

WSC_LG Oct | W1

Today's Suggested Schedule—October 2026, Week 1

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

Bottom Line: God is strong, so I can be brave.

Monthly 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 Nlrv

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival: 9:25 / 11:10

Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown: 9:30 / 11:15

Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group: 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40

- Opener
- Game
- Worship
- Bible Story
- Memory Verse
- Talk it Out!
- Prayer

Transition to Small Group: 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45

Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small Group: 10:00-10:25

Creating a safe place to connect



Bible Story

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Memory Verse

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• Psalm 46:1 Nlrv

10 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

SLIDE: Countdown

SLIDE: Theme Loop

What You Say:

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to [Environment Name]! 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.

"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:

"So, today, we're kicking things off with a game I like to call ... 'STORM SCAVENGERS!'

SLIDE: Storm Scavengers!

"I need 10 volunteers who are ready to build and build and build, even in a storm! Let's choose our volunteers!

(Leaders pick 10 kids and get them lined up at the cones, 5 at each; once lined up, assign the team colors.)

"Great! Let's have five of you line up here at this cone, and five of you line up here at this cone!

"You will see your team's color at the top of your cone! So, this line here is the (*color 1*) TEAM and this line here is the (*color 2*) TEAM! It's important you remember your color! Here in a minute, we will count down from 3

5 min

Large Group Game | Storm-Scavengers!

What You Need

No supplies needed

and the first player in line is going scavenging for a building block that is your team's color!

"You'll run all the way over here to the Storm Zone (*parachute*), where our Storm Shakers are going to be rustling this parachute like a big storm! Your job is to make your way through, grab one block for your team, and bring it back to your cone!

"You can only grab one block per turn! Put it on your team's tower, then high-five the next person for their turn to start! You keep taking turns until your team has five blocks stacked tall in your color! Once that last block is placed on top, your team wins!

"Okay, leaders, are you ready with our parachute?! Players, are you ready?! Let's do some Storm Scavenging in 3, 2, 1- GO!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Play the game. Host narrates through the relay, giving number updates as they go.)

"Great job! Keep it up! Only one more block needed for the ____ TEAM to win!"

(Declare the winner.)

"Awesome job, everyone! The ____ Team wins today! Let's give it up for our players today! Amazing scavenging work! You all can take your seats.

(As time allows, continue with more rounds. Ask for 10 new kids at the start of each round.)

"Friends, it looks like it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today! Let's see what it says.

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: "Great job, friends! Now let's get ready to discover more about that!"

10 min

Bible Story

10 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

SLIDE: Bible Story

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "The walls of Jericho looked impossible to defeat, but God showed His people that He was stronger than every wall, every battle, and every obstacle standing in front of them. God asked His people to trust Him even before they saw the victory, and God was faithful to do exactly what He promised.

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about. Let's check it out!"

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

(Host enters and joins in.)

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

Memory Verse Activity

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

10 min

Closing

5 min

Talk It Out!

What You Need

No supplies needed

"Now, before we move on, I have a question for you... (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?
It's time to... (pause, cup your hand to your ear) TALK IT OUT!
That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life. So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' ... zip up our listening ears... and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE: Talk It Out!

1. Who was the leader of God's people?

Answer: Joshua.

2. What city had big, strong walls?

Answer: Jericho.

3. What did God tell the people to do around the city?

Answer: March around it.

4. What happened when the people shouted?

Answer: The walls fell down.

5. Who helped God's people be brave and win the battle?

Answer: God.

SLIDE: Theme

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "God, thank You for being our strength and our safe place. Thank You that no battle is too big for You. Sometimes, we face things that make us nervous, afraid, or overwhelmed, but You promise to be with us wherever we go. Help us trust You the way Joshua and Your people trusted You at Jericho. Remind us this week that we are never alone because You are always with us. Give us courage to follow You and trust You in every situation we face. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

5 min

Prayer

What You Need

No supplies needed