



OCTOBER THEME

**TALENT SHOW**  
Brave the Stage

**BIBLE STORY**

**Exodus 3—6:12, 7—12:42**  
Ready or Not | Moses and the Burning Bush/The 10 Plagues  
**Spark Story Bible**  
The Burning Bush (pg. 72-75)  
Free from Slavery (pg. 76-77)  
The Plagues (pg. 78-83)

**BOTTOM LINE**

You can do what you should, even when you don't feel ready

**MEMORY VERSE**

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9 NIV

**LIFE APP**

**Courage** | Being brave enough to do what you should, even when you're afraid

**BASIC TRUTH**

I can trust God no matter what

**FOR LEADERS ONLY**

**GOD VIEW:** the connection between **COURAGE** and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

**Key Question: What have you had to do that you didn't feel ready for?** When we're feeling anxious or scared about something we need to do, we can find courage by reminding ourselves how God has helped us in the past. We hope that families start thinking through the ways God has been faithful to them and find the courage to do what needs to be done.

Next, we head to **Exodus 3-6:12 and 7:1-12:42** where we continue Moses' story and discover what happened when he saw a bush that was on fire...but wasn't burning up. Now, that alone might make you a little nervous, but then he heard the voice of God. God asked him to go up against the most powerful ruler of his time—to ask Pharaoh to set the Israelite slaves free. In this incredible story, we see how God helped Moses face his fear and rescue the Israelites.

**Bottom Line: You can do what you should even when you don't feel ready.** We will all face moments where we have something to do and we don't feel ready. In those moments, we can trust God, remember what we do know, and keep going. We can trust that God will help us finish what needs to be done.

**SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION**

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, **PRAY** for each group member by name. Most people never feel "ready" to take on something big or new. Pray for courage to do big things even when they don't feel ready and that they'll feel God's presence as they do what they should.

•• **EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

**Made to Play** | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

**What You Need:** Copy paper, pens

**What You Do:**

- Set out the copy paper and pens.
- Tell kids to work together to write lists of 10 things. They can come up with their own categories, and/or they can use some of the following:
  - 10 foods that start with the letter B
  - 10 action verbs
  - 10 songs with the word "love" in them
  - 10 names that start with the letter S
  - The 10 Commandments
  - 10 states in the United States

•• **BACK-TO-BACK**

**Made to Move** | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



**What You Need:** No supplies needed

**What You Do:**

• Tell kids that you're going to tell them to do a series of things back to back, and as soon as you tell them to do something, they need to start doing it.

—The trick is that you will need to tell kids to do the next thing in the series before they're finished with the current thing. *(The point is that they won't feel ready to do the next thing, which ties in with today's Bottom Line.)*

• Series One:

—Do 10 push-ups.

—Spell your complete name (first, middle, last) out loud.

—Leap as high as you can 12 times.

—Shake everyone else's hand.

—Stand in a line in order of your birthdays.

• Series Two:

—Sing the alphabet song.

—Do 20 jumping jacks.

—Count by 10s from 10 to 200.

—Give everyone a high five.

—Do your favorite dance move.

• Series Three:

—Line up in alphabetical order by first names.

—Line up in alphabetical order by last names.

—Do the Hokey Pokey.

—Sing "Jesus Loves Me."

—Jump on one foot 15 times.

**What You Say:** "Whoa! That was pretty crazy! And a lot of the time, you weren't ready for what came next, were you? **[Transition]** Today in Sunday CM worship/WOW family worship, we are going to hear/we heard about someone else who didn't feel ready to do the next thing."

*[Sunday Leaders: Lead your group to Fellowship Hall for Children's Ministry worship. Wednesday Leaders: Continue with the study.]*

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## GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

•• **STORY SONG** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

**Made to Create | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing**

**What You Need:** "Story Song Strips"

**What You Do:**

• Set out the "Story Song Strips" in a random order.

• Explain that today's Bible story has been turned into a song.

• Tell kids to work together to put the song lyrics in order.

—Answer: There was a man..., Moses saw..., Moses didn't..., Pharaoh wouldn't...After one last....

• See if kids can figure out which familiar song tune this song is set to ("B-I-N-G-O").



- Once the lyrics are in order, tell kids their task is to perform this song for you.
- Tell them it's up to them how they choose to sing it.
  - They can all sing all lines.
  - They can divide into five groups, and each group can sing a verse.
  - Two people can sing each line together.
  - They can do a combination of those or other ideas. Leave it up to them to decide how they'd like to do it.

**What You Say:** "You all did such a great job performing today's Bible story song! It was quite the story, wasn't it? So much crazy stuff happened. But it was all true! There's no doubt Moses wasn't ready for it, and the rest of the Israelites probably weren't ready for what happened either. But even though Moses didn't think he was ready for the responsibility, he still trusted God and did what needed to be done. He did what he should, even when he didn't feel ready, and **[Bottom Line] you can do what you should, even when you don't feel ready.** God will be with you, just as God was with Moses."

•• **OLD BRAVE** [Live for God | Application Activity]

**Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**

**What You Need:** "Old Brave" cards

**What You Do:**

- Divide kids up into two groups (*or stay in one group if you have 6 or fewer kids today*).
- Give each group a complete set of cards.
- Tell kids that this game is called "Old Brave," which is played similarly to "Old Maid."
- Game instructions:
  - Shuffle the cards and deal them out until they're all gone.
  - The kid whose first name comes last alphabetically goes first.
  - The first kid takes one card from the kid to his right. The kid to his left takes one card from him. The kid to that kid's left takes one card from him, and so on.
  - A set equals two matching picture cards AND a "Be Strong and Brave" card. Kids can lay down sets only on their turn.
  - When a kid gets down to only one or two cards in his hand, he can no longer draw any cards from another player, but someone can draw from him.
  - When a kid no longer has any cards in his hand, he is done playing.
  - The game is over when all cards have been laid down in a set.
- When the game is over, ask kids to take a look at each of the picture cards.
- Discuss what might be happening in each card and what the kids might be thinking as they're getting ready to do their activity.

**What You Say:** (*Hold up a "Be Strong and Brave" card.*) "In the game, in order to get a complete set, you had to have one of these 'Be Strong and Brave' cards along with two matching picture cards. That's because whenever we're faced with situations like the ones in the picture, sometimes we don't feel ready. But even so, we can be strong and brave when we remember that God is always with us. **[Bottom Line] You can do what you should even when you don't feel ready.**"

**[Make It Personal]** (*Tell kids about a time you didn't feel ready for some new responsibility God gave you—like when you first became a Small Group Leader, when you were asked to lead a group at school or work, when you got a promotion at your job, or when you became a parent. Explain how you felt at the time, and tell what you did to rely on God to help you even when you didn't feel ready.*)

•• **MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

**Made to Move | An activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body**

**What You Need:** Bible

