

Kinder & 1st Grade

WEEK 1 - STARTER



Activity Name: Would You Rather

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Have kids line up, one friend behind the other, facing you to play a game of “Would You Rather.”
- Read the two “Would You Rather” options listed below. Point to your right for the first option and to your left for the second. Kids will jump left or right to indicate their preference.

Would You Rather...

- kiss a jellyfish or step on a Lego
- eat a whole cake or a whole gallon of ice cream?
- have an octopus or an otter in your bathtub as a pet?
- wear a superhero cape or an eye patch every day to school until the end of the year?
- try to swim in a pool of marshmallows or a pool of M&M's®?
- shovel snow or rake leaves?
- take an elevator or an escalator?
- be so tall your head always touches the ceiling or so short you can't reach the counter?
- eat a cookie or a cupcake?
- have bright green hair or bright blue feet?
- eat all your food hot or all your food cold?
- sneeze every time someone says your name or scream every time someone says, “Hello?”
- walk on your tiptoes or stomp your feet anywhere you go for 24 hours?

What You Say:

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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Small Group Week 1



Bible Story: Israel Captures Jericho • Joshua 6:1-6, 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 NIV*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is something hard God can help you do?
- Pretend you are Joshua. How do you think he felt when he met the leader of God's army? (*Read Joshua 5:13-15.*)
- God gave Joshua a surprising plan. How do you think Joshua felt about it? (*Read Joshua 6:2-5.*)
- Why do you think God gave Joshua this plan?

Activity Name: Jericho News

What You Need: ☐ Bible ☐ 'Jericho News' activity page ☐ Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a "Jericho News" Activity Page and make coloring supplies available.
- Open the Bible to Joshua 1:9; 5:13-15; 6:1-16, 20, and review the story.
 - "Remember, God's people, the Israelites, came to a big city called Jericho with giant walls. God gave their leader, Joshua, a strange plan!"
 - "God told them to march around the city one time for six days. They had to be very quiet!"
 - "On the seventh day, they marched around the city seven times! Then the priests blew their trumpets, and all the people gave a great big SHOUT!"
 - "And what happened to the walls?" (They fell down!)
- Instruct the kids to be newspaper reporters and draw a picture of the most amazing part of the story in the big blank box at the top of their paper, then draw a self-portrait in the small box at the bottom of their paper.

What You Say:

Your newspaper pictures are amazing! Who drew a picture of the walls tumbling down? *(Pause.)* I think that's the best part of the story! Did the people's shouting make the walls fall? *(No!)* Did their marching make the walls fall? *(No!)* Who made the walls fall? *(God!)* That's right! God's power made the walls fall down. God showed everyone that He is the strongest of all. **[Bottom Line] God is strong, so I can be brave.**

[Make It Personal] Sometimes I get scared when I hear a loud noise. But then I can remember this story. I remember that God is stronger than anything I could be scared of, and that helps me feel brave. Because [Bottom Line] God is strong, so I can be brave.

Close in prayer/Invite kids to pray.