

Crew Time – Onsite 3

Project Outline for February 5 and 8



Faith Building Block: Courage

Bottom Line: Remember God is with you when you are the only one doing the right thing.

Memory Verse: When I am afraid, I will trust you. Psalm 56:3

Bible Story Focus: Daniel in the Lion's Den, page 184 in *Spark Story Bible*

Preparation & Supplies

SOTV will provide:

- *Onsite 3 To Do's* sheet & dry erase marker
- ***It's All About Courage*** Poster
- **Heart Start** bowl, water and mini info-sheet
- "O"-rings and a rubber band – 1/child, yarn pieces – 3/child
- Stars & yellow highlighters for Bibles
- T.I.P.S. prayer cloth and prayer chips or foam shapes

Teachers: (When you arrive)

Scan through the project outline and make sure you have all the necessary visual aids, craft pieces, etc.

Before Your Crew Members Arrive:

Pray: Take a moment to ask God to give you the right words, patience, and attitude to be the leader your crew members need you to be today.

1. Crew Check-in: (*Nametags, Crew Sign-in sheet, dry-erase marker*)

Welcome every student as they arrive and give them their name tag.

2. Gathering Activity - 5 minutes

As Children Arrive: (*"It's All About Courage" poster, marker*)

Talk with children about people and events they encountered this week that required the courage to say or do the right something. Have them autograph the poster to recognize them for being courageous. Note the names of the Bible story characters that are on the poster already along with the courageous thing they did.

When everyone has arrived: 3 minutes

Highlight the bottom lines we've been learning to see ways courage can be a part of building our faith: 1) When you are afraid, remember that God is with you. 2) Remember that God is with you when you do the right thing. 3) Remember God is with you when you speak up for what is right. Then, introduce this week's bottom line.

3. Heart Start (*Heart Start bowls & water*): 1 minute

Encourage your children to place their fingers in the bowl and make the sign of the cross on their forehead to remember you're all a part of God's "come as you are" family. NOTE: Take a moment to explain the purpose of a Heart Start to any children who have been absent. Be sure they get a Heart Start pack to take home. **We have EXTRA Heart Start packs in the Resource Room.**

4. Bible Story Intro- 2 minutes

- Talk briefly about trips to the zoo and favorite animals to see. Then, ask children to think about what it might be like to get up close and personal with a lion in his den.
- Point out that in today's Bible story that's what a guy named Daniel did – Not by choice, but still.... Let's find out how he got there.

5. It's Spark Bible Story Time: (*Spark Story Bible, page 184, markers, star stickers*) – 5 minutes

- Recognize children who brought their Bibles. Give them a star sticker to put in their Bibles. Encourage others to bring their Bibles next week because we are going to be doing more with our Bibles than just read them. (*Have children who did bring Bibles share it with others.*)
- Take the time necessary to help them find the page number of the Bible story. (*page 184*)
- Recognize the story characters pictured on page 184 as the King Darius and Daniel.
- Read the story together and have children highlight everything that Daniel did, e.g. Daniel loved God, Daniel was afraid of lions, Daniel always prayed to God.

5. **Lion Tails** (*"O"-rings and a rubber band – 1/child, yarn pieces – 3/child*) – 5 minutes

- Display a sample of this craft as you distribute the items necessary to make a lion tail.
- **Say:** Today we are going to braid lion's tails to put backpacks or use as zipper pulls. They can be used to remind you that God will give you the courage you need to make the right choices wherever you go.
- Move the conversation to things in their life that might make them feel like they are right in the middle of a "lions den."
- Extra "Just for Fun" conversation topic: Talk with children about movies, books, conversations they have that include lions. Refer to the recent movies about zoo animals, e.g., "We Bought a Zoo" or Zookeeper.

7. **Ways to Pray and Things to Say** (*T.I.P.S. prayer cloth & foam markers or plastic chips*) – 3-5 minutes
NOTE: It is important that this activity be repeated "as is" each week to help children get into a rhythm of praying at church and at home. Check to see if there are any children who have not yet received a TIPS prayer mat for their home. The Resource Center has these along with an important note for parents.

- RECOGNIZE THAT DANIEL PRAYED TO GOD. **Ask:** What kind of prayers does the Bible story say he prayed?
- Lay-out the T.I.P.S. prayer cloth and foam markers or chips.
- Take a moment to let your crew members use the foam shapes or plastic chips to identify some things they have on their minds to talk to God about – ENCOURAGE THEM TO INCLUDE PEOPLE AND THINGS THAT REQUIRE COURAGE TO DEAL WITH...
- Ask them if they'd like to identify any of their prayer thoughts to actually say in the prayer. Then, pray the following prayer.

Dear God! You love us and take such good care of us. We'd like to thank you for the amazing ways you provide for us. (Include specific things your crew mentioned) **We'd also like to say we're sorry for mistakes we make and things we say or do that would not be pleasing to you.** (Include specific things your crew mentioned) **We praise you for the whole wide world and everyone in it. Please help those who are in need.** (Include specific things your crew mentioned) **Thank you for walking with us through this day. Amen**

- Encourage your crew members to use their prayer mat at home with their parents as they set aside time to prayer together.

It's Tool Time!

(25 minutes)

Meet in Rooms 20-21 on Sundays and in the Great Hall on Wednesdays. Please have your crew sit together.

Thanks for choosing to share your time, faith and gifts in this way!