

City SG—November 13th, 2022

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)

1. Duck, Duck, Verse!

What You Need: Bible marked at Joshua 1:9b

What You Do:

- Call on a volunteer to open the Bible to Joshua 1:9b.
- Say the verse with the motions you learned last week as a review.
 - Be strong and brave. (*muscle arms*)
 - Do not be afraid. (*shake right pointer finger back and forth*)
 - Do not lose hope. (*shake left pointer finger back and forth*)
 - I am the Lord (*point to the sky*)
 - your God. (*point to chest*)
 - I will be with you (*point to the sky*)
 - everywhere you go. (*march*)
 - Joshua 1:9b
- Play a version of “Duck, Duck, Goose” with the words of the memory verse.
- Walk around the circle and repeat the words of the verse as you tap each kid lightly on the head. When you get to the last word (GO), the kid whose head you tapped must get up and chase you around the circle. If you make it back to the open spot, the kid you tagged must do the tapping for the next round. If the tagged kid gets back to their spot before you get there, pick another kid as the tapper.
- Repeat several more rounds so that most kids have a chance to be tagged.

What You Say:

“I love this verse! Just like God was with David so long ago on that battlefield, God is with us right now! And God will be with you this week, no matter what big, crazy, or impossible situation you might face. It probably won't be a big giant, but it might be a choice to do the right thing, even when it's really hard! God will give you the courage to be strong and brave and not be afraid! And that's more than enough reason that **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should even when things seem impossible.**”

2. Possible or Impossible

What You Need: Sticky notes and a pen

What You Do:

- Write a capital “I” for Impossible on one sticky note and a capital “P” for Possible on the other sticky note.
- Stick them several feet apart to the wall or floor of your Small Group area.
- Gather the kids to stand between the two sticky notes.
- Call out the statements below, one at a time.
- Challenge the kids to vote on whether they think it's possible or impossible by jumping to one side or the other.
- Make sure the kids return to the center between each statement.
- Possible or Impossible:
 - There is a live dinosaur in your backyard.
 - Your brother ate breakfast this morning.

- o You can walk through a wall.
- o Your refrigerator gave you a big hug.
- o A tree grew to be 50 feet tall.
- o A goat went swimming in a fountain.
- o Your dog ate your homework.
- o The sun took the day off.
- o Your guinea pig cooked dinner.
- o You folded and put away all the laundry.
- o A butterfly told you a funny joke.
- o You walked two miles.
- o Your little brother said, "Thank you" when you helped him.
- o A red bird fluttered by the window.
- o The wind blew over your kiddie pool.
- o A man walked on the moon.
- o Your teacher let everyone pick a movie to watch.
- o You blew a bubble as big as your bedroom.
- o You said your ABC's backwards!
- o You leapt over a ten-story building in one big jump.

What You Say:

"Wow! I've never seen a refrigerator give a hug or tried to find enough food to feed a live dinosaur in my backyard. Those things are truly impossible! **[Transition]** In our Bible story today, we heard about someone who faced an IMPOSSIBLE task. Where did David get the courage to even try it?"

3. Should Versus Want

What You Need: Paper and markers

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to Divide the paper into 4 sections with a marker.
- Read one of the scenarios below.
- Let the kids discuss how they might WANT to respond.
- Then challenge them to draw or write in their square how they SHOULD respond with courage.
- Let the kids share their answers before moving on to the next scenario.
- Instruct kids to make sure they leave room in their square for drawings or sentences for four scenarios.
- Scenarios:
 - o There's a mean kid calling you names and making fun of your clothes.
 - o Everyone is laughing at one kid in your class.
 - o There's a substitute teacher, and no one is listening to him.
 - o It's the first day of school, and you don't know anyone in your class.

What You Say:

"Sometimes, there's a big difference between what we WANT to do and what we SHOULD do. What we want to do is easy. What we should do requires courage. It takes someone with bravery to stand up to a bully, defend the kid everyone is laughing at, do the right thing when no one else is listening, or introduce yourself and make new friends. The good news is that you aren't alone when it comes to courage. God is with you, especially when you need courage to do what you SHOULD do. **[Bottom Line]** You can do what you should even when things seem impossible."

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Do:

- Gather kids to sit in a tight circle.
- Use the dialogue below to remind kids that they can always talk to God when they need courage to face the impossible.
- Give the kids a moment to pray silently on their own, then close the group with a prayer like the one below.

What You Say:

“When it comes to courage, I have some good news. You can ALWAYS pray and talk to God. God hears you when you pray. So this week, when you’re faced with a situation that requires courage, talk to God and ask for help so **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should even when things seem impossible.** I’ll give you a minute to pray on your own. If there’s something you’re worried about that you know requires courage, ask God to help you. After a few minutes, I’ll close us out in prayer.

“God, thank You for the story of David and Goliath. It seemed impossible, but David still walked out onto that battlefield with courage because he knew You were on his side. This week, when we need courage because things seem impossible, would You help us? Would You remind us that we’re not alone? Thanks for hearing us when we pray and for giving us the courage we need to do the right thing. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”