



SUPER KID | WEEK 3 | OCTOBER 15, 2023

Preschool Lesson

Esther

Bible Story: *I can be brave and help others. Esther • Esther 2:21-8:17*

Memory Verse: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you.” Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

Key Question: Who can help you be brave?

Bottom Line: God can help me be brave.

Basic Truth: I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Now is the time for our preschoolers to begin learning that God can help me be brave because the need to be brave—God-brave—will only grow throughout their lives.

What is God-brave? God-brave is . . .

. . . the kind of brave that does the right thing even when others don’t,

. . . the kind of brave that stands up to seemingly impossible circumstances,

. . . the kind of brave that trusts God during the darkest of times,

. . . the kind of brave that looks to God to help us be strong and courageous,

. . . the kind of brave that makes us SUPER KIDS—not because of what WE can do but because of what GOD can do.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open
9:15/11:00

Kid
Connect
9:35/11:20

Large Group
Starts
9:40/11:25

Small Group
Starts
10:05/11:50

Story Focus: *I can be brave and help others.* Queen Esther is brave and asks the king to save her people. She could have hid behind the safety of her crown, but she risks everything to save others.

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your small group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come sit with me. I am so glad to see you here. I love being here with you!"

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn

about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. I am made by God. What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. I am loved by God no matter what. What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. I am made for a purpose! What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

"Be strong and courageous. (Hold fists in front of body.)

Do not be afraid . . . (cross and uncross hands)

for the Lord your God (flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)

goes with you,' (march in place)

Deuteronomy 31:6." (Open hands like a book.)

"Ok, Now let's sing and worship God!"

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: BE BRAVE, SUPER DUPER KID)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Superhero apparel [such as, mask or sweatband, cape, red gloves, etc.], Story Box)

LGL brings the story box with the props inside to the middle. Pull out the superhero apparel and put it on when it's time.

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

Put on the superhero apparel.

"It's me, SUPER [name]! I'm back and I need your help! I need to gather a list of things that are a certain color. Can you help me by putting on your X-ray vision goggles *(cup hands around eyes like binoculars)* helping me spot things around the room that are the colors I need? Ok, go ahead and put on your goggles!

"The first thing I need is something RED. From where you are sitting look around and point to something RED!

Continue with BLUE, GREEN, and YELLOW.

"Thank you for your help, Super Kids!

"Today, we are going to hear a true story from the Bible about a woman named Esther that, with

God's help, was able to be brave and help others! Let's watch.

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"Wow! Esther was brave, and she helped her people! God helped Esther be brave, and God can help you be brave too. **Who can help you be brave?**" (*God can help me be brave*)

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

"Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, **'I am made for a purpose so the Holy Spirit will help me do big things now.'**" When Jesus is your friend, the Holy Spirit - who is God, will help you do big things...like be brave when it's hard!

PRAY

"Let's pray together. (*Have kids 'put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.'*)

"Dear God, we love You. Nothing is bigger or more powerful than You. Thank You for making Esther brave to help her people. We know You can make us brave helpers too! We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

PRAY AND TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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BRAVE MIRROR FRAME

(“Mirror Frame Parent Note” Activity Pages – 1 per kid, “Frame Sticker printed on return address labels – 1 sticker per kid; Frames; stickers)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their frames with stickers. Ask children to hold their frames up to their faces and say the memory verse with you.

After the Activity: Review the memory verse with motions and the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, come to the table with me. Let’s do the motions as we say our memory verse. ‘Be strong and courageous. *(Hold fists in front of body.)* Do not be afraid . . . *(cross and uncross hands)* for the Lord your God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)* goes with you,’ *(march in place)* Deuteronomy 31:6. *(Open hands like a book.)* Nice job!”

During the Activity: “We’re going to decorate this frame, but it’s not for a picture. See the cutout? *(Hold the paper up to your face and look through the hole.)* It’s to see you! Use markers and stickers to decorate your frame. *(Pause.)* Wow! They look great! Hold it up to your face and look through the hole. *(Pause.)* They look even better with your sweet faces in the frames! Look through the hole and say the memory verse with me. ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you,’ Deuteronomy 31:6. Nice job!”

After the Activity: “Let’s say our memory verse one more time with the motions. ‘Be strong and courageous. *(Hold fists in front of body.)* Do not be afraid . . . *(cross and uncross hands)* for the Lord your God *(flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down)* goes with you, *(march in place)* Deuteronomy 31:6.’ *(Open hands like a book.)* Super-duper, friends. **Who can help you be brave?** **[Bottom Line]** God can help me be brave.”

POSE CHALLENGE

(No Supplies)

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hello, super friends! Join me over here and spread out. Today, we learned about Queen Esther. *(Put both hands over your head in a crown shape.)* God helped Esther be brave and help others. Let’s work together and make some super kid poses.”

During the Activity: “Our first pose is to put one hand on your head and the other hand on your knee. *(Pause.)* Good job! The next pose is two hands and one foot on the ground, like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Nice! Okay, the next pose is one arm in the air, the other out to your side, and one leg lifted behind you like this. *(Demonstrate.)* Wow! You are doing great at striking the pose! *(Continue with different poses.)* Now this last one I did earlier. Put both of your hands above your head and make a crown. *(Pause.)* Great job, friends!”

After the Activity: “Queen Esther loved God, but Haman did not! He tricked the king into making a plan to hurt God’s people, even Esther’s family! She knew she needed to help. She needed to talk to the king, but she was afraid. So Esther and all of God’s people prayed. She was brave and went to see the king. Esther prepared a special meal for the king and Haman. During dinner, she asked the king to stop Haman’s mean plan and save her family and all of God’s people. The king said, ‘Yes!’ God helped Esther be brave and help her people. God can help you be brave, too. **Who can help you be brave? [Bottom Line] God can help me be brave.**”

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

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Deuteronomy 31:6.” (Open hands like a book.)

PRAYER

“Let’s pray together. *(Have kids ‘put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.’)*

“Dear God, there are so many people we can help! Please help *(name each child)* be brave and help others. Thank You for always helping us, God. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats to parents as they arrive. Encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.