

WSC_Collide | W1

COLLIDE — October (Week One)

9:15AM Service

9:25 - 9:40 AM: Arrival and Game Time

- Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

9:40 - 9:45 AM: Worship

- Dedicated to worship time.

9:45 - 10:05 AM: Bible Story

- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

10: 05ish - 10:25 AM: Small Group Time

- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

10:25 AM: Dismissal

11:00AM Service

11:10 - 11:25 AM: Arrival and Game Time

Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

11:25 - 11:30 AM: Worship

- Dedicated to worship time.

11:30 - 11:50 AM: Bible Story

- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

11:50ish - 12:10 PM: Small Group Time

- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

12:10 PM: Dismissal



Bible Story

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

Conversation Starter

What is a battle that God can help you with?

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

Large Group Opener

LARGE GROUP

Optional Video: Countdown
Optional Video: Theme Loop

OPENER

HOST: "What's up, everyone! Welcome to Collide! I'm so excited that you're here with us. If this is your first time or your thousandth time here, I am so glad you're with us and that we get to have some fun and grow closer to Jesus together today. If you're ready for a fun day, let me hear you say 'ohhhh yeahhhh!'"

"I'm so excited to introduce our new theme - The Safe Place - God is my Strength. Everyone say 'The Safe Place'. Now everyone say 'God is my Strength'.

"We're going to be locked in all month on learning about how God is stronger, and bigger, and tougher than anything we could ever face in life. Any challenge that we come across, He is not only with us in it, but He's able to get us through it!

Our Memory Verse this month is found in Psalm 46:1. I'm going to read it, and then I want all of us to read it together. Cool? Here we go!"

SLIDE: Memory Verse

HOST: *"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 this time, all of us together!"

KIDS AND HOST: *"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 I have a game for us!"

GAME SLIDE 1: Bash the 'Bergs!

"This (*gesture toward the play area*) is our harbor and it has been taken over by icebergs. It's your job to clear them out by bashing them down with these state-of-the-art, high-technology, iceberg smashers

(*hold up a pool noodle*)

"Easy enough, right? Wrong! There's a serious fog problem in our harbor, which means you can't see at all! You will be blindfolded while you're trying to smash the icebergs.

(*Pick Nine Volunteers, They would be in Three teams of Three, one who would be blindfolded and they other two who would give them directions*)

"We're going to split you up into teams, and one person from your team will go. You'll turn around, face your team, and one of our leaders will place the blindfold on you. While you're being blindfolded, our local resident iceberg experts (*gesture to 3 leaders that will be placing the cardboard bricks down*). Once the iceberg has been arranged among

the cardboard bricks, your leaders will spin you 3 times and then have you face the harbor and give you the all-important iceberg smasher.

"Then, when you hear this noise,

Buzzer sound or Bell Sound

"That means you need to search for the iceberg and smash it down! The first person to smash the iceberg wins the round. Whoever wins will be declared the Best 'Berg Bashers.

"As a team you need to help your friends find the iceberg. Tell them which direction to go so they can find it!

"Everybody ready? Bash the 'Berg round one starts in 3... 2... 1..."

Buzzer sound or Bell Sound

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game.)

"Teams, keep helping your friends find the iceberg!"

(Declare the winner.)

"Great job to [winning team]! You take the lead toward being the Best 'Berg Bashers!

"Great job, everyone! We have a winner of the Best 'Berg Bashers; give them a round of applause! Listen: bashing 'bergs while blindfolded took some bravery.

"Speaking of being brave, it's time to say our Bottom Line for today!"

[Bottom Line] "God is strong, so I can be brave. I love this one! You guys say it with me now."

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

HOST: "Awesome! I can't wait to learn more about being brave because of God's strength today."

Worship

WORSHIP

HOST: "I'm so excited that we get to worship together and grow closer to Jesus, because that's one of the awesome things that happens in worship!"

"We get the chance to worship God with our voices—by actually telling Him how we feel about Him, or singing His praise. God loves to hear us singing to Him! So my encouragement to you today is to sing, don't just stare at the screen. We have a chance to interact with the God of the universe—let's take it!"

"So as we sing, think about one area of your life where you need to put Jesus back at the center. Maybe it is your attitude, your friendships, your schedule, your worries, or your decisions.

"Let's keep worshiping and make this song our prayer.

VIDEO: "(Lyric Video)"

"Great worshiping!

Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!"

VIDEO: Bible Story W1

After Bible Story

AFTER BIBLE STORY

HOST: "Joshua and the Israelites showed us what it looks like to be brave, even if we're afraid."

"They didn't let the massive walls of Jericho stop them from trusting in God's plan, even if it was a little crazy. They had seen God's strength and faithfulness before, and they knew that they would see it again."

"This week is when things happen that may stir up fear in our hearts; remember God's strength. Remember that He is bigger than anything you're facing, and that His power and presence are available to you at all times."

"I can't think of a more perfect line than our Bottom Line right now"

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

[Bottom Line] "God is strong, so I can be brave."

HOST: "I love it! I'm going to be remembering that with you guys this week, too. As we're about to head to small group, here's a question I want you to be thinking about."

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What is a battle that God can help you with?"

"Thankfully, none of us have to leave here and go march around a city with massive stone walls and blow trumpets. But, we all have things in our lives where we really need God's help."

"It could be school, it could be a situation with your family or friends, or something you are dealing with personally. No matter the battle, remember God wants you to talk to Him about it. So today, unpack that. What do you need help with? God is present, and you don't have to face it alone. Let's pray."

PRAYER

HOST: "Dear God, we are so thankful that You show us in Scripture just how strong You are."

Thank You for showing us something as simple as a trumpet can show Your strength and power. Lord, I ask that we could experience that power this week."

I pray that if there are fears we are facing, You would show us just how much bigger You are. If we are tempted to be timid, remind us that we can be brave because You're with us."

Lord, You're always good to us, and we are so thankful. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Small Group Activity

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Need

	Bible	1
	"Psalm 46:1" Activity Page on 11-inch x 17-inch cardstock	1

SMALL GROUP

The **BLESSED** lifestyle

Begin with prayer

Take a few minutes to pray with your small group

We want to encourage the kids to start with prayer.

Lead them by praying for the group.

Ask if there are any prayer requests.

To make them more comfortable you can start praying then ask if anyone would like to pray after you.

You can also use the **Bottom line** or monthly theme as key prayer points.

Verses to Take with You

Made to Play

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Place the Activity Pages in a large circle around your Small Group area (large enough for several kids to sit behind each page).
- Place pages in verse order, with the words facing outside the circle.

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up Psalm 46:1 using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.

- Read 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: "Close your eyes. I'm going to say part of this verse out loud, and I want you to notice what images or pictures come to your mind when I say it (*pause*): *"God is our place of safety."* (*Pause.*) You can open your eyes. When I said, "God is our place of safety," what images did you see? (*Allow kids to respond.*)
- Say: "When we think of safe places, we often think of places that provide shelter and security. Or maybe we think of places where we've felt safe, comforted, and taken care of. God wants to be that place for us in every situation.
- Ask: "What does this verse say He gives us in times of trouble?" (*Answer: strength and help.*)

- Say: "Our Memory Verse has been divided into six sections, which are on the pieces of paper you see in a circle. Find a spot behind one of these sections." (*Encourage kids to spread out if needed so kids aren't clumped behind one section.*)
- Once kids are at a section of the verse, give these instructions: Say, "This activity has three parts to it:
 - First, you and the other kids behind your section of the verse are going to come up with motions for your part of the verse. It can be simple; it doesn't have to be complicated.
 - Second, in a couple of minutes, all the sections will share their motions, and everyone will have to remember the motions for all the parts of the Memory Verse.
 - Third, well, I'll explain that when we get there.
- Instruct kids to collaborate with the kids in their section to come up with motions for their part of the Memory Verse. Give them two minutes.
- Have each section share their motions. (Start from the beginning of the verse and go in sequential order. After each section is shared, have all the kids practice the motions for each section.)
- Say, "Now that you all have learned the motions to all of the verse, I'm going to yell out 'Scramble!' and you have to find a new section to stand behind. Then, we'll say the verse, and you will do the motions to the section you're standing behind when we get to your part. Let's practice the verse one more time before we scramble!" (*Lead the kids in reviewing the verse with motions.*)
- Yell, "Scramble!" Kids find a new spot. Have the kids say the Memory Verse with motions--starting with the first section and going in order. (*Point at each section to cue when it is that section's turn.*)
- Repeat until every kid has done each section.
- Invite the kids to huddle up with you.

What You Say:

"This Scripture is so important because it reminds us that God has already provided a way when we go through times of trouble by trusting in Him and turning to Him.

When we have difficult things happen in our lives, we can say this verse in our heads or out loud to remind ourselves that God is protecting us and is with us.

Let's say our verse together one more time. '*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)."

Discussion Questions

DISCUSSION

- Ask these questions and discuss:
 - **[Conversation Starter] What is a battle God can help you with?**
 - Imagine being Joshua. What do you think went through his mind as he spoke to the Commander of the Lord's army? (*Refer to Joshua 5:13-15, if needed*)
 - Again, imagine being Joshua and receiving the unusual battle plans from God. What might he be thinking or feeling? (*Refer to Joshua 6:2-5*)
 - Why do you think God gave such unusual battle plans to Joshua and the Israelites?

Supplies

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Quantity

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| 1. | Bible | 1 |
| 2. | "Psalm 46:1" Activity Page on 11-inch x 17-inch cardstock | 1 |