

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: With God on our side, we can be brave

Key Question: How can we be brave?

Memory Verse: "My heart has heard you say, 'Come and talk with me.' And my heart responds, 'Lord, I am coming.'" **Psalm 27:8**

Overview: Today we're going to learn some important lessons from Psalm 27. Psalms were songs that the Israelites used to sing to God a long time ago. Some of the songs were about happy times and some were about hard times. Psalm 27 was written by King David during a hard time in his life. The point of the song was all about being brave. Even though David was scared, he knew that God would help him get through a difficult time. Do you know that this is true for us today, too? We don't have to live in fear or wonder if God will help us when we're scared. The Bible says that God is always with us and he will never leave us. In fact, he wants us to bring our fears and concerns to him because he loves us and wants to help us. Like King David, we can be brave. So, no matter what you're facing in your life, whether it's dealing with friends who are being mean or that you didn't make the sports team, God is with you and he will help you to get through it.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** Who is the bravest person you know? What makes them so brave?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Hebrews 13:6](#). Who is our helper? How does knowing God make us brave?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.
- Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

TEACHER TIPS

2nd-5th grade puzzle key: God, Pray, Brave, Psalms. Message says, "Because of God, we can be brave"

We've all heard brave stories of the firefighter rushing into a burning building or a teacher who saved a student from choking. Those are great stories but did you know that we all can be brave with God on our side?

Answer: By acting like Jesus would act.

If we love Jesus, that means we want to live a life that honors him. So, we will act like Jesus would act and that might look very different than what our friends are doing. And, it can be scary to think and act differently than our friends. For example, it might mean telling our friends, "No" when they want us to do something we know we're not supposed to do. Or, sitting alone at lunch because we don't like how our friends are talking about other students. But, here's the good news, Jesus is right there with us. He will help us to be brave and will help us to choose to do the things that honor God, even when no one else is.

Bonus Questions: How have you been brave in your life? Have you ever had to stand up to a friend who wanted you to do something you knew you shouldn't? Explain.

4-5th: What are some other hard situations you might be in where you'll need to be brave and stand up for God's way?

Jesus is our helper and he is there for us no matter what. Remember, he's the God of the universe, so he is bigger, stronger, and smarter than anyone else. So, that means he's big enough to help you in your time of need. So, bring your fears to him and he will help you every step of the way.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

Option #1

Baseball Trivia Game

- Draw a baseball diamond on the whiteboard.
- Divide the class into two teams and give each team a set of shapes to be their base runners (**page 5**).
- You will play the game like a game of baseball. **Choose** one team to go first. Have them **draw** a card (**page 6**) to see if they got a hit or an out. If a **hit**, have them answer a question from below. If they get it right, they get to **load** the base according to the card they drew. **Tape** their shape to the correct base. Keep track of the **runs** for each team. Once a team gets **two outs**, the other team gets a chance at bat.

Questions:

1. Our memory verse comes from the book of __ (Psalms)
2. Who makes us brave? (God)
3. How do we talk to God? (Pray)
4. What is the Big Idea today? (See teacher's notes)
5. Who died on the cross for us? (Jesus)
6. True or False: We should be afraid. (False)
7. What's the book full of God's words? (Bible)
8. What are the Psalms? (songs)
9. Why did Jesus have to die for us? (sin)
10. True or False: God is always with us. (True)

Supplies needed

- Whiteboard/markers
- Base runner template (pg. 5), pre cut, 1 set of each per class
- Playing Cards template (pg 6), precut, 1 set per class
- Tape

Bonus Activity:

Play **Find the book**

Have the class get into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

Books: Deuteronomy, John, Jeremiah

Option #2

"I Can Talk To God" Craft

- Give each kid a prayer book template (**page 7**).
- Have kids fill in their answers for each page. (You may need to help them with spelling).
- Have kids stack their pages together and have them hole punch the top left corner.
- Give each kid a piece of twine and help them tie the pages together to make a book.
- If there is time, have them color and decorate the title page

Supplies needed

- Prayer book template (pg 7), pre cut, 1 per kid
- Pencils
- Hole punch
- Twine, cut into 10 in. pieces, 1 per kid
- Crayons

Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman**

Words or phrases: Psalms, Be brave, Pray

The Big God Who Makes Us Brave | Psalm 27 (Kids)

 www.pursuegod.org/the-big-god-who-makes-us-brave-psalm-27-kids/

God is big, but he still wants to talk to you!

This verse shows us that God wants us to talk to him! Because even though God is super important, he still has time to listen to us. Let's look at what else this psalm has to say about God.

God is close even if everyone else runs away

| **Psalm 27:10** *Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close.*

But, here's the good news. We don't have to worry about God. He will never forget us. Even if it seems like everyone is running away from you, God will still be there for you. He created you and will always love you, no matter what.

With God on our side, we can be brave

| **Psalm 27:14** *Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous.*

So, when you are feeling lost and alone think about this psalm. Remember God is ALWAYS by your side and will always be there to talk to you.

Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *Who is the bravest person you know? What makes them so brave?*
3. *What are the Psalms?*
4. *How do we talk to God? What should you talk about with God?*
5. *Who will never let us down or forget about us? What can you do to show God that you won't forget about him?*
6. *Read [Hebrews 13:6](#). Who is our helper? How does knowing God make us brave?*
7. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Bonus Questions: Use these passages to have more conversations this week.

1. *Read [Deuteronomy 31:6](#). How has God helped you to be brave?*
2. *Read [Psalm 31:24](#). How do we put our hope in Jesus?*
3. *Read [Hebrews 4:16](#). How do we bring our requests to God? What are some things you need to pray about?*

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

BIG IDEA

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KEY QUESTION

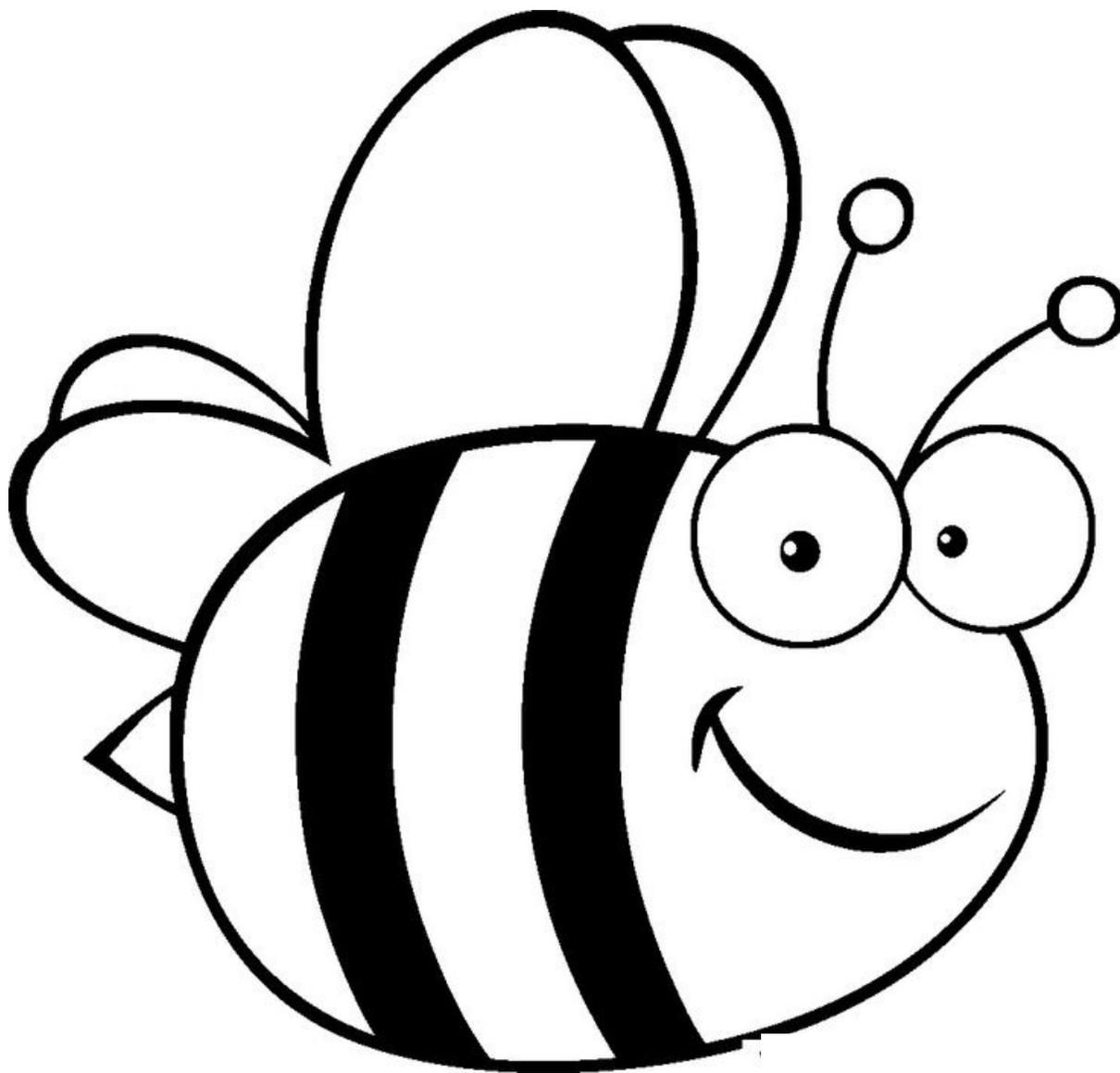
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MEMORY VERSE

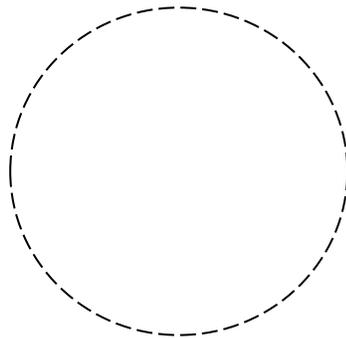
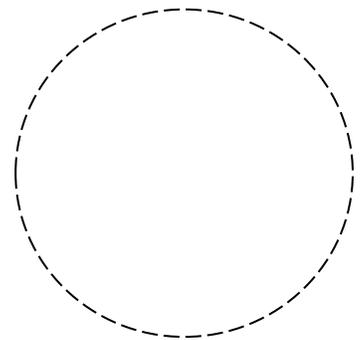
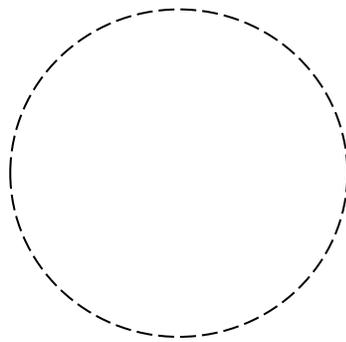
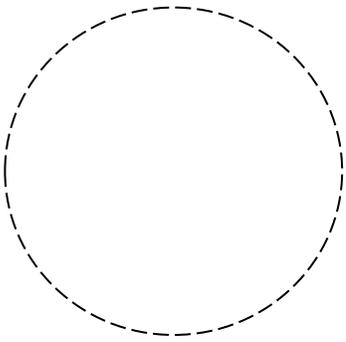
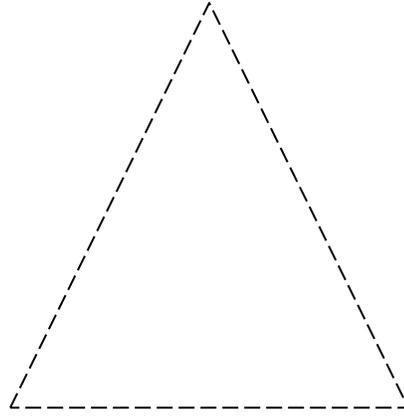
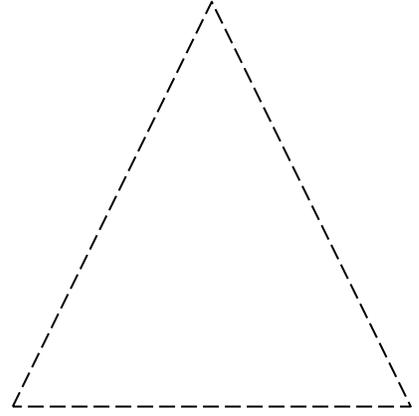
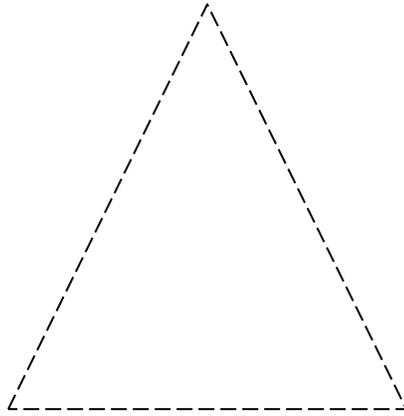
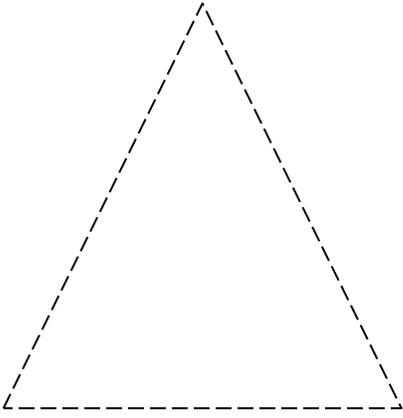
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Psalm 27:8

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BEE BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS



OUT

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SINGLE

SINGLE

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DOUBLE

DOUBLE

TRIPLE

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HOME RUN

I CAN TALK
TO GOD

ABOUT MY FAMILY

ABOUT MY
FRIENDS

ABOUT MY NEEDS

