

# Small Talk

OCTOBER 2010

Key Question:

Who can you count on?

Memory Verse:

"Be strong and courageous!  
Do not be afraid."  
Deuteronomy 31:6, (NLT)

Basic Truth:

God loves me.

Bottom Line:

I can always count on God.

## BIBLE STORY SUMMARIES:

### WEEK 1

#### **Elijah and the fire • 1 Kings 18:1-39**

Elijah challenges King Ahab to a test to see whose God is real. They both build altars and pray for fire to come from heaven. God proves He is the one true God and all of the people worship Him.

### WEEK 2

#### **Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego • Daniel 3:10-30**

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego will not bow down and worship the king's idol. They are thrown into a fiery furnace as punishment. God saves them from the fire.

### WEEK 3

#### **Rahab and the Spies • Joshua 2:1-22; 6:1-25**

Rahab hides the spies from Israel's army in her home to keep them safe. They tell her to hang a red scarf from her window to keep her safe during battle. God keeps Rahab safe.

### WEEK 4

#### **Battle of Jericho • Joshua 6:1-20**

God tells Joshua, the leader of Israel's army, to march around Jericho six times and on the seventh to blow horns and shout. God makes the walls come down and they win the battle of Jericho.

### WEEK 5

#### **Esther • Esther 2:2-8:17**

Esther is chosen to be the new queen. God gives her the courage to ask the king to save her people from Haman's wicked plan to destroy them.

# Small Talk

OCTOBER 2010



## PLAY TIME

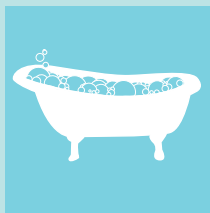
Pretend to be a superhero at home with your child. Make a cape for both of you from a blanket, pillowcase or beach towel. Fly around doing heroic actions like saving the teddy bears and protecting your house from danger. Your child's imagination will have plenty of ideas! Encourage your child to wear his cape all month as he looks for ways he can be a real superhero. Can he lift bags at the grocery store? Can he tell the truth? Can he be brave at the doctor's office? With God's help he can!



## CAR TIME

Listen to the stories for the month and talk to your child about how God wants to help us be strong and courageous just like the people in the stories. When you get out of the car, pretend to put on your superhero glasses. Be on the lookout for ways you can count on God to help you be strong and courageous wherever you are.

This month's song, "I Count on You," and the October Bible stories are available from [www.amberskyrecords.com](http://www.amberskyrecords.com).



## BATH TIME

Put a few army men or superhero dolls in the bathtub with your child. As your child sits in the tub, make them march around the tub or fly in and out of the water. Talk about how strong and courageous they are. Remind your child that we can be strong and courageous too. We can always count on God to help us to be superheroes every day.



## CUDDLE TIME

Cuddle up with your child and pray with him. "God, you are AWESOME! (*Name of child*) and I know we can always count on you. You are the one TRUE God, and are always with us. Thank you for helping us to be strong and courageous so we can do what is right. We love you. Amen."

## IMAGINE THE END:

The Bible is full of stories of people who did some pretty amazing and heroic deeds. Daniel, Esther, Joshua...they all chose to put their fears aside and follow God. Could this be your child one day? Will they become the kind of person that has the courage to say no to their fears and yes to God? It's possible. The same God who helped the people in the Bible is ready to help your child too. Our prayer is for your child to know that he can always count on God to give him the strength and courage to do the right thing.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL:

How much do you trust God? I mean really trust Him. Does the fear of not knowing what will happen keep you from following God wholeheartedly? We've all been there. Fear is a very powerful emotion. It's what separates the heroes from the weak. Heroes jump in, believing God is there. Those who doubt are left behind still asking "what if?" You have the opportunity to be a true hero in your child's eyes by trusting totally in the one true God. Begin today following God no matter what the cost. When your child thinks back he will remember you as one who followed God despite all fears. Now that is a real superhero.

