

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Courage comes from knowing God's words.

BIBLE

Joshua Put in Charge

Joshua 1, 24:14-25; Psalm 78:1-7

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Race car drivers need to know the track and trust their team—just like we need to know and trust God's words. This week, God puts Joshua in charge of leading the Israelites and tells him to be strong and brave by remembering everything God taught. We can find courage too, because **courage comes from knowing God's words.**

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." — Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)



DISCUSSION

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- **What command did God repeatedly give to Joshua once he became the new leader of the Israelites?** "Be strong and courageous."
- **Read Joshua 1:8. What does this mean?** To study God's words and obey them.
- **Read Joshua 24:14–15. Did Joshua obey God's command? How do you know?** Yes, he declared that he and his household would serve God and urged the people to make the same choice.
- **Read Psalm 78:5–6. How did the people of Israel learn God's words?** People passed down the teachings to their children and grandchildren.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **When are some times you might want to be strong and courageous?**
- **If you were put in charge of something like Joshua was, how would knowing God's words help you be a better leader?**
- **What is a story from the Bible that will help you remember that God gives you courage?**

ACTIVITY

WHAT TO DO

Print and cut the handout. Distribute a card to each kid for them to fill out. Provide small photos they can glue on, or have them draw themselves in the blank box. On the back, they can write the Big Idea or draw a picture of how God gives them courage. Provide small stickers for them to decorate their licenses. Afterward, consider passing out badge holders or laminating the cards before kids take them home.

WHAT TO SAY

A driver's license is proof that someone knows enough about traffic rules and how to operate a vehicle. Create your own "courage license" as proof that you are learning and growing from God's words. Courage comes from knowing God's words.