

PARENT TAKE-HOME HANDOUT
SEPTEMBER – WEEK 3

PRESCHOOL

God is with me so I can be courageous. Week 3 is the super-exciting account of a woman named Rahab and how she was courageous as she hid Joshua's spies. Had she been caught, it would have been the end of her, but she had heard about the amazing things God had done, and she wanted to be on His side!

Say

Let's be like Rahab in the Bible. Let's have courage to be like Jesus and be on His side. What if God asked us to (*insert a current life circumstance*), what would we do? We would be courageous, just as Rahab was and do what God wants us to do. What would God want us to do about (*insert your life example*)? (*Answer appropriately and then say:*) Then, that's what we will do! We will do what God wants!

Extra Activity

Cuddle with your child and pray: "God, when we are afraid, help us to remember You are always with us, and we can be brave. And because You are always with us, we do not ever have to be afraid."

Remember

... with us is the Lord our God to help us ... –2 Chronicles 32:8

Remind Preschoolers

Who is always with you? *God is always with me.*

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GRADES K–3

Have you ever been distracted? Well, Nehemiah had to deal with distractions, too. Today we look at Nehemiah 2:19–20; 4; 6.

Say

Not everyone liked what Nehemiah was doing. He had enemies who tried to get the people distracted from finishing the wall. But he saw through their plan and focused on the job God gave him to finish.

Extra Activity

We hope that you will see that focusing on the task at hand is important. Have you ever gone to clean your room and ended up playing with toys? Maybe it was time to study, but you were daydreaming instead? Or maybe it was your turn to wash the dishes but your favorite show was on? How can we stay on track and focus on our tasks?

Remember

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.
–Colossians 3:23

Remind Kids

Fear God instead of being distracted by others.

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GRADES 4–6

What distracts you from doing what needs to be done?
In Nehemiah 2, your preteen will learn about two people opposed to the work that God called Nehemiah to do: Sanballat and Tobiah.

Say

Even when Sanballat and Tobiah tried to mock and make Nehemiah feel dumb, he wasn't going to let them sidetrack him. He had a work God called him to do, and he was going to do it.

Extra Activity

Assign family members to chores, and while they are doing the chore, distract them. Throw balls at them, play loud music, get in their face, or discourage them. Use this activity to talk about distractions in your life and what keeps you from obeying God.

Remember

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Remind Preteens

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SPECIAL FRIENDS

This month our Special Friends learn that God is always with them! Trusting in God's presence can make us brave enough to protect others, wise enough to give counsel, courageous enough to do what is right, and strong enough to risk everything to save others. God is always with us because He loves us and wants to be our forever friend!

Say

In Joshua 2:1-22, Rahab had courage because she had heard of the amazing things God had done. She had the courage to do the right thing and hide the spies. When God is with us, we can have the courage to do the right thing, too. And guess what? God is always with us!

Extra Activity

Knowing about the amazing things God had done gave Rahab the courage to do the right thing and help the spies. Today, assist your Special Friend in making a list of ways we can have courage and help others, too.

Remember

... with us is the Lord our God to help us –2 Chronicles 32:8

Remind Special Friends

Who is always with you? *God is always with me.*