

Today's Suggested Schedule—November 2022, Week 2

Note: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and kids. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your kids in both Large and Small Group time.

Today's Bible Story: Whatever It Takes (David Anointed/Goliath) • 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-51

Today's Bottom Line: You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

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.

PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP (15 minutes)

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (35 minutes)

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Over and Over" from *Everything to Me* and "How Amazing" from *Everything to Me*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP (25 minutes)

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Nine Feet
Application Activity: Impossible
Memory Verse Activity: Super Smart
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App

LARGE GROUP: Story (25 minutes) • Worship (10 minutes)

Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story, worship, and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

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Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

Leader enters with a neck pillow, an eye mask (worn above the eyes), a stuffed animal, and any other "comfort" items for a flight.

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

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

OPENER

LEADER: "Hello, everyone. I'm glad to see you. You're probably wondering why I've got all this stuff with me. Well, this month we're talking about courage.

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

"There are a LOT of things in this world that people are afraid of. Any guesses as to what fear someone might have if they're carrying these things? *(Let the kids respond.)* Yes, flying!

"Of course, these things can help you feel more comfortable on the flight, but they also come in handy if you need a little extra courage. Being scared of flying is actually a really common fear. But every day, millions of people around the world fly safely. So even if many of them feel afraid, they face those fears and get on the plane!

"I couldn't get all of us on an airplane today to test our courage. But I DID think of a fun way that we can test our piloting skills.

Hold up the paper and pencils or pens.

"I've got a piece of paper for each of you. You'll have a couple of minutes to make the very best paper airplane you can. When you finish, be sure to write your name on the plane where we can easily see it. Then we'll see whose airplane can fly the farthest!"

"All right, you have two minutes to build and decorate your airplane. Ready? Go!"

AUDIO: Fun music

Set a timer on your phone for two minutes. Let the kids come up and get supplies.

Look around and see if anyone needs help building their airplane. Call out when there's one minute left then 30 seconds left, then count down from 10.

"Three . . . two . . . one . . . hands in the air!"

AUDIO: Music off

"Those are some great-looking airplanes! Now everyone, write your name on your plane if you haven't already. Then drop your pens and pencils in here (*reference the container*) and bring your plane to our starting line.

Bring everyone to the masking tape line.

"When I say, 'Lift off,' all of you will throw your planes at the same time. Make sure you stay with both feet behind the line, okay? I will determine which five airplanes flew the farthest, and I'll read off the names. Those five people will move on to the next round.

"Are you ready for this? Let's count it down. Three . . . two . . . one . . . lift off!"

Determine which five airplanes went the farthest. Have everyone else take a seat and have just the remaining five kids throw their airplanes. Then repeat with the top two. Announce the winner and put the winning airplane in a place of honor on stage.

Collect the airplanes as you send the kids back to their seats.

"Nice job, everyone! Those were some great planes! I can't imagine anyone being afraid of flying on one of those, can you? Well . . . maybe I can. But no matter what fears we face, we never have to face them alone. Let's stand and worship our God who is always with us!"

WORSHIP

LEADER: “Do you ever feel like one of those paper airplanes? Like you’re trying to do the right thing, but you sometimes find yourself turning left when maybe you should have turned right? Sometimes it can be hard to know the right thing. Sometimes you know what’s right, but you need to find the courage to DO it.

“The great news is that we know God is always with us. It’s like we read in this month’s memory verse, Joshua 1:9. This is what God said to Joshua when he and the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land.

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 so amazing! And of course, God wasn’t just with Joshua. God is with US today. Let’s sing this song and remember that we can trust God—over and over again.

Video: “Over and Over”

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“There are a lot of things that might seem impossible to us. There are things in life that can seem too big for us to handle. But we know that God is always there for us. God’s love will NEVER fail. **[Basic Truth] We can trust God no matter what!** Let’s sing and thank God for that now.

Video: “How Amazing”

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

“God’s love IS so amazing, and I love singing to God with all of you. You can have a seat.”

BIBLE STORY

SETTING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “For the past few months, we’ve been making our way through God’s Big Story together. *(Hold up Bible.)*

If you’re using a Bible timeline on your wall, you can reference it here as you recap.

“We’ve seen how God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham’s family, the Israelites. We’ve seen how God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. And God led them through the desert to freedom in the land of Canaan.

“But the Israelites kept turning away from God. Then they would go back to God. Then they’d turn away from God again. This happened over and over again.

(Hold up Bible.) “Obviously, these stories are true and about real people. But today, I thought it would be fun to tell you what happened next through the eyes of some superheroes.

Reveal either the table or clothesline of superhero masks.

“Like I was saying, the Israelites didn’t really trust God to lead them. They saw that the nations around them had kings, so they begged God to put a king in place to lead them. God did give them a king: King Saul!

Put on the Aquaman™ mask.

Note: If you’re using a clothesline with masks attached to it, stand behind each mask when indicated.

“But unfortunately, Saul wasn’t such a great king. He did his own thing instead of following God.”

Take off the Aquaman mask.

GOD CHOOSES DAVID

LEADER: “At this time, one of the ways God spoke to the people was through prophets—like the prophet, Samuel.

Put on the Iron Man™ mask.

“Samuel was a priest over God’s people, and he had loved God and listened to God since he was a young boy. Samuel was deeply saddened when he saw that King Saul was ignoring God.

Take off the Iron Man mask.

“But God had a plan. Check out what God said to Samuel.

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:1 (NirV) and read.

"I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.

Put on the Iron Man™ mask.

"Okay, so God wanted Samuel to visit a man named Jesse, because one of Jesse's sons would be the next king over God's people. Samuel was in a tricky position at this point, because Saul wouldn't be happy if he found out that he was being replaced as king. But Samuel chose to be brave and do exactly as God had told him.

"Samuel traveled to Bethlehem, where Jesse lived with his sons.

Take off the Iron Man mask.

"The first son, Eliab, was tall and handsome.

Put on the Batman™ mask.

"Understandably, Samuel thought this had to be the one God had chosen to be king. But God said, 'Not so fast.'

Take off the Batman mask.

"Well actually, this is what God said to Samuel.

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:7 (NIRV) and read.

"Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the LORD looks at what is in the heart.

"Jesse had six other sons stand in front of Samuel. But God made it clear to Samuel that none of them were meant to be the next king.

Put on the Iron Man mask.

"Samuel asked Jesse if these were the only sons he had. Jesse told Samuel that he had one more son, but he was taking care of the sheep. Samuel told Jesse to send for this son, whose name was David. So Jesse sent for him.

Take off the Iron Man mask. Put on the Superman™ mask.

"When David showed up, God told Samuel . . .

Take off the Superman mask. Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 16:12 (NIRV) and read.

"Get up and anoint him. This is the one.

Put on the Superman™ mask.

"So Samuel poured oil on David's head, which was a special sign that God had chosen David to be the

next king of Israel!”

Take off the Superman mask.

GOLIATH'S CHALLENGE

LEADER: “Now, just to be clear, David was NOT king yet.

Put on the Aquaman™ mask.

“In fact, King Saul didn’t even know that a new king had been chosen. After a while, Saul and the Israelites were fighting off an invasion by the Philistines.

Take off the Aquaman mask.

“The Philistines had a secret weapon: a warrior more than nine feet tall named Goliath!

Put on the Hulk™ mask.

“Goliath had a challenge for the Israelites. He yelled . . .

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:8 (NIRV) and read.

“Choose one of your men. Have him come down and face me.

“The Israelites were terrified! For 40 days in a row, Saul’s army cowered behind the battle line as Goliath repeated his dare.

Take off the Hulk mask.

“Now David’s brothers were part of Saul’s army. And after all this time, their dad wanted to make sure they were okay. So Jesse told David to leave the sheep behind and take some food to his brothers.

Put on the Superman™ mask.

“David arrived just in time to hear Goliath’s challenge. He was shocked to hear Goliath disrespecting the Israelite army.

Take off the Superman mask. Put on the Aquaman mask.

“Word got back to King Saul that there was a young man who was asking about Goliath. So Saul sent for David. Here’s what David said to him.

Take off the Aquaman mask. Put on the Superman mask.

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:32 (NIRV) and read.

“Don’t let anyone lose hope because of that Philistine. I’ll go out and fight him.

“Saul was worried that David was too young to go out and fight Goliath. But David felt he was ready! David told Saul how God had helped him in the past. God had given him the strength to fight off wild animals to protect his sheep. God had been with him then, and God would be with him against Goliath.

Take off the Superman™ mask. Put on the Aquaman™ mask.

“Saul was convinced. He told David, ‘Go. And may the Lord be with you.’” (1 Samuel 17:37, NIV)

Take off the Aquaman mask.

DAVID VS. GOLIATH

LEADER: “At first, Saul wanted David to wear his armor. But the armor was super-heavy, and David wasn’t used to it. So David took off the armor, and he went to find five smooth stones from the stream.

Put on the Hulk™ mask.

“Goliath shouted again to the Israelite army, and this time, David stepped forward. Goliath mocked David and made fun of him.

Take off the Hulk mask. Put on the Superman mask.

“But David said . . .

Open the Bible to 1 Samuel 17:45-46 (NIV) and read.

“You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear and a javelin. But I’m coming against you in the name of the LORD who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He’s the one you have dared to fight against. This day the LORD will give me the victory over you.”

“David took one of the stones, fit it in his sling, and spun it with all his might. The stone hit Goliath on the forehead, and Goliath fell to the ground. David had won the battle for the Israelites!”

Take off the Superman mask. Move in front of the table as you wrap up.

Video (Media Package): Bible Story

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

LEADER: “When the Philistines saw that Goliath had been defeated, they panicked and ran. The Israelites chased them until their whole army scattered.

“Saul was so impressed with David that he invited him to come live at the palace! This all happened because David had the courage to face Goliath, even when it seemed impossible.

“Like David, you and I can be courageous when we face tough challenges. Those challenges will look different for each of us. But God can give us the courage we need to stand and do what’s right.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

"Let's pray and ask God to help us be courageous."

PRAY

LEADER: "Dear God, we want to be brave like David. Help us do what we should, even when things seem impossible. We know that we can't do it alone! Thank You for being with us, just like You were with David. Please give us the courage to do what we should, today and every day. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

CLOSER

LEADER: "That is an amazing story, isn't it? It's so cool to think that a young man like David was brave enough to stand up against Goliath. Goliath was such a big, strong warrior that an entire ARMY was afraid of him!"

"But the reason David had the courage to face Goliath was because he knew God was with him. David had a habit of talking to God. He had relied on God to help him protect his sheep against wild animals. And of course, David knew that God had already chosen him to be the next king to lead the Israelite people."

SLIDE: God's Big Story Timeline

SLIDE: Week 2 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.

"It must have seemed impossible for David to go up against Goliath. But David was able to be courageous because he trusted God."

"Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "You can do what you should even when things seem impossible. Say that with me."

LEADER and KIDS: [Bottom Line] "You can do what you should even when things seem impossible."

LEADER: "Let's be honest. None of us in here will ever have to go up against a nine-foot-tall giant. But you might have to face things in life that FEEL big, scary, or even impossible."

"What can you do when you're in a tough situation like that? Well, you can always talk to God about it. Ask God to help you do your best on your big test. Ask God to help you make a new friend. Ask God to be with you when you feel worried or uncertain."

"Remember, when you trust God, you're trusting in the same God who raised Jesus from the dead! God is good. God loves us. And God is with us, even when we're facing things that seem impossible."

“No matter what challenges you face this week, I believe God can help you face them with courage! For now, let’s head to Small Group and talk some more about what that might look like.”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

Video (Media Package): Theme Loop

GETTING READY

Here's everything you need to know to get ready for this week.

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways (25 minutes)

WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God (10 minutes)

1. Opener/Closer

What You Need:

- Leader
- Sheets of paper, one per kid (can be plain white or multicolored construction paper)
- Pens or pencils, one per kid, in a container
- Masking tape
- Leader's phone
- "Week 2 Timeline Image" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF
- Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room

Music and Sound Effects:

- Upbeat music to use as kids enter and exit the room
- Fun music for the game

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Slide
- Virtue Slide
- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- "God's Big Story Timeline" Slide
- "Week 2 Timeline Image" Slide
- "Week 2 Timeline Image" (printable)

Optional Videos (available for purchase through the 252 Media Package):

- Theme Loop
- Countdown (30- or 60-second version)
- Theme
- Theme Transition to Virtue
- Virtue Transition to Theme

What You Do:

- Download and print this week's tech sheet for everyone helping with Large Group.
- Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Download music from a resource such as iTunes® and have it ready to play.
- *Optional:* Download a countdown video from a royalty-free site. Load it into your presentation software and have it ready to play during the Opener. You could also keep time on a smartphone or watch. *Note: Some presentation software such as ProPresenter® have a countdown clock built into the program that you can overlay on a still image.*
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. These graphic motion loops are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

- Use the masking tape to create a long line on the floor that everyone can stand behind to throw their paper airplanes.

2. Worship

What You Need:

- Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects:

- “Over and Over” from *Everything to Me*
- “How Amazing” from *Everything to Me*

Large Group Visuals:

- Memory Verse Slide

What You Do:

- Download all songs and have them ready to use.
- Dance Moves Music Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.
- A 252 Media Package is available for purchase to go along with each curriculum tier. The *Live Loud* faith skills video and the Dance Moves Music Video for the monthly worship song are included in the package. For more information, visit Store.ThinkOrange.com.

3. Bible Story

What You Need:

- Leader
- Bible
- Table or clothesline (see “What You Do”)
- Superhero masks such as these: <https://bit.ly/3vCpYjn> and <https://bit.ly/37TNbEu> to represent the following Biblical characters:
 - Aquaman™ (indicating King Saul in the script)
 - Iron Man™ (Samuel)
 - Batman™ (Eliab, Jesse’s oldest son)
 - Superman™ (David)
 - Hulk™ (Goliath)
- Any additional items needed for your display (see “What You Do”)

Large Group Visuals:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange’s permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Decide how you want to use the masks. You can put them on a table and simply hold them up over your face. You can attach them to dowel rods or rulers and hold them up. Or you can hang them from a clothesline and step behind them.
- You can use any superhero characters to indicate the characters in the story. We’ve referenced the superheroes above as a suggestion.

Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available for additional purchase at [Store.ThinkOrange.com](https://www.ThinkOrange.com).

FEATURE PRESENTATION: Everything you need to pull off a dynamic video storytelling experience, including video Bible presentations to complement 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (kindergarten through 3rd grade):

- In *StoryLab*, two inquisitive young Hosts invite kids to engage with the month's Virtue, setting up a simple and direct telling of the Bible story by a professional Storyteller.

For 252 Preteen (4th and 5th grade):

- In *The So & So Show*, two Hosts and a Communicator walk you through a contemporary and comedic presentation of the Bible story. This YouTube-style show sets up the story and also connects it to the weekly Key Question for preteens.

GET REEL: Videos and graphics to enhance your 252 Kids and 252 Preteen curriculum environments. Four videos each month will help kids learn basic faith skills. Use them in your FX, Large Group, or as a promotional piece to show in your adult services:

Discovery—Listen to God's words (HEAR)

Dear God—Dialogue with God (PRAY)

One Thing—Articulate your faith (TALK)

Live Loud—Worship with your life (LIVE)

Additional environment enhancements including:

- Graphic motion loops
- Themed audio transitions
- Virtue and monthly widget promo videos (M.C. Haggis)
- Countdown videos (30 and 60 seconds)
- Music videos for original songs that highlight each Virtue
- Retro Reel video to play on your fifth Sunday