



3rd – 5th

October 11-12, 2014

DATE

Joshua 2, 6:22-27, Hebrews 11:31, Isaiah 40:31

WHERE TO FIND IT

Rahab

LESSON TITLE

Faith in God Emboldens Us

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Remind kids that it's okay to be scared sometimes. Being brave doesn't mean we can do anything, or that we'll always have things together. But when we do come across hard or scary situations, we can be emboldened by trusting in God and being faithful, like the woman from today's story, Rahab.

check-in/out

Ask kids what their masks mean, and what they're going to do this week to get out of their comfort zone and be brave!

large group heads up

At the end of large group, we'll be having an interactive response time where kids go up to the presentation area and get a red string to remind them to rely on God for bravery. You can be an example to your kids by going up and getting a string yourself.



connect time

Goal: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

The Bravery Scale

**Keep kids in a large group, and choose a leader to read aloud for this activity.*

- Lay the **rope** down the middle of an open area.
- Tell kids that you're going to say some stories about people who did, or didn't do, brave things.
- The rope is our "bravery scale". If they think the story is **not brave**, go to the beginning of the rope. If they think it's **kind of brave**, they should go to the middle of the rope. If they think it's **really brave** they should go all the way to the end of the rope!
- Go ahead and tell these stories and let kids walk to where they think it falls on the scale.
 - John was at school and saw a kid getting picked on by some bullies. He didn't want to get picked on too, so he ignored it and walked away.
 - Sara went to swimming class for weeks but was afraid of swimming, so she never got in the water. Finally, even though she was afraid, she dove in and swam across the pool.
 - A fireman went into a burning house and found a person trapped inside. Even though it was really dangerous, he helped the person get out of the house alive.
 - Steve saw a spider on the ground, and screamed and ran away!
 - Jane invited her friend to church, even though she knew her friend might make fun of her for it.
 - Kevin's friends made fun of his little brother, and instead of joining them, he stood up for his brother and asked them to stop.
 - Alice's teacher asked her to go on a trip to Africa with her classmates, but Alice was too afraid to leave home, so she didn't go on the trip.
- After you're done, split into small groups to debrief the activity. Ask **(1) Why kids thought certain stories were or were not brave**, and **(2) What were the best and worst parts of their week?**

Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will **(1)** retell the story of Rahab **(2)** understand that faith in God emboldens us and gives us bravery.

Why: We can't do everything on our own, but when we trust God to help us, he'll embolden us when we make hard decisions and scary choices.

Tip: We all have trouble with faith sometimes. Let kids know that it's okay to feel scared; all we need to do is trust that God will be with us no matter what we face.

small group

Review and Dig Deeper:

*Pass around a **bean bag** to the person who's speaking. Each group member should be prepared to hold the bean bag and answer questions.

1. What did Rahab do when the two spies came to her house?
2. Why did she hide the spies?
3. What happened after she obeyed God and helped the spies? What did the spies do for her in return?
4. Has there ever been a time when you felt afraid? What was it like?
5. What's something that's hard for you to do on your own?
6. Was there a time when you had faith in God and it helped you?

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

- Hand out a **paper mask** and **markers** to each kid.
- Tell kids that we're going to create our own superhero mask! This mask can remind us that God emboldens us to be brave, just like a superhero.
- On one side of the mask, have kids write one way that they could go outside their comfort zone this week, something that they need God's help to do.
- On the other side, invite them to decorate with pictures, patterns and colors.
- Ask kids about what they wrote on the back of their masks, and why it might be hard or scary to do.

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Prayer

Ask God to help us trust him when we feel scared or alone. Thank him for being a God that gives us incredible bravery! You could also ask a brave kid to volunteer to pray for your group.

***Extra time?** You can do the large group bravery activity again! Make a circle with the kids in your small group, and have one “brave” kid at a time go to the middle of the circle and model a dance move or silly action, while the rest of the group follows his/her lead. You could also go around the group and ask kids what superpower they would choose if they could have one.*

special notes

There will be a chance for you to talk about a time when you faced something hard, and you had to rely on God for bravery. Feel free to use this time to personalize the lesson for kids, and let them see that you're vulnerable, just like them.

presenter tips

Here's a link to a video we'll use during large group:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8xnLkyKgsE>

The worship videos can be found here:

Bravery: <http://vimeo.com/49923937>

All Our Hope: <http://vimeo.com/99668247>

script

**Click to play intro music*

Hey everybody, welcome to Kids' Club! I'm so glad you're here today. Let's talk about that bravery scale you all just did. Can someone tell me one of the stories you remember that you put on the really brave end of the scale? (Let a kid respond.) Wow, that was definitely really brave!

You know, bravery can come across in a lot of ways. Some of those stories were obviously brave, and some of them might have seemed a little less brave. But a lot of times, something as simple as inviting a friend to church can be really scary. Why do you think something like that would be hard to do? (Let a kid respond.) Yep, that's a really good reason. Sometimes, it's just because we don't know how it will turn out!

I'd like to hear from some of you about a time you saw someone act brave. It could be a friend, a family member, anyone! (Let 1-2 kids respond depending on time.) Wow, thanks for sharing!

INTRO: RAHAB

Today we're going to learn about a really brave woman from the Bible named Rahab. She lived in a city called Jericho. Now Jericho isn't just any old city. It was one of the first cities to ever be built, and it's still around today!

Back then, the king of Jericho hated God's family, the Israelites. So when God sent two spies into Jericho, the king found out and was not happy. He wanted these spies found and killed! But God had a plan to rescue them, through Rahab!

Now Rahab was not popular or cool, in fact a lot of people looked down on her. But God chose her to do something special, because God uses EVERYONE! It doesn't matter how old you are, or what people think of you, God wants to use you! And sometimes this can be scary.



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RAHAB HIDES THE SPIES

Let's go back to the spies. **(Show slide of a spy.)** Has anyone ever heard of a spy before? (Let kids respond.) What do spies do? (Let a kid respond.) Awesome, thanks for sharing! Spies usually find out secret information, or they go on special missions.

These spies were on a special mission for God's family, the Israelites. They needed to find out the weaknesses of Jericho, because God was going to give the city to his people! Rahab lived in that city, and she did something amazing. Something that other people wouldn't do... because it was really dangerous. She hid the spies on her roof when the king came looking for them! And when the king asked her where the spies were, she said that they had run off down the road somewhere!

What do you think would have happened if the king found out she was lying? (Let a kid respond.) Yikes, I think you're right. He would be angry, and he would probably kill her! So why did she do it? (Let a kid respond.) Wow, thanks! You know, Rahab wasn't alone. She had God on her side. She believed that he was powerful and good. God gave her bravery.

BRAVERY COMES IN MANY FORMS

There are a lot of brave people in this world, especially in the Bible. That's because God emboldens his family, including you and me, to be brave! We're going to watch a music video now about some kids who are really brave, but in a different way than you might normally think.

VIDEO: AMPLATZ CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL "BRAVE" MUSIC VIDEO

Wow, that was amazing! Do you all think the kids in that video are brave? Why? (Let kids respond.) Yep, you're totally right. Bravery can come in a lot of forms. Sometimes it's something like fighting a disease, or standing up for what you believe in.

Okay, everybody stand up, and get into a big circle. (Help kids organize into a circle.) I need a really BRAVE volunteer! (Call on a kid.) Come into the middle of the circle. I'm going to play some music, and you have to come up with a dance move. The rest of the group will follow what you do, but you have to stay in the middle and dance until I call on another person. Ready? Go! (Let the first kid dance for about 30 seconds, then call on another volunteer to replace the first kid. Do this until the song is over. If no one is comfortable doing it on their own, you can have a few kids do it together in the middle of the circle.) **(Click to play "Everybody Dance Now".)**

Great job guys! That was some awesome dancing! Go ahead and have a seat. The people who led the dance moves were pretty brave, huh? They had to get in front of everybody and act really silly and crazy, no matter if the rest of you followed or not!

GOD EMBOLDENS US TO BE BRAVE

All right, let's go back to Rahab. She was hiding these spies on her roof, not knowing if she and her family would be safe. But she trusted God to give her bravery. Rahab wanted to help the two spies escape out of the city, but first, she asked them to protect her when they came back and took the city. She had heard about how God saved his people from slavery, how he parted



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the red sea for them, and she knew God could protect her too!

So the spies told her that when they came back and took the city, they would protect Rahab and her family. They even swore an oath before God to do it. Oaths were pretty powerful back then, so they meant business. They only asked one thing of Rahab. Here's what they said:

SLIDE: Joshua 2:17-19: The men said to her, “You made us take an oath and make a promise, but we won’t keep it unless you do what we say. When we enter the land, you must tie this bright red rope in your window. Bring your father and mother and everyone else in your family into your house. If anyone hurts someone who is in your house, it will be our fault, and you can hold us accountable.”

Would someone like to tell me what's going on here? (Let a kid summarize the verse.) Yep, if Rahab hangs a red rope in her window, then she and her family will be protected! And that's exactly what she did. She trusted God, and that's what emboldened her to be brave.

WE CAN BE BRAVE TOO

Just like Rahab was brave in the face of death, we can be too. When we trust God, it's like he turns us into a superhero. Now I don't mean superpowers like flying or invisibility, like in movies. They can be things like kindness to a kid who's being picked on. Or bravery to ask a friend to come to church with you!

Let's look at one more verse today. It's all about how we can do so much more when we rely on God:

SLIDE: ISAIAH 40:31: But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.

This is amazing! There will always be things that are hard or scary in our lives. **(Insert a personal example of a time you had to rely on God for bravery.)** God gives us the strength, the superpowers, to be brave and do things we couldn't do on our own!

Up here we have **red strings**, kind of like the red rope that Rahab hung out her window. These are for you to remember that God gives us the bravery to face hard things. I'm going to play a worship video, and as we watch, you can come up here and get a string. You can keep it with you, or tie in around your wrist. Think about a way that God has helped you be brave before, or a way that he will embolden you in the future!

VIDEO: BRAVERY (Start as kids are getting their red strings)

VIDEO: ALL OUR HOPE

PRAYER

You can have a kid come up to pray, or pray yourself. Ask God to help us rely on him for strength, and help us know in our hearts that he gives us all the bravery we need.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group: 1 large rope (any kind that's long enough to stretch across a large group area).

small group supplies

Per kid: 1 mask (OT: IN-25/11840)
Per group: 1 bean bag, Bible, markers

large group supplies

Per kid: 5" long piece of red yarn

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Slide: Spy
3. Video: Brave: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8xnLkyKgsE>
4. Audio: Everybody Dance Now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12VUjgYMm1U> (cover video with kids' club logo)
5. Slide: Joshua 2:17-19: The men said to her, "You made us take an oath and make a promise, but we won't keep it unless you do what we say. When we enter the land, you must tie this bright red rope in your window. Bring your father and mother and everyone else in your family into your house. If anyone hurts someone who is in your house, it will be our fault, and you can hold us accountable."
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connect questions

What has God given you?
What did God give the Israelites?

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