

High Voltage Kids Ministry

“How To Be Brave”

Main Focus:

I can be brave and make
a difference!



Power Verse:

“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.”

— Joshua 1:9



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Be Brave And Change The
World!”

LEADER’S INFO

Esther was a young girl who, at just fourteen years old, found herself in an unexpected and overwhelming situation—she was chosen to be part of a royal contest to become queen. But little did she know, this was just the beginning of her true test of bravery.

Through a series of events, Esther had a choice: stay silent and stay safe or risk everything to stand up for what was right. With courage in her heart and faith in God, she made her decision—and God honored her bravery!

In this lesson, children will learn that being brave isn’t about having no fear—it’s about trusting God even when we’re afraid. When we stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves, we bring honor to God, and He can use our courage to make a difference in the world!



“The Spark” Intro Video

“I Wish I Were Brave”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Wacky Wally”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“What’s In The Box?”



Bible Story

“Esther Is Brave”



Power Verse (NO Video)

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Call To Action

“How To Be Brave”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “How To Be Brave - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Wacky Wally” Theme Graphic/Music
- Cape

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video
- “What’s In The Box?” Graphic
- A Cardboard Box
- 10 Items With Various Textures

Bible Story

- “Esther Is Brave” Graphics

Power Verse (NO Video)

- “How To Be Brave” - Power Verse Graphic

Call To Action

- “How To Be Brave” Graphics
- A Policeman’s Badge
- A Firefighter’s Helmet

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video
- “REWIND!” Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece
- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers
- How Brave Are You Questions Print Piece
- Cup
- Scissors

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “I Wish I Were Brave”

“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

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Small Group Experience



Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Today, we are learning an incredible lesson that is important for every single one of you!

I have a question for you. Have you ever faced something really scary? Maybe you had to stand up for what was right, speak in front of a big group, or try something new that felt impossible. Raise your hand if you’ve ever felt afraid of something. *(Allow a few kids to share what made them feel afraid.)*

Fear is something we all experience sometimes. But here’s the good news—God doesn’t want us to live in fear! He wants us to be brave and trust Him, no matter what we face.

We are going to learn a really important lesson from a person in the Bible who showed amazing bravery! Any idea who it might be? *(Allow a few kids to guess)* Lots of great guesses.

To find out who it is, I want you to check out this video...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video”)

Leader: Being brave doesn’t mean never feeling afraid. It means trusting God even when things seem scary. Esther knew that even though she was afraid, God was with her, and He would help her do the right thing.

That’s why today, we’re going to learn how we can be brave and trust God just like Esther. You may not be a queen or king, but God has an amazing plan for your life, too. And when you choose to be brave, you can change the world!

Right now, it’s time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow!”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Wacky Wally**” (a mega-nerd who dreams of one day becoming a superhero!)

Wally: *(Enters making dramatic trumpet noises)* DOO-DOO-DOOOO!!! STAND! ASIDE, LOYAL SUBJECTS! THE KING HAS ARRIVED!

Leader: *(Startled)* Whoa! What is happening right now?

Wally: I am KING WALLY, ruler of sock drawers and protector of puppies!

Leader: King Wally? Oh boy...

Wally: You may now kneel and present me with nachos and apple juice.

Leader: Uh... what kingdom are you ruling again?

Wally: ALL OF THEM! But mostly the kingdom of my backyard and sometimes the hallway near the snack cabinet.

Leader: I see. So what brings Your Royal Wackiness here today?

Wally: I've come to make some royal decrees! For my first decree, everyone must wear their underwear over their pants just like a real superhero. Second, all pizza shall be eaten backwards, crust-first.

Leader: Those are... interesting laws.

Wally: *(Very pleased)* Thank you. I came up with them all on my own.

Leader: Well, King Wally, did you know we're learning about a real queen today?

Wally: You mean Queen Cheddar of Cheese-topia?!

Leader: No... I mean Queen Esther - from the Bible!

Wally: Ohhhh! Was she super royal and bossy like me? Did she make people tickle her feet with feathers and sing opera when bringing her snacks?

Leader: Nope! Actually, Esther wasn't selfish at all. She was super brave and used her position as queen to stand up for other people.

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Wally: Wait, she didn't use her power to build a castle out of candy or demand unlimited nachos? Sounds like a waste of power to me...

Leader: Nope! She risked everything to help others. She didn't think, "What can people do for me?" She thought, "What can I do for others?"

Wally: WHOA! That's like... hero level bravery. Like SUPERHERO bravery.

Leader: Exactly! God had a plan for Esther, and He used her to help save her people. And guess what?

Wally: I already know. She got a cool cape like mine and was given a talking hamster as her royal advisor!

Leader: *(Laughs)* Not quite. But God did use her to make a difference, and He wants to use YOU, too. Every single one of us can help share God's love and stand up for others!

Wally: *(Thoughtful)* Hmm... so you're saying being a king isn't about bossing people around. It's about being brave, loving others, and doing what's right?

Leader: Exactly! That's what today's lesson is all about.

Wally: Then I, King Wally, do hereby declare I will be brave! And I will stand up for others! And... I will no longer demand snacks from stranger!

Leader: That's probably a good idea, Wally.

Wally: Thank you! I must go now. Before I left I put all my stuffed animals in charge of building me a new throne. Now I know I should build them a throne instead! Remember, YOU can be brave, too! Until next time, it's up, up, and A WACKY WALLY AWAAAYYYYYYYYYY!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“What’s In The Box?”

Items Needed For Game:

A cardboard box, 10 items with varying textures

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Preparation:

Choose five boys and five girls to play. Prop the box up on a table with the open side facing out so everyone not playing can see what’s inside. Cut one hole on each side of the box so the kids can stick their hands inside and feel the item. Have the items hidden somewhere so the players cannot see what they are feeling.

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How To Play:

Before each round, have the players turn around or close their eyes while an item is placed in the box. Then, the first player from one team will put their hands in the box, without looking, and guess what they think it is. They will have 15 seconds to guess what the item is. If they guess correctly, they earn a point for their team. Once their turn is over, replace the item in the box. Then, a player from the other team will go. Continue alternating teams each round. At the end of 10 rounds, the team with the most points wins!



Bible Story

“Esther Is Brave”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the passage in Esther 2-10; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today, we are going to learn about an amazing young woman in the Bible. Her name was Esther. Esther was a poor young girl who found herself being taken to the King's palace for a massive beauty contest. This contest was taking place in order to find the King a new wife.

(*show pic*) The King only needed a few moments in Esther's presence before he was totally in love with her. Esther was beautiful, gracious and kind -- just what the king was looking for. In no time at all, Esther was married to the king. He declared her the new queen.

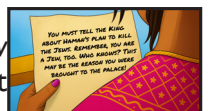
Something important to know is - Esther was a Jew. The Jews had been driven out of Israel, their home, about 70 years before and forced to live in Persia. Although they did their best to live peacefully in this strange land, they prayed that someday they would be able to return to their home. (*show pic*) Esther's cousin, Mordecai, was the leader of the Jews. He encouraged Esther to hide the fact that she was a Jew from the King of Persia and his advisors. So, she did.

There was a wicked man who worked for the King. His name was Haman. He decided that everyone needed to bow down to him. But Esther's cousin, Mordecai, refused to bow down to him. (*show pic*) Haman was very angry and told the King to make a royal decree to destroy the Jews. The King, not knowing any better, agreed.

When Mordecai told Esther about Haman's evil plot, she was afraid. Mordecai asked Esther to go to the King and tell him about Haman's plans to kill the Jews. Esther exclaimed, “Anyone who goes before the king without being invited will DIE!” Mordecai knew that Esther was the only answer for the Jews. Mordecai sent a message that said, (*show pic*) “Who knows? This may be the reason you were brought to the palace.”

Esther was afraid, but she decided to be brave. First she fasted and prayed for God's help. Then she went before the King without being invited. She could have been killed. But, the King was pleased to see her. He said, “What is your request? I will give it to you.” (*show pic*) Esther told the King about Haman's evil plot to kill all of the Jews. Then, she told the king that SHE was a Jew.

(*show pic*) The king was furious with Haman and ordered that he be arrested and killed. Wow! Esther had chosen to be brave and trust God. She and her people were saved. Today, we are going to learn that if we will trust God and be brave, He can use us to change the world!





Call To Action

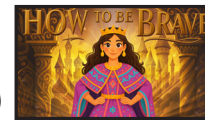
“How To Be Brave”

Materials Needed:

The “How To Be Brave” graphics; a policeman’s badge; a firefighter’s helmet

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “How To Be Brave”



The Message: *(title slide)*

We are going to learn some important lessons from the story of Esther, today. But, first I want to do a little exercise with you. *(hold up the police officer’s badge)* Pretend I am a police officer. I am on duty and I walk into a bank. Suddenly, I realize that the bank is being robbed. Would you be surprised if I jumped into action to try to stop the bank robber? Would that shock you? *(allow response)* Of course, not. You would probably say, “Of course, you would try to stop the bank robber. This is your moment. This is what you trained for and why you became a police officer.” *(put down the badge)*

OK, one more! *(put on the firefighter’s helmet)* Pretend I am a firefighter. Imagine I am riding down the street on my awesome fire engine, when suddenly I see a house that is on fire. Would you be surprised if I stopped my vehicle and went into action to try to hose down that fire and keep the building from burning down? *(allow response)* Of course, not. You would probably say, “Of course! This is your moment! This is the reason you became a firefighter - to fight fires!” *(take off the helmet)*

Well done, everyone. You easily recognized those moments and you knew that it would be the right thing for me to take action when my moment came. Did you know that as children of God, we have moments, too? It’s true! There are moment in life when you realize - God created me and empowered me for exactly THIS moment! Queen Esther realized this, and so did her Uncle Mordecai. Remember, when Haman was planning to kill the Jews, there was only ONE person who had access to the king to warn him - that person was Queen Esther. Mordecai told Esther, “Who knows? This may be the reason you were brought into the palace!” Queen Esther did what you must do...



Recognize Your Moment *(slide)*

It might be at school when you see someone picking on the new kid. It might be at home when you see that your brother or sister is hurt and needs help. It might be on the playground when God speaks to you to tell someone about Jesus. You have to be able to recognize the “MOMENT” that God has for you to do something brave for Him. But, it’s not enough just to recognize your moment. When you recognize it, then...

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Call To Action (Continued)

Pray, Then Obey *(slide)*



That’s exactly what Esther did! When Mordecai asked Esther to go before the king and tell him about Haman’s plans to kill the Jews, she didn’t do it immediately. First, she prayed. She fasted - spending time praying when she would normally be eating a meal. She knew how important it was to pray before doing something. She wanted to know exactly what God wanted her to do. After praying, she obeyed God and went to King Xerxes to tell him about Haman’s plans to kill the Jews.

We need to do the same thing when we’re faced with tough decisions. If you don’t know what to do, ask God. Pray, then obey! It’s so important that you make sure you do what God wants you to do - not just what’s easy, more fun, or feels better. It’s when you pray and obey God’s commands that you will find yourself filled with courage. That’s how to be brave and make a huge difference!

You might say, “Well, I’m not sure that’s enough. I mean, I can do what’s right and obey God, but I’m just ONE person. What difference can that make?” Well, the last lesson we can learn from Esther is this...

Just ONE Brave Person + God Can Make A Difference! *(slide)*



You may not feel like you can make a difference on your own, but with God, you can make a HUGE difference! When you add God to the equation, the results are BIG! Think of all the times in the Bible God did something amazing.

(show pic) David was just ONE person, but when God helped him, he conquered the big, scary giant, Goliath with just a small stone and a sling. *(show pic)* Moses was just ONE person, but with God’s help, he parted the Red Sea and delivered all of the Israelites from captivity. *(show pic)* Mary was just ONE person, but God used her to bring the Savior, Jesus, into the world. *(show pic)* Paul was just ONE person, but with God’s help, he was the first missionary to preach the Gospel and build churches around the world!

You may be just ONE person, but with God’s help, you can be brave and make a difference! First, you need to recognize your moment. Then, you need to pray and ask God what He wants you to do. Then, obey Him because, with His help, you can be brave and make a HUGE difference in this world!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray that the children would be willing to be brave and make a difference! Pray that each child would choose to recognize their moment, pray and obey God, and always remember just ONE brave person + God can make a difference!

**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Be Brave And Change The World!”

2. Who had a beauty contest for all the most beautiful women in the land?

Answer: King Xerxes

3. Who won the beauty contest?

Answer: Esther

4. Who raised Esther as if he was her father?

Answer: Mordecai

5. What did Haman declare he would do to all the Jews?

Answer: Kill Them

6. True or False: King Xerxes did not believe Esther when she told him Haman wanted to kill all the Jews.

Answer: False

7. According to our lesson today, “Recognize Your _____.”

Answer: Moment

8. According to our lesson today, “Pray, Then ____.”

Answer: Obey

9. According to our lesson today, “Just ONE Brave Person + ____ Can Make A Difference!”

Answer: God

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Joshua 1:9