

Unit 8 Lesson 3 **Knowing Jesus Makes Me Brave**

Heartprint: **Knowing Jesus Changes Me**

Memory Verse: **Acts 2:25**

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Large Group video: https://youtu.be/Vgt-yT_4S-8

Song: *Hosannah Rock* <https://youtu.be/SxJZxJBekW4>

Activity: Does It Please The Lord? *(Mother May I)*

Items Needed:

- None

Instructions: The children will all line up along one wall. You will then call the children by name, one by one and offer them a chance to take certain steps to get to the goal. For example, the goal could be the opposite wall. The children must say, "Does it please the Lord?" If they say this, you should answer, "Yes it does." Then they can take the steps described. If they forget, they skip one turn. If the child takes the wrong step, cheats, or falls down during a jump, they need to go back to the start. The object for the teacher is to have the children progress evenly as much as possible by offering the different kind of steps shown below:

Steps:

You can offer 1, 2, 3 or more of any of the following steps. You can also combine steps

Baby Moses Step (one foot directly in front of and touching the other)

Goliath Step (leg stretched out as far as possible)

Camel Hop (short hop)

Lion Leap (long hop)

Shepherd Step (normal step)

Example:

Teacher: "Andy, you may take 2 camel hops and 1 Baby Moses step."

Andy: "Does it please the Lord?"

Teacher: "Yes it does."

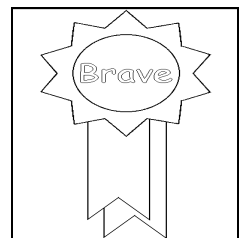
Andy takes the steps, and then you go to the next child.

Connection Point: Today we heard how Saying Yes to Jesus Changes Me. The Holy Spirit gives us courage to be obedient to God and share Jesus with others.

Craft: Jesus changes me to be brave

Items Needed:

- Brave medal template
- Crayons



Instructions: Write “Jesus changes (Child’s name) to be brave” on the ribbon and have children color the badge.

Connection Point: Remember how Jesus changed Peter? Jesus forgave Peter. Then the Holy Spirit of God came and made Peter brave. We can be changed, too, when we say yes to Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit! We can be brave and tell others that Jesus is ALIVE!

Bible Lesson: *Knowing Jesus Makes me Brave*

Memory Verse: Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.” John 11:25

This week’s story is taken from John 18:15-18, 25-27(Peter’s Denial) to Acts 2:14-26 (Peter’s transformation):

Have you ever been so scared that you shake? (Do a scared face and shake body like scared) Can you guys pretend you are scared too? Show me what that looks like! Today in our story Peter was so scared he was shaking! Peter was shaking scared, then he told a lie! Oh no!

Do you remember the story about Jesus on the cross? Well before Jesus actually went to the cross he was brought before some very powerful men. Outside there were tons of people waiting to see what these powerful men did to Jesus. The people there did not love Jesus. They said bad mean things about Jesus. Peter was following behind watching to see if Jesus was released. He was scared for Jesus, but he was also scared this little crowd would figure out that he was one of Jesus disciples and hurt him too! Peter tried to blend in with the bad crowd. Then a little girl said, “Aren’t you a disciple? Do you know Jesus?” Peter shaking said, “NO! I don’t know him!”

Two more times Peter did this. Three times Peter denied that he knew Jesus. Peter did this because he was scared of the people who were going to hurt Jesus. Peter did not want the crowd to hurt him too.

Do you remember what happened after Jesus went to the cross, died and was buried in a tomb? What happened to that stone in front of the tomb? It was rolled away! Why was the stone rolled away? Because Jesus is alive! Jesus visited the disciples after he went to the cross and God raised him from the dead. Peter felt very sad for not telling everyone he knew Jesus before, in front of that small crowd. What does your sad face look like? (do a sad face and walk) When Jesus visited Peter after the cross, Jesus told Peter he was not mad at him, Jesus told Peter the Holy Spirit would come and help Peter. He told Peter to tell people the truth, to tell everyone “Jesus is alive!”

Do you think Peter is going to be too scared and sad to tell people about Jesus? Will he lie again? Or do you think Peter is going to finally tell the truth?

One day when Peter was near a **big big crowd**, the Holy Spirit came and gave Peter **big, big courage!**

Peter stood up (superhero pose) and said very loud “Hey! Listen up! I need to tell you something about Jesus! God told us many many years ago that Jesus was coming. Jesus was sent by God. We know Jesus is God’s Son because of all the miracles, wonders and signs Jesus did. You saw the miracles, you know that He is God’s Son, yet you handed him over to go to the cross. But what you don’t know is that God is actually the one who handed Him over to go to the cross. God did this because He loves us. God sent His son to die on the cross for us. Then God raised Jesus from the dead! And now Jesus lives forever with God in Heaven; Jesus is

at God's right hand. Because Jesus lives, I will not be shaken! My heart is glad, my tongue rejoices and I have hope!"

The Holy Spirit gave Peter the courage to tell this big, big crowd all about Jesus! Do you think this crowd became angry and hurt Peter? NO! Many people in this crowd believed Peter and came to faith in Jesus.

We need the Holy Spirit to be with us, to change us so we can go tell others all about Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can tell people about Jesus...not like this (Scared face and shaking and whisper Jesus), but like THIS (superhero pose and shout "JESUS IS ALIVE!")

Let's all stand up and say it together! "JESUS IS ALIVE, JESUS IS ALIVE, JESUS IS ALIVE!"

Now that you know how to do this, and can trust the Holy Spirit to give you the power to do it, go do it!

Let's tell everyone we know that Jesus is the Son of God and is alive.

Pray:

God, we thank you for sending your Son to die for us, so that we can live forever with you. Help us tell this wonderful truth to everyone we know. Help us not be scared to tell the truth. Help us be brave through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. Who went to the cross for us? (Jesus)
2. Who raised Jesus from the dead? (God)
3. Who gives us power to tell others about Jesus? (Holy Spirit)
4. Who can we tell about Jesus? (everyone)
5. Do we have to be scared to tell others about Jesus? (No!)

