



God Is Strong So I Can Be Brave

Younger Elementary Small Group Guide
Week 1 • October 3/4/5
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Show, don't just tell. Even though K-2 kids can follow verbal instructions, pairing words with a quick demonstration (showing them how to do the craft, game, or action first) helps it click faster and reduces the "wait, what do I do?" confusion.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- If you could invent your own game, what would it be called and how would you play it?



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for being our safe place. Help us remember that you are stronger than anything we're scared of. Amen.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say: God did something no army could do on their own, proving he's stronger than anyone or anything they face.

Read:

- Joshua 6:20

Review:

- What happened to the walls of Jericho after the people shouted?
- Who made those huge walls fall down?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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ACTIVITY

Say: Today we're building a structure strong enough to hold a treasure on top – but first, we're going to see what happens when we try to do it our own way instead of following the instructions.

- Gather kids around the supplies.
- **Say:** "Today we're going to build a structure strong enough to hold something on top of it."
- Show kids the Little People Figure that will go on top of the structure and **Say:** This is the treasure our structure has to hold!
- Hold up the Activity Page but set it aside dramatically.
- **Say:** "Honestly, I probably don't even need the instructions. I'm pretty sure I already know the best way to build this."
- Begin building the structure incorrectly
- Narrate confidently as you build (Ex. Wow. This looks extremely stable." "Professional builders would probably ask me for advice).
- Place the Little People Figure on top and allow the structure to collapse or wobble dramatically.
- Pick up the Activity Page. **Say:** Let's try this again – but this time, let's actually follow the instructions.
- Read the instructions step-by-step and invite kids to help rebuild the structure correctly.
- Once complete, carefully place Little People Figure on top.

Say: Just like our structure got stronger when we followed the instructions instead of guessing on our own, our lives get stronger when we trust God's plan instead of just doing things our own way.



CHALLENGE

Say: When something feels too big or scary this week, stop and say out loud, "God is stronger than this!" – just like the walls of Jericho, remind yourself that nothing is too big for God to break down.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- What's something that feels too big or scary for you, and how can knowing that God is stronger help you through it?
- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

**God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there
to help us in times of trouble.**

Psalms 46:1



God Is With Me So I Can Stand For What's True

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PRO TIP

Redirect with a positive instruction, not just "no." Instead of saying "stop running," try "let's use walking feet" – telling kids what to do instead of what not to do gives them a clear, actionable alternative and gets better results at this age.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *If you could build anything in the whole world, what would you build?*



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, help us trust you with all our heart. Thank you for always being stronger and wiser than we are. Amen.



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

- **Say:** The book of Daniel tells the story of Daniel and his three friends, who stayed faithful to God even far from home in a land that didn't believe in him. Today we'll see what happened when his friends refused to bow to a statue – and how God proved he's stronger than anyone or anything, even fire!

Read:

- Daniel 3:27

Review:

- What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to do?
- What happened to them when they came out of the fire?

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.



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Say: "Today, we're going to hear different situations that kids like you might face. After each one, you'll decide what choice you would make- will you go along or stand strong?"

- If the situation describes going along with the crowd, stand when I say "Go Along".
- If the situation describes standing for what's true, stand up when I say "Stand Strong".

Go through each scenario, having kids sit down in between.



ACTIVITY

- Scenario 1: "Your teacher leaves the room for a minute. A bunch of kids start talking loudly, and you join in even though you know you're supposed to stay quiet." **Answer: 'Go Along'**
- Scenario 2: "Some kids start making fun of someone, but you choose not to laugh and instead say something kind." **Answer: 'Stand Strong'**
- Scenario 4: "Your friends dare you to break a rule at recess, and you do it because you don't want them to think you're boring." **Answer: 'Go Along'**
- Scenario 5: "You notice a kid sitting alone at lunch, and even though you feel nervous, you go sit beside them anyway." **Answer: 'Stand Strong'**
- Scenario 6: "A friend wants you to lie for them so they don't get in trouble, but you decide to tell the truth instead." **Answer: 'Stand Strong'**

Say: You all made some brave choices today. Some of those situations probably felt easy, but others may have felt harder because real life can be complicated. Sometimes we know what the right choice is, but we still feel pressure to go along with everyone else. That's exactly what happened in today's Bible story.



CHALLENGE

Say:

- When you are faced with a challenge and you want to make the choice to do something you know isn't right, practice standing firm and saying "no" out loud – just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did. Remember that God is with you in that moment, just like he was with them.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask:

- Just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God even in a scary furnace, what's something hard you're facing where you can trust that God is with you?
- Review the Bottom Line
- Review the Memory Verse

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