

City LG—November 6th, 2022

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)

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: "Shine a Light" and "Give My All"

"Hello, friends! We've had a really amazing journey so far through God's Big Story. (*Hold up Bible.*)

"We saw how God promised to bless the whole world through Abraham's family, the Israelites. We saw how God rescued the Israelites from being enslaved in Egypt, then led them through the Red Sea.

"In the desert, God gave the Israelites food and water. God provided everything they needed, including rules to show them how to love God and love others. God then led the Israelites to the edge of Canaan, which was the land he had promised them. The Israelites arrived there about two years after they had crossed the Red Sea. That makes me think of a question..."

SLIDE: Question (If you could travel anywhere in the World, where would you go?)

CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)

"3 minutes! Talk it out with your Groups. GO!"

"Okay! Great answers everyone. I think we're all set for our Story Lab today. Ready? Let's watch!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:30)

"At the end of those 40 years, Joshua led the Israelites into Canaan. With God's help, they defeated the city of Jericho.

SLIDE: Story Emoji #8 (Castle Emoji)

"The walls came tumbling down, and the Israelites won the battle!"

SLIDE: Story Emoji #14 (Castle Rubble Emoji)

"After all that time, God's people were finally able to see and experience what God had promised them.

"It's really tough to do the sort of thing that Joshua and Caleb did—stand up and be courageous when other people are afraid. But Joshua and Caleb did it because they trusted God. They believed that God was with them and that God would help them enter the land of Canaan.

"Let's remember this so we can be courageous, too. Here's our Bottom Line for this week!"

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

"Let's pray."

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for the story of Joshua and Caleb. Even when everyone else was afraid, the two of them stood up and told the truth. They did what they knew You had called them to do, even though others were full of fear. Please help us trust You and have the courage to do what’s right, no matter what others are doing around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow. What a story! Joshua and Caleb had AMAZING courage because they trusted in God. The other Israelites were too afraid to do what God had asked them to do, because they were focused on how powerful the people in the land seemed to be.

“But Joshua and Caleb knew that God had already promised to help them. That’s why they had the courage to stand up.

“With God’s help, you and I can choose to be courageous, too. Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

“When you believe that Jesus really is God’s Son, and you choose to follow Him, God’s Holy Spirit lives in you. The Spirit can give you the courage you need to do anything—even when you’re afraid. God’s Spirit can help you stand strong and do what’s right, even if it feels like you’re the only one!

“Our memory verse for this month is Joshua 1:9. Joshua became the leader of the Israelites after Moses. And this is what God said to Joshua when he and the rest of the people were finally ready 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 good! Let’s say it together.”

“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.” (NIV)”

“Awesome job! Whenever you’re afraid, remember that God is there to help you. God can give you the courage to do the right thing. **You can trust God no matter what!**

OFFERING:

As some of you may already know, we are highlighting some of our Parkview Global Missionaries from the beautiful country of Mexico. Here is a picture of our Missionary Friends Eli and Mandy Garcia!

CG: Eli and Mandy

Parkview has spent many years developing a very important partnership with an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries in Mexico. This group has been working in many of the under-resourced areas to plant churches, start schools, and care for the amazing people of Mexico. Here’s a picture of some of the kids at the school down in Mexico.

SLIDE: Kids at School (Image 6620)

So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now knowing that it is going to help a lot of people just like you in the great country of Mexico!