

WSC_SG G23 | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Activity One

Activity Two

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



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

Greeting & Prayer

5 min

Activity One

5 min

23 - Quiet Challenge | Made to Play

What You Need

-  Floor tape 1
-  Plastic cups 3



EveryChild tips

- Demonstrate each challenge visually before beginning
- Allow kids to participate seated or with modified movements if needed so all kids can participate

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

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.**"

5 min

Activity Two

5 min

23 - Safe Place | Made to Create

What You Need

	Bibles	1
	"Safe Place" Activity Page	1
	Coloring supplies	Several
	Clear tape or glue sticks	Several
	Blue tissue paper	Several
	Strips of yellow paper	6
	Cotton Balls	2

What You Do:

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.
- Give each kid a "Safe Place" Activity Page.
- Say: "Today you're going to create your own reminder that God is your safe place."
- Explain the activity:
 - **Color the lighthouse and rocks.**
 - **Glue small pieces of blue tissue paper** over parts of the waves to make the water look 3D.
 - Give them strips of yellow paper to accordion-fold and glue coming out from each side of the lighthouse light.
 - Add a few **cotton balls pulled apart** around the waves for sea foam.
 - Then **fold along the two lines** so their lighthouse stands up.
 - Beside the verse, have them finish: "**I can trust God when _____.**"
- As kids work, ask questions like:
 - "What are some places that make you feel safe?"
 - "What do you think it means that God is our refuge?"
 - "When do you need God's strength the most?"
- Once kids finish, invite them to read the Memory Verse together one more time.

What You Say:

"You all created some awesome safe places today! Most of us feel calmer when we have a place where we feel protected and cared for. In our memory verse, the Bible says that God is our refuge and strength. A refuge is a safe place – somewhere you can run when you need help or protection. When Joshua and the Israelites faced the huge walls of Jericho, they could have felt afraid or overwhelmed. But God reminded

them that He was with them. They did not have to depend only on their own strength because God was fighting for them. Sometimes we face things that feel big or scary too. Maybe it's something hard at school, a new situation, or something that makes you nervous. In those moments, you can remember that God is your refuge. He is your safe place. He stays close to you, helps you, and gives you strength when you need it. And because **[Bottom Line] God is strong, you can be brave.** Every time you see your project this week, let it remind you that you never face hard things alone!"

Prayer

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."

Supplies

23 - Quiet Challenge | Made to Play

Quantity

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| 1. | Floor tape | 1 |
| 2. | Plastic cups | 3 |

23 - Safe Place | Made to Create

Quantity

- | | | |
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| 1. | Bibles | 1 |
| 2. | "Safe Place" Activity Page | 1 |
| 3. | Coloring supplies | Several |
| 4. | Clear tape or glue sticks | Several |
| 5. | Blue tissue paper | Several |
| 6. | Strips of yellow paper | 6 |
| 7. | Cotton Balls | 2 |