

God Gives You Strength to Be Bold for Him!

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8 But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Main Teaching: God give you strength to be bold for Him **Word Up:** God is strong!

Supplies:

- Word Up Visual – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “He is God” and “Trinity Song” - Worship (Sing About the King 3 CD)
- Optional Song Visuals for “Trinity Song: (cefpress.com)
- Two Balloons without air– Object Lesson
- Memory Verse Visual – Memory Verse (Resource Pack)
- Missionary Visual – Missionary Story (Resource Pack)
- Piece of paper and pencil – Small Group
- Memory Verse Token Romans 5:8 for each child – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Word Up / Worship
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Memory Verse
- 10 min – Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group Wonder Time

INTRODUCTION

Saul believed on the Lord Jesus as his Savior and began following Him. His life changed dramatically! He went from persecuting believers to boldly teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ and facing persecution himself. In this **Growth Narrative** lesson you will teach young believers that God can give them His strength to be bold for Him. The lesson follows Saul, later called Paul, as he teaches the Gospel in Damascus, flees for his life, meets the believers in Jerusalem and continues spreading the Gospel.

Look forward to seeing God’s strength working through you as you teach the children this week!

The following concepts should be clearly conveyed during the club hour:

- **Bible:** Contents—The Bible is God’s Word. It is made of 66 books, 27 of which make up the New Testament.
- **Bible:** Authorship—The Bible was written by men chosen by God.
- **God:** Omnipotent—God is strong and gives you strength to be bold for Him.



SMALL GROUP

Share the Good News!

Materials Needed: Each child will need either a wordless book, wordless book bracelet, or “Gospel Turnaround” tool. All can be found at CEFpress.com. You could also make a wordless book bracelet on your own with colored beads.

What You Do: Using the outline below, tell the kids what each color represents. Tell them that they can use this tool to tell others about Jesus! If time allows, have them practice taking turns sharing each color with a friend at Good News Club. Pray together that God would give them the courage and boldness they need to share the Good News of Jesus with the people they meet.

Gold: God loves you, he made you and God is perfect. There is one thing that keeps us a part from God, and that is sin

Dark: Sin is anything we think, see, say or do that doesn't please God. Everyone sins. The punishment for sin is separation from God. But God had a wonderful plan so that you and I don't have to be punished for our sin.

Red: He sent Jesus to earth as a baby. Jesus was God the Son and never did anything wrong. When He grew up, he willingly died on the cross and gave His perfect blood as a payment for our sin. Then, three days later, He came alive again!

White (Clean): And now, because of what Jesus did for us, we can have our sins forgiven – we can be made clean. The Bible says “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved”. If you believe that you have sinned, and believe Jesus is the only one that can take care of your problem of sin, then you can be saved. You can start a friendship with God right now that will go on and on in Heaven some day.

Green: Once you believe in Jesus, He wants you to get to know Him better. You can do that by reading the Bible, praying, going to church or Good News Club, and by telling others about Jesus.

WORSHIP

“He is God”

“Trinity Song”



WORD UP!

“God is strong!”

Super heroes have amazing powers. Let's name some and the power they have:

Superman – can fly

Spiderman – Sling webs, jumping

Falcon – supersonic flight speed, extreme vision, communication with birds

Ant Man – size changing, dimension-hopping, communication with insects

Captain America – Indestructible Shield

Superheroes are not real – they are made up stories. We have a God that is more powerful than any superhero. He is all-powerful! And God tells us about His powers in God's true word the Bible. God is strong enough to control the weather – just with His voice. He can heal people and create amazing things. Our Word Up today is **God is Strong!** Today we are going to learn how God is strong enough to forgive sins.

CLUB RULES

Review the Up Rules reminding the kids that following the rules helps everyone be able to feel safe and learn. If there is a particular rule the children are having trouble with, do a skit to highlight that rule and why it is important.

OBJECT LESSON

Sharing Jesus Boldly

Materials Needed: Two balloons without air

What You Say: (Pick up one balloon) "What do you think will happen with this balloon if I just let it go? Let's find out, but before we do, let's do a countdown. Are you ready? 3...2...1...(drop the balloon so that it falls on the table or floor.) Well, that wasn't exciting. The balloon fell flat on the table!"

"What do you think would happen if instead of just dropping this balloon, I blow it up with some air first before I drop it. Will it fall flat on the table too, or do something different? Let's find out! (Blow the balloon up until it is full, but do not tie it shut.) 3...2...1... (Release the balloon and watch it fly into the air instead of falling to the ground!) Well that one did something completely different! It didn't just fall flat on the table, it flew through the air. But why did that balloon fly through the air when this one just fell? Clearly the difference is that the second balloon had something powerful inside of it. Once I blew it up, it was filled with air, and when I let go of it, that air escaped and pushed the balloon across the room."

"We've been hearing true stories from the Bible about people who boldly went out into the world to tell people about Jesus. People like Peter and Paul who were often beaten and thrown into prison because they were telling others about Jesus. But they continued to do it, boldly and with courage! How were they able to do that? Kind of like that second balloon, they were filled with something, or actually Someone, who gave them a great deal of courage. They were filled with the Holy Spirit! We've been learning all about how the Holy Spirit is our helper, and He brings us peace. And He can also give us the courage we need to tell others about Jesus. Much like this balloon was unstoppable when it was filled with air and flew around the room, we can be unstoppable in boldly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus when we are powered by the courage that the Holy Spirit brings!



MEMORY VERSE

“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us,” (Romans 5:8)

INTRODUCTION

How can people know if you love them? *(Allow response.)* They should be able to tell by your actions. God's love is even greater than any person's love. Today's verse tells what God did to show His love for you!

PRESENTATION

(Read verse from visual with children.) This verse is found in the New Testament. How many smaller books is the Bible made of? *(Allow response.)* There are 66 books in the Bible. Twenty-seven of these books are in the New Testament. God used Paul, the man we have been learning about, to write the book our verse is from. Paul was helping believers in Rome—the Romans—understand what the Lord Jesus did. What Paul wrote hundreds of years ago is true for you and me today because it is God's Word. Let's read our verse from Romans chapter 5 verse 8. *(Read verse from Bible while children read verse from visual.)*

EXPLANATION

But God shows his love for us—God showed His love to us. God's love is different from any other love. It is everlasting (has no beginning and no end) because God is everlasting. He will never stop loving you. God knows everything about you because He made you.

in that while we were still sinners—God loved you before you loved Him. He loves you even though you go against Him by sinning.

Christ died for us—Even though God knows all about your sin, He showed His love for you by sending the Lord Jesus Christ, His perfect Son, to die a painful death on a cross to take the punishment for your sin. But the story doesn't end there! On the third day Jesus came back to life and He is still alive in Heaven today, ruling as King!

Even though you had sinned against God, Jesus, God's perfect Son, came and died for you. His love for you is that amazing!

APPLICATION

Saved: If you have believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you can thank Him every day! He loves you so much He died so your sins could be forgiven. When you remember what He has done for you, it will help you trust Him more. You can trust Him to give you strength and courage, even in the hardest times.

Unsaved: If you have not believed on the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you can believe on Him today.

INVITATION

Everyone has sinned – done things that don't please God. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin. You can make the decision to put your trust in Him today! Our Bible verse says “But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”. When you believe that you have sinned, and you believe that Jesus is the only one who can take care of your problem of sin, you will



be saved – rescued from sin's punishment. God will change you on the inside, helping you love Him and obey Him each day. Will you turn from your sin and believe in the Lord Jesus today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you called on Jesus for the very first time today, or you want to talk to someone more about doing that, please show me by raising your hand. If you raised your hand, please meet me (*designate location*) and I'll show you more from God's Word how you can be saved.

REPETITION**"Stuck in Place"**

(Have the children repeat the verse together, but if you hold up your hand as they are saying a word, everyone freezes in place and continues repeating that word again and again until you put your hand down and they continue saying the verse. After you have demonstrated the game, allow children to take turns leading it. Limit each child to three freezes.

Variation: Add motions to the verse repetition and have them repeat the motion as well as the verse over and over each time you raise your hand.)

Sing memory verse song "God Shows His Love"

ACTIVITY**Rock, Paper, Scissors, SNAKE!**

Materials Needed: None

What You Do: Have each child pair up with another child. Each pair will play rock, paper, scissors. The winner of the two gets to be the "head" of a new snake, and the loser attaches behind them by grabbing onto their shoulders. Together, this snake walks to a new group and plays rock, paper, scissors with the "head" of another snake. Whoever loses this match will attach onto the back of the new winner. The entire snake moves onto the back of the winner, now creating a snake of 4 people. This group of four moves to find a new opponent. The game continues until there are only two long snakes left. The two snakes play head-to-head to find the ultimate winner and make one long snake of all participants.

MISSIONS STORY

You Can Serve God Today (Part 6)



Can you imagine how scary it would be if your parents couldn't find you? The first few months John and Lois were in South Korea something very scary happened. By this time Kerry was a toddler. One morning his parents couldn't find him! They searched everywhere in the house, all around the yard, in the open well and outside the gate. They were terrified! At that time, they could not speak Korean and there was no telephone to call for help. What do you think they did?

They prayed to God. Did God know where Kerry was? Yes! And soon the housekeeper of another missionary couple came to the gate holding little Kerry! He had wandered off and had run two blocks up the road. Some kind Koreans had found him and brought him to the other missionaries' house, thinking he was their son. The Cooks were so thankful to God for protecting their little boy!

The next year their second son, Kevin, was born. When he was four months old, the Cooks had their second scare in South Korea. Their home was being sprayed for bugs and somehow baby Kevin swallowed some of the poison and became unconscious. They rushed him to the hospital, where they were told he would die. The missionary doctor tried everything to save him while the Cooks and other missionary friends stood close by and prayed. Suddenly John saw one of Kevin's thumbs twitch! They were so excited.

Eventually Kevin recovered completely! Kerry and Kevin and their two other brothers, Kris and Kimble, grew up in South Korea. John and Lois spent 25 years preaching the Gospel (the Good News about Jesus) to the Korean children. When they first went to South Korea, it was right after the Korean War ended. The children were suffering from the war, from poverty and hunger, and from hopelessness. Many children wandered the streets alone without anyone to care for them. The Missionaries in South Korea faced many hard situations—diseases, severe weather and many robberies. Worst of all, the Korean people often mistrusted and hated people who weren't Korean. God used the Cooks to help the people work through these problems.

John and Lois Cook are retired now but they still travel to South Korea to speak at conferences and to train teachers. They are always so happy to see the Korean workers! One of the Korean leaders said, "Sometimes we feel they love Korean children and South Korea more than even we Koreans do!"

Because John and Lois obeyed when God told them to go and tell about Jesus in a faraway land, there are now thousands of Good News Clubs in South Korea. Their work doesn't stop in South Korea! Many Korean children grew up to be missionaries and have gone out into other parts of the world to start Good News Clubs where boys and girls can hear about how Jesus died for their sin too!

What about you? Will you follow God wherever He leads you? You're not grown up yet, but if you have believed on Jesus as your Savior, you can tell others around you about Jesus. You can even learn another language and be able to help more people hear the Good News of how Jesus can save them!

SMALL GROUP**Share Your Faith**

Materials needed: Small pieces of paper or notecards and pencils

What You Do: Encourage the children to think of two friends they have who don't know Jesus. Tell them to write the names of those friends on their piece of paper. Challenge them to find a time to share their Wordless Book tool with those friends this week. Tell them to keep this paper and put it in a place where they will see it every day to remind them of the friends they chose. Remind them that God gives us the courage and the strength we need to tell others about Jesus!

DISMISSAL

Hand out memory verse token to each child and encourage them to memorize the verse and bring the token back completed next week. Remind the kids to be praying for their unsaved family and friends and to look for opportunities to share the gospel with them.