

OCT 11TH|K-3RD|WK2

Elementary Service Flow

Large Group

- Pre-Service
- Opener
- Worship
- Memory Verse
- Story Time
- Salvation moment | ABC Salvation

Small Group Transition (EHT ONLY)

K-1st grade: Move to K-1st classroom

2nd-3rd Grade: Stay in current classroom

Small Group

- Activity One
- Activity Two
- Prayer and Dismiss



Bible Story

A Gold Statue and a Blazing Furnace • Daniel 3

Bottom Line

God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.

Memory Verse

God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble. • Psalm 46:1 NIV

5 min

PRE SERVICE ACTIVITY

5 min

Pre Service Activity

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Once most kids have arrived, gather kids in an open area of the room.
- Say: "Today we're playing a game called Captain's Challenge! You'll need to listen carefully and decide whether to follow what you HEAR or what you SEE."
- Explain the rules:
 - The leader—the "Captain"—will give a command.
 - Kids should ONLY follow the spoken command.
 - Sometimes the leader's actions will NOT match the words.
 - If kids accidentally copy the leader's actions instead of listening to the command, they simply freeze for one round before jumping back in.
- Practice a few easy matching commands:
 - "Touch your head."
 - "Spin in a circle."
 - "Clap three times."
- Begin mixing commands and actions:
 - Say "sit down" while raising your hands.
 - Say "jump" while kneeling.
 - Say "freeze" while spinning.
 - Say "reach up high" while touching your toes.
 - Say "march in place" while standing still.

- Continue for several rounds, gradually increasing speed and silliness.
 - Say "wave your right hand" while waving both hands wildly.
 - Say "tiptoe quietly" while stomping your feet loudly.
 - Say "cross your arms" while patting your head.
 - Say "look up at the ceiling" while staring dramatically at the floor.
 - Say "take two giant steps" while taking tiny baby steps.
 - Say "wiggle your fingers" while folding your hands together tightly.
 - Say "hop on one foot" while marching in place.
 - Say "salute the Captain" while spinning in circles.
- After several rounds, gather kids together.

What You Say:

"You all did a great job paying attention! Some of those commands were easy to follow, but some were pretty tricky – especially when what you heard didn't match what you saw. Sometimes you wanted to copy everyone else or follow the action instead of listening carefully to what was actually true. That happens in real life, too. Sometimes people around us are doing one thing, but God says something different. Sometimes it feels easier to go along with the crowd instead of standing for what is right. Today, we're going to hear about three men named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Everyone around them bowed down to a giant gold statue because the king commanded it. But these three men refused to do something they knew was wrong – even when everyone else was doing it. They chose to follow God instead of following the crowd. That wasn't easy! It would have been way easier to just blend in and do what everyone else was doing. But Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted that God was with them, so they stood strong for what was true. And that's important for us to remember, too. Sometimes following God means making a different choice than the people around us. But we never stand alone because God is always with us. Let's say our Bottom Line together: **[Bottom Line] God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.**"

LARGE GROUP OPENER

Game | Safe place dash!

What You Need

 Pool inflatables

 Blue Tape

1 (Host enters with energy and excitement.)

1 Countdown

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

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(Things to have ready: "Safe Place Zone" designated with floor tape and a starting line set with floor tape. Three pool floats placed in the Safe Place zone. Game Slide 1. Bottom Line slide.)

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome back to Fusion Church! I'm so glad you're here today! We're continuing our series learning all about how God is our safe place and our strength.

"Alright, I need everybody to help me settle a very important question before we start today.

"If you could pick one thing to have for a whole week, which would you choose: A week off school, an unlimited pizza machine, or a jetpack?

"Okay, turn to someone near you and defend your answer. You have 30 seconds. GO!

(Pause while kids talk to each other.)

"Alright, let me hear some answers! Raise your hand if you'd like to share!

(Pause for responses.)

"Interesting choices. Some of you picked pizza, which honestly feels very wise. Some of you picked the jetpack because apparently, you all want to become superheroes.

"But imagine if everybody around you picked one thing, and you were the only person choosing something different. Sometimes it can feel weird standing out from everybody else.

"And today, we're going to hear a true story about three guys in the Bible who had a moment exactly like that. Everybody around them was doing one thing, but they chose to stand for what was true instead.

"But before we learn about them, let's get to our fun game!

"This is one I like to call ... 'Safe Place Dash'!

GAME SLIDE 1: Safe Place Dash

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"First, I need five players to come to the front! Raise your hand if you'd like to play!

(Choose five volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, invite them to the front of the game area, and line them up at the start line.)

"Awesome! All five of you will start on one side of the room. And on the other side of the room is the Safe Place Zone. You'll notice there are three pool floats waiting in the safe place. When I yell 'SAFE PLACE!' you'll sprint across the room and try to grab one of the floats. If you grab a float, congratulations! You made it safely.

"But the two players left without a float will have to complete a fun challenge before jumping back into the game. Everybody ready? Alright! Get into position!

"Ready, set, SAFE PLACE!

(Players sprint toward the floats.)

"Whoa! Nice hustle! Alright, our two players without floats now have a challenge.

"I want you to pretend you're surfing through a giant storm for five seconds!

(Pause while kids act it out.)

"Outstanding surfing skills. Truly impressive!"

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for five new volunteers at the start of each round. Ideas for more challenges: Dramatic, slow-motion run, shivering in freezing weather, walking like a robot, paddling a canoe, spinning around ten times, climbing a mountain.)

"Awesome job, everybody! Let's give our players a huge round of applause! You guys can take your seats."

"Looks like it's time to dive into our Bottom Line for today! Let's check it out."

[Bottom Line] "God is with me, so I can stand for what's true. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God is with me, so I can stand for what's true."

HOST: "Awesome job, friends! We will be talking more about that very soon!"

WORSHIP

The Joy| The belonging| Covenant Kids

What You Need

No supplies needed

All right guest what time it is ? Its time to worship!

Worship is one of the best things we get to do together. It's a chance to sing, move, and thank God just for being who He is.

"You don't have to sing perfectly. You don't even have to know all the moves. It's more about us coming together and saying, 'I love You, God. You are number one in my life!'

MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 46:1

What You Say:

What You Need

No supplies needed

"It's the start of a new month, and that means we have a brand-new Memory Verse to learn together! This verse reminds us of something powerful about who God is.

"Sometimes we all face things that feel bigger than us. Maybe it's something happening at school, a friendship problem, a big change, or something that makes us nervous. In those moments, it's easy to feel afraid.

"But God doesn't leave us by ourselves in hard times. The Bible reminds us that God is our safe place. He gives us strength when we feel weak, courage when we feel nervous, and help when we don't know what to do. And the amazing thing is that God isn't far away. He's always with us. He's present in every battle, every challenge, and every storm we face.

"Here's our Memory Verse for this month. I'll read it first, then I'll guide you through it!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

LEADER: "God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1 NIV).

"Now, let me guide you through it. Repeat after me, nice and loud!

LEADER: "God is our place of safety."

KIDS AND LEADER: "God is our place of safety."

LEADER: "He gives us strength."

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LEADER: "He is always there to help us"

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LEADER: "in times of trouble."

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LEADER: "Psalm 46:1!"

KIDS AND LEADER: "Psalm 46:1!"

LEADER: "Great job, everybody! As you go through this week, remember that courage doesn't come from being the strongest person in the room. Real courage comes from knowing God is with you. No matter what challenge, fear, or difficult situation you face, you can trust that God is your safe place and your strength. Keep holding onto that truth this week!"

BIBLE STORY

Story Time Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

SALVATION MOMENT | ABC PRAYER

ABC Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

Leader: "Let's talk to God together, friends. You can bow your heads and close your eyes."

Kids, have you ever made a mistake? Maybe you disobeyed your parents, were unkind to a friend, or told a lie.

The Bible calls those things sin. Every one of us has sinned—even grown-ups! Sin separates us from God, and no matter how hard we try, we can't fix that problem on our own.

That's why we need Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that He came to take the punishment for our sins so we could be close to God and have eternal life with Him.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY ONE

"Go Along or Stay Strong"

What You Need

	Floor Tape	1
	Go along & stay strong signs	1

Maybe you've heard about Jesus before, but you've never personally asked Him to be your forever friend. Today, you can make that choice.

If you have never asked Jesus to be your forever friend, and today you want to say 'yes' to Jesus, raise your hand right now."

(Pause and look for raised hands.)

"That's amazing! Let's all pray together. Repeat after me:
READ THE ABC PRAYER

(Tech Crew) Slides A, B, C

Leaders read each slide and have kids repeat after you.

SLIDE: Theme

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Use tape to create a line across the Small Group space.
- Designate one side of the space as "Go Along" and designate the opposite side as "Stand Strong".

During the Activity:

- Gather kids in the middle of the space near the tape line.
- Say: "We're going to hear different situations that kids like you might actually face. After each one, you'll decide what choice you would make."
- Explain:
 - If the situation describes "going along with the crowd," move to the "Go Along" side.
 - If the situation describes "standing for what's true," move to the "Stand Strong" side.
 - There are no trick questions.
 - Everyone should move honestly.

- Practice with a fun example:
 - "Your friend wants to eat pizza for dinner."
 - Allow kids to choose either side.
- Begin scenarios.
- **Scenario 1:**
 - "Your teacher leaves the room for a minute. A bunch of kids start talking loudly, and you join in even though you know you're supposed to stay quiet."
 - Kids move to the side they think matches the choice being made.
 - Say: "That choice would go on the 'Go Along' side because in the scenario, the kid followed the crowd instead of doing what they knew was right. Sometimes it feels easier to do what everyone else is doing, even when we know better."
- **Scenario 2:**
 - "Some kids start making fun of someone, but you choose not to laugh and instead say something kind."
 - Kids move to the side they think matches the choice being made.
 - Say: "That choice belongs on the 'Stand Strong' side because kindness takes courage. It can feel scary to be different from the crowd, but God helps us stand for what's true."
- **Scenario 3:**
 - "You forgot to do your homework, so you blame your little brother instead of telling the truth."
 - Kids move to the side they think matches the choice being made.
 - Say: "That choice is on the 'Go Along' side because that would be choosing the easy way out instead of honesty. Telling the truth can be hard sometimes, especially when we're afraid of consequences."
- **Scenario 4:**
 - "Your friends dare you to break a rule at recess, and you do it because you don't want them to think you're boring."
 - Kids move to the side they think matches the choice being made.
 - Say: "That choice would also go on the 'Go Along' side because the kid in the scenario let pressure from friends make the decision for them. Sometimes we care so much about what others think that we forget to make the wise choice."

- **Scenario 5:**

- "You notice a kid sitting alone at lunch, and even though you feel nervous, you go sit beside them anyway."
- Kids move to the side they think matches the choice being made.
- Say: "That choice belongs on the 'Stand Strong' side because kindness and courage often go together. Standing strong is not just about saying 'no' to wrong things—it's also about choosing to go above and beyond in showing God's love to others."

- **Scenario 6:**

- "A friend wants you to lie for them so they don't get in trouble, but you decide to tell the truth instead."
- Kids move to the side they think matches the choice being made.
- Say: "That choice belongs on the 'Stand Strong' side because telling the truth is the wise thing to do. A real friend helps others make good choices instead of hiding wrong ones."
- After the final round, gather kids back together.

What You Say:

"You all made some brave choices today. Some of those situations probably felt easy, but others may have felt harder because real life can be complicated. Sometimes we know what the right choice is, but we still feel pressure to go along with everyone else. That's exactly what happened in today's Bible story. When the music played, everyone bowed down to the statue except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Imagine how obvious they must have looked standing there while the entire crowd was on the ground! They could have chosen the easy way. They could have blended in. But they chose to stand for what was true because they trusted God more than they feared the crowd. Standing for truth doesn't always mean doing something huge and dramatic. Sometimes it looks like telling the truth. Sometimes it means being kind when others are mean. Sometimes it means walking away from something you know is wrong. Sometimes it means choosing to obey what God has called us to do, even when nobody else is. And here's the amazing part: God doesn't ask you to stand strong all by yourself. The same God who was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego is with you too! When you follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps you choose courage, wisdom, kindness, and truth. So, the next time you feel pressure to

SMALL GROUP| ACTIVITY TWO

Take a Snapshot | Verse Hunt

What You Need

 "Verse Hunt" Activity Page

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go along with the crowd, remember this: **[Bottom Line] God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.**"

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Verse Hunt" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Hide the verse cutouts around the room before kids arrive.
- Stack the challenge card from the Activity Page face down.

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Psalm 46:1.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses for 2nd-3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Say: "Today we're going on a Verse Hunt! Pieces of our Memory Verse are hidden all around the room."
- Divide kids into teams of two.

- Explain:
 - Each team must complete a movement challenge while searching.
 - Teams may only collect one verse card at a time.
 - Once all the cards are found, teams will work together to place the verse in the correct order.
- Allow each team to draw a challenge card.
- Begin the hunt.
- Encourage excitement and teamwork as kids search.
- As cards are found:
 - Gather kids back together.
 - Spread the cards out on the floor or table.
 - Work together to arrange the verse in order.
- Read the completed verse aloud together several times.

What You Say:

"You all worked really hard to find every piece of the verse! Some of those challenges probably made the hunt a little harder too. You had to keep moving, searching, listening, and working together the whole time. In today's Bible story, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to keep focusing on what they knew was true, even when everyone around them was doing something different. It would have been easy to follow the crowd and bow down to the statue. But they remembered who God is. They trusted that God was with them, and that helped them stand strong. That's one reason memorizing God's Word is so important. When we fill our hearts and minds with what is true, it helps us make wise choices later. God's truth reminds us who He is. It reminds us that He is strong, faithful, good, and always with us. Sometimes life feels a little like your verse hunt today. There can be distractions, pressure, noise, and confusion all around us. But God's truth helps guide us through all of it. The more we learn God's Word, the easier it becomes to recognize what is true and follow Him with courage. So when life feels difficult or when you feel pressure to go along with others, remember that **[Bottom Line] God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.**"

PRAY AND DISMISS

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

	Bucket	1
	Red, yellow, and orange construction paper	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Cut simple flame shapes out of construction paper, one per kid.
- Write one of the following simple truth words on each flame.
 - Examples:
 - Strong
 - Helper
 - Peace
 - Brave
 - Faithful
 - Refuge
 - Love
 - Safe Place
 - Courage
 - Powerful
 - Friend
 - Comfort
- Place the flames in the bucket.

During the Activity:

- Gather kids in a circle around the bucket.
- Say: "Today we heard about three men who stood strong because they trusted that God was with them."
- Slowly pass the bucket of flames around the circle.
- Invite each child to choose one flame.
- Once everyone has a flame, say: "Look at the word on your flame. This word reminds us of something true about God."
- Go around the circle and invite kids to read their word aloud if they would like.

What You Say:

"Sometimes we think courage means never feeling nervous or afraid. But real courage means choosing what is right even when something feels difficult. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were able to stand strong because they trusted God more than they feared the fire. Your flame is a reminder that God is with you too. When you see it this week, remember that God is your helper, your refuge, your strength, and your peace. No matter where you go or what situation you face, you are never standing alone. Right now,

we're going to take time to talk with God. As you hold your flame, let it remind you that God is with you wherever you go. Maybe there's a place this week where you need courage, wisdom, or help to stand strong. You can talk to God about that right now. Let's spend a few quiet moments with Him together." *(Pause briefly to allow kids to talk to God on their own before praying together.)*

Prayer:

"God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You that You are strong when we feel weak and that we never have to stand alone. Please help us stand for what is true, even when it feels difficult or when others around us are making different choices. Give us courage to follow You, wisdom to make good choices, and peace when we feel nervous or unsure. Help us remember this week that You are our helper, our refuge, and our strength wherever we go. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to keep their flame in a place they can see it to be reminded that God is with them!

Supplies

Game | Safe place dash! Quantity

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| 1. | Pool inflatables | 1 |
| 2. | Blue Tape | 1 |

"Go Along or Stay Strong" Quantity

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| 1. | Floor Tape | 1 |
| 2. | Go along & stay strong signs | 1 |

Take a Snapshot | Verse Hunt Quantity

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| 1. | "Verse Hunt" Activity Page | 2 |
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Pray and Dismiss Quantity

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| 1. | Bucket | 1 |
| 2. | Red, yellow, and orange construction paper | 1 |