

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
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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-cancelling 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.**)

Preteen

Large Group

September — Week 1

25 MINUTES

Story

10 MINUTES

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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"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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"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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Large Group

September — Week 1

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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.
- 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
©2000 Good Music Co.
CCLI License # 0000
- Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- Visit the Orange Store for Music Scope and Cycle purchases. Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

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 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.

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- Theme Loop
- Virtue Transition to Theme

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

What You Do:

- 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 in your media files and APlay.

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 transitions
→ Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)

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