

## Today's Suggested Schedule—November 2022, Week 1

**Today's Bible Story:** You Make Me Brave (Joshua and Caleb) • *Numbers 13–14*

**Today's Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NIRV)

**Monthly Virtue:** Courage—Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

**Video (Media Package): Countdown (30- or 60-second version)**

**Video: Theme Loop**

## REMINDER ABOUT BEHAVIOR AND (1) WARNING

### OPENER

**LEADER:** *(Speak really softly, like you're uncomfortable with public speaking.)* “Hey, everyone. I didn't expect to see so many of you. I mean, I'm really glad you're here, but I'm just a little nervous. *(gently slapping the sides of your face and growing more confident)* Shake it off, [your name]. Be brave.

*(back to normal)* “Okay, okay, I'm kidding. I'm not really afraid of being on stage. But did you know that fear of public speaking is one of the most common fears people have? It's true! In fact, some people are more afraid of that than things like snakes, spiders, and flying!

“Here's the good news, though. Even when we're afraid, we can push through and stand up to our fears. That's what courage is all about!

**Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Virtue**

**“Courage is being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid.**

**Video (Media Package): Virtue Transition to Theme**

“In other words, courage doesn't mean you're NOT afraid. It just means you do what you SHOULD, even if you ARE afraid! We can have courage because we know that we're not facing our fears alone. God is with us, and we know that we **[Basic Truth] can trust God no matter what.**

“And that’s not all. We also have each other! In fact, I’ve got a fun game that we can play together as we kick off our time today. Let’s all stand up in one long line so we can practice helping each other with this whole public speaking thing.

*Kids stand and line up.*

“This game is kind of like the telephone game but with a twist. This version involves speaking and acting!

“I’ll give the first person a phrase, and then they’ll act-out that phrase to the next person in line. Then that next person will whisper to the next person what they think the phrase was. Then THAT person will act it out for the next person, and so on. Then the person at the very end of the line has to announce loudly what they think the phrase is.

“To make this work, everyone needs to face this way (*Point to the direction they should face.*), so you’re facing away from me at the front of the line. When it’s your turn to receive either the whispered message or the acted-out version, the person in front of you will tap your shoulder so you can turn around.

“Also, one important rule is that if you’re saying the phrase, you can’t repeat it. You can only say it once. And if you’re acting it out, you can’t repeatedly do the same action. Just act it out once or twice, but if the person can’t figure out what you’re doing, they just have to give their best guess and move on. That’s part of the fun!

“Also, we can play several times to give different people a chance to show some courage by speaking that phrase out loud at the end. So let’s move quickly!

“Everyone stay in line, and remember to face THAT direction (*point*), away from me. Let’s play!

*Tap the first kid on their shoulder. When they turn around, whisper one of the suggested phrases from the Telephone Game Suggested Phrases Sheet in their ear. Then remind the kid to act-out the phrase for the next person.*

*As the game progresses, you may need to remind kids whether they’re supposed to act-out the phrase for the next person or whisper what they think the phrase is. Encourage everyone to move quickly.*

*When the secret phrase gets to the last kid, encourage the kid to stand in front of the group (on stage, if possible) and courageously announce what they heard. Reveal the original phrase as well.*

*Repeat this process as long as time allows. For subsequent rounds, have the kid who just said the phrase re-enter the line right in front of you.*

“That was really fun! I’m not sure if any of you actually have a fear of speaking on stage, because you sure seemed courageous to me! You all can stay standing. Let’s keep the fun going as we worship God together!”

# WORSHIP

**LEADER:** “We don’t have to face our fears alone. God gives us the power to never give up, no matter how hard things get or how scared we might feel. As we read in Second Peter 1:3 (*NIV*), ‘God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life. All of this has come to us because we know the God who chose us. He chose us because of his own glory and goodness.’ Let’s sing this song to remind ourselves of the power God gives us each and every day. Here we go!

*Video: “The Power” / track 3 from Everything to Me*

*Video: Theme Loop*

“Before we keep worshipping, let’s watch this video.

*Video (Media Package): Live Loud Video from Get Reel*

*Video: Theme Loop*

“We can find the courage we need when we put our trust in Jesus. Jesus is stronger than ANYTHING we might face in life. He is the reason we can be brave! That’s what this new song is about. Let’s lift our voices and sing it together.

*Video: “Brave”*

*Video: Theme Loop*

“That’s right! We can be brave because Jesus is always with us. Thanks for singing, everyone. You can have a seat.”

# OFFERING

## BIBLE STORY

### SETTING UP THE STORY

#### LEADER:

“Let’s look back at where we’ve been so far. God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham’s family, the Israelites. God rescued the Israelites from being enslaved in Egypt by leading them through the Red Sea. In the desert, God showed deep love by providing what the people needed along the way. God also gave them rules to show them how to love God and love others.

“About two years after the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea, they finally made it to the very edge of Canaan—the Promised Land.”

### THE SPIES GO OUT

**LEADER:** “The leader of the Israelites was Moses. Can I get someone to volunteer to play Moses?”

“God told Moses to send men to check out the land before the rest of the Israelites entered. Check it out.

*“The LORD said to Moses, ‘Send some men to check out the land of Canaan. I am giving it to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of Israel’s tribes.’*

*on.*

“Once Moses had chosen all twelve men, he laid out a super-secret spy mission for them.

“Moses told the men that he wanted them to go into Canaan and see what it was like. Were there a lot of people, and were they strong? How well-protected were their towns—did they have high walls? And what about the land—was the soil good, and were there a lot of trees? Moses also asked the men to bring back some of the food that was growing there, if they could.

“So these twelve men snuck into Canaan, just as God had instructed.

“For about six weeks, the men traveled the length of the country. They saw the places where Abraham and his family had lived hundreds of years before.

“On their return journey, the spies cut a bunch of grapes so massive that it had to be carried on a pole between two men.

"You can bet that when these twelve men showed up in the Israelite camp after 40 long days, people couldn't WAIT to hear what they had to say!

### THE SPIES RETURN

**LEADER:** "The twelve spies stood before Moses and the Israelites, carrying the massive fruit they had brought. (*Reference the grapes.*) At first, they gave a glowing report about what they had seen.

"They said that the land was filled with so many good things, it was practically flowing with milk and honey! They had the massive grapes for proof.

"BUT . . . the spies said that the people who lived in the land were powerful, and their cities had high walls.

"There were two of the spies who were courageous and weren't afraid to do what God had asked them to do. Their names were Joshua and Caleb.

"Caleb spoke up! He said . . .

*Open the Bible to Number 13:30 (NirV) and read.*

*"We should go up and take the land. We can certainly do it.*

"But the other spies disagreed. They said . . .

*Open the Bible to Numbers 13:31 (NirV) and read.*

*"We can't attack those people. They are stronger than we are.*

"These other spies went and spread a bad report about the land among the Israelites, which caused everyone to panic. The people said it would be better if they went back to slavery in Egypt instead of going into this land that God had promised them!

"Joshua and Caleb then spoke to the crowd to encourage them not to be afraid.

**Video: Bible Story**

**Video: Theme Loop**

## WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**LEADER:** “At the end of 40 years of wandering in the desert, Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Right away, they came up to the walled city of Jericho. But with God’s help, they faced their fears. And those impossibly strong city walls came tumbling down.

“If you think about it, Joshua and Caleb had to make a choice to do the right thing, even when everyone else was giving in to fear. They knew that God had promised to give them the land, and that’s why they had courage. That’s why they were able to stand tall when others were afraid.

“With God’s help, you can have that kind of courage, too.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line]** “You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

### CLOSER

**LEADER:** “I can understand why the Israelites were scared to enter the land of Canaan. I mean, their enemies really were strong!

**SLIDE: God's Big Story Timeline**

**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.*

“But there was a difference in the way Joshua and Caleb saw the situation. You see, Joshua and Caleb trusted God. They knew that God had already promised to help them. And because they were courageous, in the end, they were able to enter the land that God had set aside for them.

“Here’s what we need to remember today.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line]** “You can do what you should even when others are afraid. Say that with me.”

**LEADER and KIDS: [Bottom Line]** “You can do what you should even when others are afraid.”

**LEADER:** “In Joshua 1:9, we can read what God said to Joshua when Joshua was about to lead God’s people into the Promised Land. This was after the people had been traveling for 40 long years in the wilderness. God told Joshua . . .

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*“Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go. (Joshua 1:9b, NIV)”*

“That’s good for us to remember, too! In fact, it’s our memory verse for this month. We can have courage because we know that God is with us. We can stand up and do what we should, because we don’t have to face our fears alone.

“That doesn’t mean that you won’t feel afraid. But when you believe in Jesus and choose to follow Him, you have God’s Holy Spirit living inside you. So even in those times when you ARE afraid, God’s Spirit can help you be brave and do the right thing.

“There are so many times when we have to put courage into practice in our lives. It’s especially tough when we feel like we’re the only ones! Let’s head to Small Group and talk about that some more.”

**LET’S PRAY:**

**LEADER:** “Dear God, thank You for showing us in the story of Joshua and Caleb that we can do what we should, even when others are afraid. I know there will be times when we have to stand against the crowd because others are afraid to do the right thing. Please give each of us in this room the courage to do what we should do and trust You, no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**Video: Theme Loop**

## **10.Min game of HANG MAN ON WHITE BOARD**

- **BE STRONG AND BRAVE.**
- **DO NOT BE AFRAID.**
- **I AM GOD.**
- **I WILL BE WITH YOU EVERYWHERE.**

Repeat Bible verse; softly, and then LOUDLY