

OCT 4TH|K-3RD|WK1

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

Israel Captures Jericho • Joshua 6:1-16, 20

Bottom Line

God is strong, so I can be brave.

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

 Plastic cups	20
 Balls	10
 Straws	1
 Floor Tape	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Stack the cups into a small "wall" or tower on a table or floor space.
- Use tape to mark a line on the ground for kids to stand behind.
- Place the balls and straws nearby.

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
 - Say: "Today we're going to try a challenge called 'Crash the Wall!'"
 - Explain the rules:
 - Kids will take turns trying to knock down the wall.
 - Each round will use a different method.
 - The goal is to knock over as many cups as possible.
 - Round 1: Straw Blow
 - Place a cup wall several inches away from the kids.
 - Have kids blow through straws to try to knock cups down.
 - Encourage teamwork and cheering for one another.
 - Round 2: Roll the Ball
 - Rebuild the wall.
 - Let kids gently roll a ball from a marked line to knock the cups over.
 - Round 3: Distance Challenge
 - Move the throwing or rolling line farther away.
 - Allow kids to toss or roll the ball toward the wall.
- Continue playing additional rounds if time allows.
- One Breath Challenge – Kids only get one big breath through the straw before the next person goes.
 - Backward Roll – Kids roll the ball while facing the opposite direction or through their legs.
 - Silent Round – Kids must complete the challenge without talking, connecting to following instructions carefully.
 - Between rounds, rebuild the wall together.

5 min

LARGE GROUP OPENER

5 min

OPENER

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

"That wall was pretty tough to knock down sometimes, wasn't it? Some of you probably thought, 'There's no way I can do this!' But little by little, the wall started to fall. Today we're going to hear about a city called Jericho. Jericho had huge walls around it. The walls were strong and tall, and God's people probably wondered how they could ever get through them. But God showed them something important: they didn't win the battle because they were strong enough. They won because God is strong. Sometimes we face things that feel big or difficult, too. Maybe it's something scary, something new, or something that feels impossible to handle on your own. But the good news is that we don't have to rely only on ourselves. God is stronger than anything we face. And because He is strong, we can be brave. That's our Bottom Line today: **[Bottom Line] God is strong, so I can be brave.**"

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

Countdown

Optional Video: Theme Loop

use floor tape to create the ten "safe zones" around the game area. Game Slide 1. Bottom Line slide.)

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to Fusion Kids! I'm so glad you're here today! We are kicking off a brand-new theme together. We're going to discover something powerful: God is our safe place. He is strong, and He helps us be brave."

Game | Storm Surge!

What You Need

 Tape (mark off safe zone)

1

"Have you ever been caught outside during a huge storm? Maybe the wind started blowing, thunder started crashing, and suddenly, all you wanted was a safe place to go. Maybe you ran inside your house. Maybe you grabbed a blanket. Maybe you hid under your bed because thunder sounds like giant bowling balls falling from the sky.

"Well, today, we're starting with a game all about finding safety during the storm.

What You Say:

Let's play a game called ... 'Storm Surge!'

GAME SLIDE 1: Storm Surge

"Here's how the game works: Around the room, you'll see safe zones, on the floor.

"When I say, 'calm seas,' everybody will walk around the perimeter of the room like you're sailing peacefully on the ocean. But when I yell, 'STORM SURGE!' you have to quickly find a safe place before the storm hits!

"If you don't make it into a safe zone in time, you're out, and then you can go ahead and cheer everybody else on. And after every round, we'll remove one safe zone, which means finding safety gets harder and harder. Ready to survive the storm? Awesome! Raise your hand if you want to play 'Storm Surge!'

(Pick fifteen kids from the ones who have their hands raised, invite them to the game area, and spread them out throughout the room.)

"Alright, sailors ... CALM SEAS!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Kids walk around the perimeter of the room.)

HOST: "Everything looks peaceful out there. Nice weather. Gentle waves. Somebody's probably fishing. Somebody's probably eating snacks on the boat. STORM SURGE!

AUDIO: Upbeat music stops

(Kids rush to safe zones.)

"Whoa! Nice moves! Some of you got there FAST!

(Remove one safe zone from the game area.)

HOST: "Okay, sailors! Back out to sea! CALM SEAS!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Kids walk around the perimeter of the room.)

HOST: "Ahhh, what a nice day on the water. It's peaceful, the sun is shining, and maybe you have a sandwich in hand while looking out on the horizon. STORM SURGE!

AUDIO: Upbeat music stops

(Kids rush to safe zones.)

(Continue with more rounds. Remove one safe zone from the game area each round until there is only one safe zone left.)

"Alright, this is the final round! Two sailors are left with only one safe zone. Whoever gets there first wins.

AUDIO: Upbeat music

HOST: "Calm seas are out here. Feel that breeze?

(Kids walk around the perimeter of the room.)

HOST: "STORM SURGE!

(Kids run to safe zone, and whichever kid makes it to the safe zone first is the winner.)

"Everybody give our final survivor a huge round of applause! You guys can grab your seats again.

(If time allows, restart the game, and set up the ten "safe zones" around the game area again. Ask for fifteen new volunteers at the start of each new game.)

"That game got stressful pretty quickly, didn't it? At first, there were safe places everywhere. But every round, things got harder and harder. And honestly, life can feel like that sometimes too.

"Sometimes we face things that make us nervous or afraid. Maybe it's starting at a new school. Maybe it's a hard friendship situation. Maybe it's something happening at home. Maybe it's a challenge that feels way bigger than you.

"But today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about a time when God's people faced something impossible-looking: giant walls, a powerful city, and a battle they could never win on their own.

"And in the middle of it all, God showed them something incredible.

"But first, let's check out our Bottom Line for today!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God is strong, so I can be brave. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND HOST: **[Bottom Line]** "God is strong, so I can be brave."

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

The Quite Challenge

What You Need

 Tape

1

 Cups

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 starting line on the floor.

During the Activity:

- Gather kids together in an open area.
- Say: "We're going to play a game called the 'Quiet Challenge!' In this game, you'll have to follow directions very carefully – while staying completely silent."
- Explain the rules:
 - Kids must complete each challenge without talking.
 - If someone talks, the round starts over.
 - Encourage kids to pay close attention and work together quietly.
- Begin with simple challenges:
 - Walk to the wall and back silently.
 - Hop three times.
 - Sit down and stand back up.
 - Balance on one foot for five seconds.

- Continue with a few more difficult or silly challenges:
 - Carry a 3-cup pyramid across the room without dropping it.
 - Kids pretend to carry an enormous heavy rock across the room as quietly as possible.
 - March in slow motion.
 - Walk backward carefully.
 - Kids pair up silently and copy each other's slow movements like a mirror.
 - Freeze in place when the leader raises a hand.
- Celebrate successful silent rounds together.
- If time allows, let kids suggest a silent challenge for the group.

What You Say:

"That was harder than it sounded! Most of us are used to talking when we work together! But in this game, you had to listen carefully and follow instructions, even when the directions seemed a little unusual. In today's Bible Story, God gave Joshua and the Israelites some very unusual instructions too. God told them to march around the city of Jericho once a day for six days. Then on the seventh day, they were supposed to march around it seven times. And during most of the marching, they had to stay quiet! Imagine how strange that must have felt. The people inside Jericho were probably watching and wondering, 'What are they doing?' Joshua and the Israelites could have decided God's instructions didn't make sense. They could have tried to do things their own way instead. But they trusted that God knew what He was doing. And because they obeyed Him, God did something only He could do – the walls of Jericho came crashing down! Sometimes God asks us to trust Him even when we don't fully understand what He's doing. We may not see the whole plan yet. But we can remember that God is strong, wise, and always with us. Because **[Bottom Line]** God is strong, we can be brave."

SMALL GROUP| ACTIVITY TWO

Take a Snapshot | Cup Tower Relay

What You Do:

What You Need

 Solo® cups	20
 Floor Tape	1
 Baking sheets Trays	2

Before the Activity:

- Place two stacks of cups at the opposite end of your Small Group area.
- Create two starting lines on the floor with tape—one for each team.
- Give each team a tray or baking sheet.

During the Activity:

- Say, "We're going to play a relay-type game where your team will work together to build a cup tower while trying to keep it from tumbling over!"
- Explain how to play:
 - Divide kids into two teams.
 - Teams line up behind their starting line.
 - The first player carries the tray to the cup stack, places one cup on the tray, and carefully carries it back.
 - The tray is passed to the next player, who carries the tray down, adds another cup, and carries it back.
 - As more cups are added, teams must build a tower in this order:
 - Four cups on the bottom.
 - Three cups on the next row.
 - Two cups on the next row.
 - One cup on top.
 - Players must carry the tray carefully, so the tower does not fall.
 - If the tower falls, the team must stop and rebuild it before continuing.
 - The first team to build the complete tower and cross the finish line with the tower still standing wins!

What You Say:

"Our life can be kind of like the game we just played. As we go on with our lives, we encounter hard things along the way that we carry along with us. It may be an unkind word that someone says about us, something in school that is challenging that we just can't seem to get the hang of, or a situation at home that is difficult, such as parents fighting. We may not even notice something that we're carrying as being difficult, but as we live day-by-day, week by week, the difficulties start to add up. In our game, one cup was no big deal. Even three or four were easy to manage. But when more and more cups were added, they started piling up. It became challenging to balance the cups and move forward

at the same time. Thankfully, God never intended for us to face our difficulties alone.

"To understand this more, let's think about today's story of the Battle of Jericho. God had led the Israelites outside the city of Jericho. They were there because they had obediently followed God. God had let Joshua and the leaders of Israel know that they were going to have to get rid of the people who lived in the land He had promised to Israel. The people who lived there were known as the Canaanites, and they did what the Bible describes as "detestable things" in God's eyes. As they camped in the plains near Jericho, God gave a battle plan to Joshua. Listen carefully to the instructions God gave. (*Read Joshua 6:2-5*) What were the battle plans that God gave to Joshua? (*Allow kids to respond.*) Let's see what the Bible says Joshua and the Israelite army did in response to God's instructions. (*Read Joshua 6:12-16,20*) Do you think that marching around the city and shouting caused the walls of Jericho to fall? Of course not, right?! God brought down the walls of Jericho and gave His people the victory. He asked Joshua and the Israelites to trust and obey Him. He invited them to obey so they could see that He was their strength and that He would fight for them.

"The same thing goes for you. God knows every hardship and struggle that you face. He doesn't expect you to shoulder any of it alone. He will be with you. Sometimes He removes the hardship, and sometimes He gives you strength, wisdom, help, and protection as you walk through it. What is a battle that God can help you with? (*Allow kids to respond.*)

"What God commanded Joshua in Joshua 1:9 is what He wants for you. God said: *"Here is what I am commanding you to do. 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."* That is why we can say with confidence today **[Bottom Line] God is strong, so I can be brave!**

[Make It Personal] (Share a personal, kid-appropriate example about a hard time when you trusted in God, such as getting lost when you were younger or moving to a new school or city. Say something like, "When I was going into Middle School, I had to go to a new school, not knowing anyone at this new school...")

PRAY AND DISMISS

Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

	Index cards	1
	coloring supplies	2
	Bag or basket	1

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Invite kids to sit in a circle or spread out with personal space.
- Say: "Today we talked about how God is strong, so we can be brave. Sometimes there are things in our lives that feel big, difficult, or scary. But we don't have to carry those things all by ourselves."
- Hold up the bag or container.
- Say: "This bag is going to remind us that we can give our worries, fears, and hard things to God."
- Pass out index cards and coloring supplies.
- Say: "Think about something that feels hard, scary, or overwhelming to you right now. It could be something at school, at home, or something you're nervous about. You can write or draw whatever comes to mind."
- Allow kids time to write or draw quietly.
- Once kids finish, invite them one at a time to place their index card into the bag or container and give it to God.
- Keep sharing optional.
- Once everyone has finished, hold the bag/container while you pray.

Prayer:

"God, thank You that You are stronger than anything we face. Thank You that we don't have to carry our fears and worries by ourselves. Help us trust You with the hard things in our lives. Remind us that You are always with us and that You will give us strength when we need it. Help us be brave because You are strong. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

What You Say:

"When Joshua and the Israelites stood in front of Jericho, the walls probably looked impossible to overcome. But God didn't ask them to defeat Jericho using only their own strength. He asked them to trust Him. God was *already* fighting for them. Sometimes the hard things in our lives can

feel big too. We may feel nervous, overwhelmed, or unsure what to do. But when we talk to God, it reminds us that we don't have to carry those things alone. When we pray, we can give our fears, worries, and struggles to God because He cares about us! Putting your paper in the bag today was a simple way to practice trusting God with something difficult. Every time you feel afraid this week, remember that God is with you, God is strong, and you can trust Him with whatever you face. Let's say our Bottom Line together one last time: ***[Bottom Line] God is strong, so I can be brave.***"

Supplies

Pre Service Activity	Quantity
1. Plastic cups	20
2. Balls	10
3. Straws	1
4. Floor Tape	1

Game Storm Surge!	Quantity
1. Tape (mark off safe zone)	1

The Quite Challenge	Quantity
1. Tape	1
2. Cups	1

Take a Snapshot Cup Tower Relay	Quantity
1. Solo® cups	20
2. Floor Tape	1
3. Baking sheets Trays	2

Pray and Dismiss	Quantity
1. Index cards	1
2. coloring supplies	2
3. Bag or basket	1