - If someone thinks the kid is showing courage, they are to jump to the checkmark side.
 - If someone thinks the kid is not showing courage, they are to jump to the “X” side.
- Read each scenario twice before allowing the kids to respond.
- After each one, ask for someone to share why or why they are not showing courage.
- Continue in this way until all scenarios have been read.

Scenarios:

- “Your friend dares you to walk along the top of the playground equipment. It’s not safe. She says you’re afraid, but you ignore her.”
- “A kid sees someone getting picked on at lunch . . . and doesn’t do anything to help.”
- “You find a cool purple pencil on the floor. Later, someone says they lost theirs, and you give it back, even though you’re anxious.”
- “You don’t want to go to P.E./gym because it’s new and scary, so you tell your grown-up you won’t try it.”
- “You’re nervous to play piano at your recital, but you still do it, and it goes great!”
- “Your friends are being silly when the teacher leaves the room. But you stay quiet and keep reading like the teacher asked.”
- “You’re at the pool. Your grown-up is in the pool, ready to catch you. It’s a big jump, but you go for it!”
- “You forgot to bring back a book you borrowed. You tell the teacher the truth and apologize.”

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

3. Puzzle Race

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, and “Verse Pieces” Activity Page (3 sets per service)

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
 - *When I’m afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3 (NIV)*
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Review the verse with these motions.
 - *When I’m afraid, (Make a frightened face.)*
 - *I put my trust (Cup hands together.)*
 - *in you. (Point both fingers to the sky.)*
 - *Psalm 56:3 (Hold hands like an open Bible.)*
- Divide the kids into two-three teams.
- Give each team a mixed-up set of puzzle pieces from the “Verse Pieces” Activity Page.
- Say, “When I say ‘Go!’, your team is to race to put the puzzle together. Once the verse is in order, recite it out loud as a team.”

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*
- “Dear God, thank You for each of my friends here today. *(Name each kid in your group and pray a sentence prayer for each one as the Holy Spirit leads you.)* Fill us with courage! You, God, are bigger than anything we face! That means You are bigger than any fear. Help us believe that You are the biggest! Give us courage to do and say what’s right and stand up for what You would even when other people are afraid. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to share this month’s Memory Verse, Psalm 56:3, and why it matters!