



3rd – 5th

May 16-17, 2015

DATE

BRAVE Journey: RECAP

LESSON TITLE

Joshua 1:9
Adventure Bible (p. 237)

WHERE TO FIND IT

Celebrate bravery!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (20 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

Adults are celebrating bravery through baptism. We want to include baptism in our conversations with kids, without pressuring them to take a step they don't fully understand. But feel free to ask them if they know what baptism is and why some people are getting baptized today. Ask them why baptism might require bravery.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to live a brave life. And remember, parents may come late because they've been baptized!

large group heads up

Today is a celebration of bravery and a recap of what we heard during the Journey. But there will probably be some kids hearing it for the first time!



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.*

CELEBRATE BRAVERY

**Break kids into small groups: Remind kids that we've been talking about bravery for six weeks. (Acknowledge that it might be kids' first time in Kids' Club and give a quick recap of the all-church Journey.)*

- We're going to celebrate being brave!
- Each group should get a roll of **blue streamers** and **markers**.
- Give each kid a piece of **paper**.
- Lay the streamers across a table or floor (don't rip them into pieces).
- Have them put their piece of paper under the streamer (They are going to draw on the streamers and it may bleed through.)
- On the streamers, have kids write/draw at least one brave thing they've done during the Journey (or something they've seen somebody else do recently, in case it's a kid's first day).
- If kids think of one, have them keep going! Fill up as much of the streamer roll as you can.
- When you have about 5 minutes left, use **tape** to hang the streamers up in the room.
- Then debrief as a small group:
 - What are some of the brave things we've done in here?
 - Why do you think we're celebrating brave things God has helped us do?
 - How does it feel to be brave?
- Share the best and/or worst parts of your week.

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



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that Peter lived a brave life and (2) recognize that they can live a brave life.

Why? Bravery never stops being a challenge. Being ready to follow Jesus means being ready to live a brave life.

Tip: Make a water bottle with the kids. Invite them into YOUR Journey by sharing brave steps you've taken in the last six weeks.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Let's see if we can remember all the ways Peter was brave. (Show the image from God's Story video and go around the table.)
2. How was Peter able to be brave? What gave him power?
3. How does God give US power?
4. What's one thing we can do to remember God's power? (memorize Joshua 1:9; get other responses too)
5. Why does God want us to live a brave life?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Give each kid a **bottle of water**.
- Explain: We're making a water bottle to remember to go live a brave life. We can't live without water just like we can't be brave without God's power!
- Let each kid decorate the bottle. Give them **markers** and let them (1) create their own **sticker** to cover the label with a new one. Here are sticker ideas:
 - Write out the verse (**verse card**)
 - Write words from the journey, like: brave, power, adventure, storm, leap
 - Draw pictures of brave things God is asking us to do
 - Draw footprints
 - Draw names of people with whom we can be brave.
 - Etc!
- As kids decorate, discuss:
 - What's one brave person you know? How was he or she brave?

***Pray together, asking God to help us all go live brave lives.**

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VERSE PRACTICE

Give each kid a different word from the verse (**1 set of verse word cards per group**). Time your group to see how long it takes them to arrange themselves in order. Mix up and play again!

Extra time? Add the streamers. Celebrate the brave things your small group WILL do this week!

LARGE group

special notes

Today is recap and a celebration of bravery. Make sure you reflect enthusiasm about all the ways God calls us to be brave!

presenter tips

If you haven't been around for the last few weeks, watch the God's Story video a couple times so that you're familiar with the story of Peter and how he's been brave.

script

***Click to play intro music.**

Hi everybody. Welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see you here. For the last few weeks, we've been talking all about a guy named Peter who was able to be brave with God's help. We've been talking about how God wants to help US be brave, too. And now, Kids' Club looks a lot like a party (refer to streamers) because you guys have been BRAVE in so many different ways!

In fact, before we get started, let's celebrate all the ways we were brave! In a minute, I'm going to ask you to stand. Then see if you can find somebody else who did the same brave thing as you. You're going to have to share what you did and ask what other people did. If you find somebody who did the same brave thing as you, both of you can sit down. Adults, you can play too! Any questions? *(Let kids clarify if necessary. Then give them a 1-2 minutes to mingle and share their brave things. When it seems like they've finished sharing, ask them all to sit.)*

So did anybody find they did the same brave thing as someone else? (Let 2-3 kids share if they found partners.) Who did his or her own brave thing or heard about something brave that someone else did? (Let 2-3 kids share.) Wow, all of those brave things are reasons to celebrate. And most of the brave things we did were different, right? In fact, what's brave for one person might be easy for somebody else! And that's OK. We all can bravely do what God asks US to do.

PETER RECAP

We've been talking about a guy named Peter. He did a lot of brave things too. We're going to watch a video to help us remember some of the brave things Peter did. Whether you know a lot about Peter or you've never heard of him, check out this video and see if you can find at least ONE brave thing Peter did.

Video: God's Story / Peter Recap

So what's one brave thing Peter did? *(Let kids respond. Ask a few kids until you get these responses: went into the deep water to fish, showed other people how to follow Jesus, walked on water, followed Jesus even after he messed up, preached through the power of the Holy Spirit, took care of other people who followed Jesus and people in need, followed Jesus even when it was hard).* Great job! Peter definitely followed Jesus bravely.

PETER'S SOURCE OF POWER

In fact, he did things that he ONLY could have done with God's power. (Pull out the **flashlight and battery**.) Just like a flashlight doesn't work without batteries (*click to show it doesn't work*), Peter couldn't have done these brave things without Jesus!

(Put the battery into the flashlight and turn it on.) But with God's power, we can be brave in ANY situation! And the good news is, God is ALWAYS with us. We've been learning a verse to remind us of this. It's Joshua 1:9 and let's read it together (read as a group):

SLIDE: Joshua 1:9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

If you've been here in the last few weeks, this should feel really familiar to you! In fact, you might even be able to memorize it. (Pull out the **bottle of water**.) See, we don't need batteries to live, but what do we need? (Let kids say: water, among other things.) Yes, one thing we can't live without is water! And just like we can't live without water, we can't be brave without Jesus. Knowing this verse helps us remember that he's *always* with us, always helping us.

There are three people who DO think they can memorize it; they're actually willing to compete against each other in a game show. Let's watch a video to see what happens. See if you can remember the verse faster than the people in this video!

Video: Dome of Verses

I'm sure glad nobody is dunking *me* for getting the words wrong! But I would love to remember the words so that I can remember to be brave. We'll practice it some more in small group!

LIVE A BRAVE LIFE

Being brave isn't something that we ever stop doing. (**Click to show blank map image.**) If you

were here last week, you might remember these maps. When we follow Jesus, we can be brave in more and more...and more ways. Jesus wants us to follow him on a great adventure, and as we follow him to new places, our maps get bigger!

A lot of people around here have been making brave choices. (Refer to streamers.) Even this weekend! Some people are getting baptized today. You might see them after Kids' Club with wet clothes. Does anybody remember what it means to get baptized? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it's when a person goes into the water and comes back up, to announce that they follow Jesus.

You also might see people with dirt in their nails. A lot of people went to a new place and did hard work to help someone. They did it as part of something called GO Cincinnati. This is exciting because it shows us what the world can look like when lots of people are following Jesus bravely together, like Peter and the others in the early church. Let's take a look at how GO Cincinnati looked last year. See if you can figure out how people are being brave:

Video: GO Cincinnati Recap

So how were they brave? (Let kids respond.) Yes, and that's not all! You guys have done lots other brave things like... (*summarize some of the things kids wrote on their streamers*). It makes me really excited to think about all the ways we're following Jesus together!

WORSHIP AND RESPOND

Let's thank God for making us brave and ask him to keep on showing us brave steps to take. We're going to sing a song called We Are the Brave Ones. See if you can sing along—or even SHOUT it out! Let's declare that we are going to keep on living bravely, not matter what!

Music Video: We are the Brave Ones

Music Video: Take It All

PRAY

Ask somebody BRAVE to come and thank Jesus for calling us to live brave lives.

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Per kid

1 blank sheet of paper

Per Group

1 roll of blue streamers
markers
tape

Per kid

1 8oz bottle of water
1 blank water bottle label (2x7")

Per group

Adventure Bible (p. 237)
Markers
verse card (Joshua 1:9)- reused
1 set of verse word cards (mixed up order)- reused

Bottle of water (same as used in small group)
Flashlight WITH batteries
Adventure Bible (p. 237)

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room: We Are the Brave Ones (Mae will have MP3)
2. Video: God's Story / Peter (Mae/Dave will have file)
3. SLIDE: Joshua 1:9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
4. Video: Dome of Verses
5. Image: blank map
6. Video: Go Cinci Promo
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ_HqcH7Uw)
7. Music Video: We Are the Brave Ones (Mae or

- Dave will have file if not on Vimeo)
8. Music Video: Take It All
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHE9K1B7SAY&list=PLIW2sAmkqygSeMd81ii-aj70pk8OByeO&index=29>)

Tell me about Peter.
How can we live a brave life?

Daily Talk Starts – separate document