



Who Can Help You Be Brave?

God Can Help Me Be Brave!

Oyster Bay Small Group Guide

Week 1 • October 4/5/6

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you like to jump really high. Who can jump the highest?
- Raise your hand if you like to give high fives. Can you give the friend next to you a high five?



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, tall giant! Let's see how God helped David be brave even when things were big and scary!

Read:

- David and Goliath: Page 173

Review:

- God was with David and helped him be brave no matter what. God is always with you, and he can help you be brave, too!



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, you are bigger and more powerful than anything in the whole world! We can be brave because we know you are always with us. We love you, God! In Jesus' name. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Toilet Paper Rolls and stack them to make a tower. Place the picture of Goliath at the top of the stack. Kids will take turns rolling the Snowballs and trying to knock Goliath over. If the kids aren't able to knock the tower over with just a ball, they can take a turn with their hands. Give each kid a turn.

Say: Just like David used his stone and slingshot to knock Goliath over, we are going to take a turn and knock this tower over! Use this ball and try to knock it down!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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Side 2 • Snack Time

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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Two-year-olds struggle to stay in Small Group during this time, however there is value in having them sit in a community. Leverage the tool of a snack and creative conversation to help kids remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

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

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



PRO TIP

Are the two year olds in your environment getting distracted easily during the Bible Story? Try using a sing-song voice! While it may feel silly to sing the words, it helps to get the attention of kids and make the story more engaging!

**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...
for the Lord your God goes with you.
Deuteronomy 31:6**



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Week 2 • October 11/12/13

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15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you like to eat chocolate!
- Raise your hand if you like to eat marshmallows!



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- David was a young shepherd boy who had to fight a big, tall giant named Goliath! Let's see what he did in this true story from the Bible!

Read:

- David and Goliath: Page 173

Review:

- Turn to page 178. David said, "I come before you in the name of the Lord who rules over all." God is strong and powerful. Even more powerful than a big giant! God helped David do big things and helped him be brave. God can help you be brave too!



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for always being with us and helping us with big things. Thank you for making us brave! We love you. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Parachute and Snowballs. The snowballs will sit in the middle of the parachute while the kids lift it up and down.

Say:

- This parachute reminds us of the river where David picked out the stones before he had to fight Goliath.
- The balls remind us of the five smooth stones David picked out. One stone in David's slingshot was enough to bring a big, tall giant to the ground! God helped David to be brave even when he was facing Goliath!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

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- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Remind kids to share the Bottom Line with their grown-ups



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 snack, then our grown ups pick us up". This helps kids to feel safe and comfortable in their environment!

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Week 3 • October 18/19/20

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you like to go on the swing at the park.*
- *Raise your hand if you like to go down the slide.*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *In our Bible Story today, we'll hear about a small boy named David and a great, big giant named Goliath. David was super brave, just like a superhero! Let's find out more about David and Goliath!*

Read:

- David and Goliath: Page 173

Review:

- *Who was afraid of Goliath? (Saul's Army)*
- *Who was brave and not afraid? (David)*
- *Why was David not afraid? (Because God was with him!)*



PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you so much for helping us to be brave, just like David! Thank you for always being with us no matter what. We love you. Amen.*

Give each kid in your Group a David + Goliath Coloring Sheet.



ACTIVITY

Say: *We are coloring a picture of David and Goliath today. David was brave, because God helped him to be brave. God can help you to be brave, too!*

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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Side 2 • Snack Time

10 minutes



SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

As kids leave, have them share with their grown-ups about David and Goliath and how God can help them to be brave, too!

- David + Goliath Coloring Sheet



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!

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Week 4 • October 25/26/27

Side 1 • Small Group # 1

15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you'd like to have a pet dinosaur.
- Raise your hand if you'd like to have a pet giraffe.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

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Read:

- David and Goliath: Page 173

Review:

- God was with David and helped him be brave no matter what. God is always with you, and he can help you be brave, too!



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for how big and strong you are. Thank you for being with us and making us strong and brave, too. We love you. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Place the River Page in the middle of the Group or on the floor slightly away from the Group, and put the Pom Poms on top.

Say:

- These pom poms are just like the stones that David chose before he fought Goliath. Let's each take a turn picking a stone out of the river.
- Wow! Great job picking up all the stones! Just like we picked stones out of our river, David picked stones out of his river before he went to fight Goliath. David was super brave because God was with him! You can be brave too!

Allow kids to put their stones back in the river and play again. As each kid chooses a stone, help them say the Bottom Line.

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
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Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

kid Dedication Postcard (1 per family, at the door)



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!

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