



Who Can Help You Be Brave?

God Can Help Me Be Brave!

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide

Week 1 • October 4/5/6

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

10 minutes



PRO TIP

This series does a great job letting kids know the amazing things God can do! While they may be hearing and talking about brave superheroes, remind them that God is real and the incredible things he can help us do are real!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *Would you rather have to eat chocolate every day for the rest of your life? Or have to eat pizza every day for the rest of your life?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Our true story from the Bible begins with a beautiful queen named Esther. Esther was a part of God's people, and God helped her to be brave even when something was really scary. Let's hear what happened!*

Read:

- The Brave Queen: Page 240

Review:

- *Wow! Esther prayed, and God helped her be brave. And do you know what? You can pray, and God can help you be brave too!*

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, Thank you for hearing us when we pray to you. Help us remember that we can talk to you when we have hard things to do, and you will help us be brave. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Foam Crown and Snowballs.

Say: *Today we are going to play a game of catch - with a twist! You're going to toss these balls towards me, and I'm going to catch them through the crown! We are using a crown, just like Esther was a queen and she wore a crown!*

Hold the crown and allow the kids to throw the snowballs into the crown. Then give each kid a turn holding the crown and being the catcher while the other kids throw the snowballs.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- Who did Esther help?
- Who helped Esther be brave?
- Do you think it's easy to be brave all the time?
- With God's help - what's one way you can be brave this week?

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TAKE HOME

Cowboy Hat (1 per kid, upon entering the environment)

Cowboy/Horse Rubber Duck (1 per kid, at exit doors)

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PRO TIP

Routine is everything for young kids! Help remind kids of what they can expect by sharing and repeating the routines. Say, "First we play, then we sit in our group", or "Next we have Small Group, then our grown ups pick us up". This helps kids to feel safe and comfortable in their environment!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *Would you rather be as big as an elephant or as small as a Lego?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Today we are learning all about David and Goliath. David was a small shepherd boy, and Goliath was a big giant! Let's see how God helped David be brave even when things were scary!*

Read:

- David and Goliath: Page 173

Review:

- *Wow! God helped David be brave even when he was fighting Goliath. God can help you be brave, too!*

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, no one is bigger or more powerful than you! Thank you for being with us and helping us be brave. You're the best, God. We love you! In Jesus' name. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Butcher Block Paper. Use one piece per kid. Lay it on the floor and have the kid lay on the paper. Using a Crayon, trace the outline of each kid. Lay the papers next to each other and compare how tall each person is. Allow the kids to color in their outline.

Say: *Let's see how tall everyone is! Even though you all are super tall - Goliath was even taller! Goliath was taller than David, but David still beat him! God helped David to be brave!*



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- What did David use to fight Goliath?
- Was David scared?
- Can God help you when you feel scared?
- What's one thing you can do when you feel afraid?

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Encourage kids to share the bottom line with their grown-ups at pickup!

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PRO TIP

There may be times you will need to correct a kid's behavior. Whenever possible, reinforce the positive things they are doing. Saying things like "I love how your hands are to yourself" or "Wow! You are coloring your activity sheet beautifully" draws attention to the things we want kids to be doing!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: Would you rather be super strong or super fast?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Gideon was scared to do what was right. But God helped him to be brave! Let's see what happens in this true story from the Bible.

Read:

- Gideon's Battle: Page 140

Review:

- God helped Gideon and his friends win the battle. Even though it was scary, God helped Gideon be brave!

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, I love how you helped Gideon be brave so he could lead your army. Wow! Please help me and all my friends be brave when we are afraid, because we know that you are always with us. You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Give each kid a piece of Brown Construction Paper and a piece of Orange Tissue Paper.

Say: *We are making torches, just like Gideon and his army had when they defeated the Midianites! Gideon was brave because God was with him. God can help you be brave, too!*

Use tape to secure the construction paper into a cone. Crumble up the tissue paper and stuff it into the top of the cone.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- Was Gideon brave at first or afraid?
- Did Gideon have a big army?
- Can God use you even if you're afraid?

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TAKE HOME

Gideon's Torch

- We made a torch just like Gideon and his friends had! This will remind us that God can help us to be brave!

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Week 4 • October 25/26/27

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PRO TIP

Fall means cooler weather, pumpkins, and early sunsets! This can also mean kids who are adjusting to a new bedtime routine. At drop off and pick up, encourage parents and let them know they are doing a great job getting their kids to church!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *Would you rather go to the beach or the park?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today we are talking about how God can help us to be brave!

Read:

- Look through your Bible and find pictures of people being brave. Talk about what they are doing and how you know they are being brave.

Review:

- Review the Memory Verse and Bottom Line.

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you so much for how great and powerful you are. Thank you that you love us and help us. Thank you for helping us to be brave even when things are scary! Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Super Kid Mask Activity Page and have the kids color it.

Say: *Just like superheroes are brave, we can be brave, too! God helps us to be brave!*



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *Have you been afraid before?*
- *How did God help you?*
- *What's something you can do this week to be brave with God's help?*

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TAKE HOME

Super Kid Mask Activity Page

- *Take your Super Kid Mask home and cut it out. This reminds us to be brave, and God can help us be brave!*

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