Today's lesson is twofold. There are two purposes to this lesson.

First we want the kids to identify what giants they are facing. In order to do that they must understand what a giant is. The word giants must be explained to them or it can be confusing. A giant is a big problem in their life that they feel they cannot handle. We don't want the kids to think a giant is a 9 foot tall man. We all have giants, but what giants are they facing?

Second, once they are able to recognize what giants they are facing, we want to give them a charge to fight! They don't have to run because God will fight for them.

The more I talked about giants in this lesson, the more I realized everyone has giants. Sometimes they are hard to identify because a lot of us have given up fighting against them and have just accepted things the way they are. I know a lot of the kids have done the same thing. Some of the kids have accepted their learning disability, some of the kids have accepted that their family will always be a mess and some of them have accepted that they will always be made fun of at school. We have let our giants bully us around. That is exactly what happened when the Israelites saw the giants in the Promised Land. They let those giants bully them right out of what God had for them, and that is exactly what is happening to our kids. The giants in their life are bullying them around and trying to take away what God has for them.

That is why this lesson is so important. The kids need to know that they don't have to run from their giants because they have a God who will fight for them. This lesson is going to be about these kids standing up to their giants and defeating them, something the Israelites weren't able to do. It's going to be a powerful lesson.
**PRE-OPENING ACTIVITY:** Birthday Celebration

*Participants:* Everyone in your Kids’ Church class.

*Props:* Decorations for a party, music, a birthday cake and a pinata

*Preparation:* Draw a large # on the dry erase board. Then number each square. You should have nine squares.

*Playing:* Every week in our Sunday School one of the children will tell us their birthday passed or their birthday is coming. It is impossible to celebrate all the children's birthdays when they actually occur so this week we will have a birthday celebration for everyone. It's everyone's Birthday! Decorate your Kids' Church room with signs, balloons and streamers. Set up the pinata, you will pick one child at a time to hit the pinata until someone is successful in breaking it open. Depending on how much time you have for pre-opening plan party games like pin the tail on the donkey etc. Cap off your pre-opening time by singing “Happy Birthday” with a cake.

*Note:* You can either give everyone a piece of cake during the pre-opening or use the cake as an incentive and give it away to the loudest singer or for the quiet seats.

**OPENING**

Welcome
Rules
Opening Prayer
Pledges
Songs of your Choosing
4 Reasons

**GAME TIME**

1. **Field Goals**
   *Props:* Two garbage cans and two footballs.

2. **Battling Baby Bottles**
   *Props:* Two baby bottles filled with juice.
LESSON TIME

Short Overview of the Lesson

Quiet Seats Explanation

Props: 4 red balloons, 4 blue balloons, a whistle, and quiet seat prizes.

Lesson Introduction

Props: Bible

Power Point: Don't run from your giants!

Sub points:

1. Trust in God to keep you from sinning
2. Trust in God to protect you
3. Trust in God to save you

Memory Verse

“...for the Lord your God is He who fights for you as He promised.” (Joshua 23:10)

Props: Overhead projector, blank transparency or posterboards.

Bible Lesson: “The 12 Spies” (Numbers 13 and 14)

Props: Actors - Joshua and Caleb, Bible costumes, tree and fruit.

Object Lesson #1: “Most people run from their giants because they think they are too small.”

Props: 1 female actress, Newspaper.

Object Lesson #2: “Most people run because the odds are stacked against them.”

Props: Remote controlled car, Name Brand sneakers, CDs and Name Brand clothing.

Object Lesson #3: “Most people run because they don't have the right weapon.”

Props: Fake Money

Life Lesson: “Anthony and the Giant Anteater”

Props: Illustrated Story

NEXT WEEK

God Loves You

Director’s Note

Preparing Kids’ Church for Preschoolers
**WELCOME**

*Props: Whistle*

Hi Kids! Today I have a question for you: where's your favorite place to be? I hope you said Kids' Church. It's my favorite place because when I come here I don't have to worry about anything! I don't have any problems; I'm with my friends; I'm learning about Jesus; I'm having fun! Wouldn't it be nice if it was that way everywhere we went? The reality is that we will face problems and some problems are so big they seem like *giants*! Today we're going to learn about what to do with the *giants* in our lives. Are you ready? Everybody put 10 fingers up in the air and count down with me. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

**RULES**

Kids' Church always works best when we work together. When we follow *rules*, things run smoothly. There are many children here today. In order for us all to have fun and learn, we all have to follow the same *rules*. We do not play favorites in Kids' Church and we do not allow bullies either. *We all follow the same rules.* Today we have a shortcut to help us remember the rules. The shortcut is the word “*SOW*.” Let us sow a good seed today by obeying the *rules.* *(Keep the rules posted or write them on the chalkboard or on poster board.)*

Let us review the rules:
- S- Stay in your seat.
- O- Obey your leaders.
- W- Whistle means quiet.
OPENING PRAYER

Dear God,
We know that we will face many problems and some of these problems are so big they seem like giants, but God, no matter how big our giants are they are not bigger than you. Thank you for being a big and mighty God. We love you so much, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

PLEDGES

Graphics are included in the power point presentation.

SONGS OF YOUR CHOOSING

If you have a Praise and Worship team, it would be great to implement them for this part of your service. If you do not have a Praise and Worship team, then use CD's. Try to play songs that the kids will know. Have the songs written on transparencies or posterboards so the entire audience can see the words and participate in your Praise and Worship time.
THE FOUR REASONS WHY WE COME TO KIDS’ CHURCH

Props: Posterboard or overhead projector so everyone can see the “Four Reasons.”

Every week, always take time to teach the kids why they come to Kids’ Church. “Spaced Repetition” is the name of the teaching technique that we employ at this point in the lesson. The concept is simple; by reinforcing and repeating these four key truths every week, it becomes ingrained in our children. Have the kids repeat “The Four Reasons Why We Come to Kids’ Church.” You can even give rewards to kids who can say them correctly without help. Pick two boys and two girls, and have them say the “Four Reasons” without looking at them. Doing this every week can be a great start for your kids to always know why they are doing the things we tell them to do every week.

1. To love God first
2. To learn His word
3. To lead others to Jesus
4. To live right every day

Graphics are included in the Powerpoint Presentation.

Before you pick the two boys and girls to say the four reasons, teach them to everyone as a group. You can start off by saying to the kids, “If you are in school and someone asks you why you go to church, what will you say?”

Allow one of the children to lead the opening prayer. You might have to offer a little guidance. Choose a boy or a girl who would like to pray. Here is a sample prayer that you can guide them through. Remember to keep it short and to the point. You will eventually want to get the kids to the point where they can pray on their own without any help from you.
Leader’s Notes

1. Use your game time as a review time.
2. Make sure you have two opposing teams.
3. Assign runners.
4. Assign someone to operate your CD player.
5. Put someone in charge of organizing and cleaning up games.
6. Put someone in charge of giving out prizes.
7. Ask simple questions.
8. Explain the game well.
10. Make sure you rehearse the games with your workers.

Lesson 10

GAME TIME

Games are fun and exciting. I do not know one single kid who does not like to play games. I do not know one single kid who does not like to win cool prizes after playing a game. Let’s face it, kids are bored at church. They want to laugh, play, and have fun. Teachers want them to learn the Word of God. Is it not possible to have both? Who says Sunday School has to be dry and boring? There is a middle ground. Include games in your Sunday School.

Game Time should be:

- A review of last week’s lesson
- Fun
- Organized

A review of last week’s lesson
The only way that kids can play a game, is if they answer a question from last week’s lesson. Instantaneously, kids are going to start listening to your teaching every week because they want to play a game.

Fun
Game time must be fun! Make sure your games are exciting and unpredictable not get in a rut with your games. You need to keep the kids guessing as to what will happen next.

Organized
We call game time, “controlled chaos.” We want the kids to have the most fun they can have in a controlled environment. There is a lot of organization required for game time. For instance, someone has to:

- Set-up and clean-up the game
- Pick kids to answer the review question
- Operate the CD player
- Help the kids pick a prize

For other game ideas, click here.
GAME TIME

**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

Select one child from each team who can answer their review question correctly to play in this first game. Allow each child to choose two friends of the same sex to play this game with them.

1. Somebody has to prepare the way and that somebody is ________? Answer-You.

2. There are people who need your ________? Answer-Example, Help, Encouragement.

**GAME #1**

**Field Goals**

**Participants:** Three boys and three girls

**Props:** Two garbage cans and two footballs.

**Note:** This game has two rounds. The first round is throwing and the second round is kicking.

**Preparation:** Set the two garbage cans at the front of the auditorium. Mark a starting line that you feel would be the appropriate distance for the kids to throw and kick from. You will also need two runners to run the ball back to the next boy and girl.

**Playing:** The first boy and girl step up to the start line, when you say, “Go” they throw the football. Every ball that lands in the garbage can is a point. Make sure to tally up the points. Then the next boy and girl step up to the line, on your signal they throw the ball. Finally the last boy and girl throw the ball. That is the end of round one. Round two is a kicking round. The first boy and girl step up to the line and the process starts again. At the end of two rounds whoever has the most points is the winner.

**Precautions:** Set the garbage cans away from the kids so that no one gets hurt when the footballs are thrown.
Lesson 10

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Leader’s Notes

Note: This game is not a relay so don’t rush it. But make a big deal out of the kids stepping up to line getting ready to make their throw or kick.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Select one child from each team who can answer their review question correctly to play in this second game. Allow each child to choose one friend of the same sex to play this game with them.

1. In the Bible Lesson who prepared the way for Jesus by telling the people to repent? Answer: John the Baptist.
2. In the story Max led the way out of the jungle. What kind of animal was Max? Answer: a monkey.

GAME #2

Battling Baby Bottles

Participants: Two boys and two girls.

Props: Two baby bottles filled with juice.

Preparation: Each team will have one “baby” and one “mommy”. The mommy sits in a chair and the baby sits on her lap.

Playing: When you say: “Go” have the mommies feed their babies the juice. However, each mommy must hold her bottle with only one finger placed on the bottom of the upturned bottle. (If a mommy uses her whole hand, the audience won't be able to see how much juice is left in the bottle as the game progresses.) The first team to finish its drink is the winner. When the game is over, both of the babies may burp.

Precaution: Be sure to use transparent bottles.
Lesson 10

Leader's Notes

1. This is what we are teaching.
2. This is why we are teaching what we are teaching.
3. This is our supporting verse
4. This is how we will support the powerpoint.

LESSON TIME

SHORT OVERVIEW OF THE LESSON

Power Point
Don't run from your giants!

Direction
Because God will fight for you

Memory Verse
“...for the Lord your God is He who fights for you as He promised” (Joshua 23:10)

Sub Points
• They think they are too small
• The odds are stacked against them
• They don't have the right weapon

KEY WORDS AND KEY PHRASES

Key words and Key phrases that should be used throughout the lesson.

Don't run from your giants because God will fight for you when hard times come

Giants
Run
Fight

Small (Object Lesson #1)
Odds stacked against you (Object Lesson #2)
Right weapon (Object Lesson #3)
QUIET SEAT

Props: You will need a loud whistle, four blue balloons for the boys’ side, and four red balloons for the girls’ side. You will also need helpers on the boys’ side and helpers on the girls’ side to pass out the “Quiet Seat” prizes. Prizes like candy, snacks, or Bibles are all effective prizes. The prizes are given only to the kids who are the quietest during the teaching time. The “Quiet Seat” time officially starts after the whistle has been blown.

Presentation: Boys, I have four balloons on your side. If I see you talking to your friends or playing with your neighbor, I am going to pop a balloon. If I pop all four of your balloons, I am going to give all of the candy to the girls. Girls, you also have four balloons. If I see any type of distraction on the girls’ side, I am going to pop a balloon. If I pop all four of your balloons, I am going to give all of the candy to the boys. I have quiet seat watchers walking around looking for the perfect kids. A perfect kid is a kid who is sitting up straight, feet on the floor, hands in your laps, and whose eyes are on the teachers. If the quiet seat watchers see a perfect kid, they will slip a piece of candy into your hand. You are not to eat that candy until you are outside of the building. Everyone should be sitting up straight with your feet flat on the floor. No one should be moving around at this time. The bathrooms are now closed. The only ones who will be moving around in here are the quiet seat watchers. Their job is to watch you, not us. If I see anyone talking, I will pop a balloon. You know what happens if we pop all of your balloons; you go home today with nothing. We are now ready for the most important time of the day. It is now time for the preaching of the Word of God. On the count of three, I will blow my whistle, and quiet seat time will officially began. One, two, and three. (Blow the whistle.)
Props: Bible

Power Point: Don't Run from your Giants

Presentation: Have you ever faced something so tough in your life you just wanted to run? Maybe you thought “I can't do this anymore or this is too hard, I'm never going to win!” There are some problems in our lives that are so big and hard to deal with, it's like we're facing a giant. These problems are the giants in our life.

For some of you, the giant you're facing are the kids at school making fun of you, and you're tired of it; or the constant fighting in your family that seems like it's never going to end; or maybe the giant you're facing is you! You don't understand why you do the things you do. You keep running from your giants because you don't think that you can ever win. Today I want to tell you - Don't run from your giants! If you run from your giants they will keep defeating you. You can choose today that you're going to fight!
The Bible says in Joshua 23:10 our Scripture memory verse for today, “for the Lord your God is He who fights for you as He promised.” You don't have to run from your giants because God is there to fight for you. People are tempted to run from their giants because they think they will lose. If you put your trust in God, He will show you what to do. He will show you how to fight those giants. You can't lose! Don't run from your giants.

Most people run from their giants because:

**Sub points:**

- They think they are too small.
- The odds are stacked against them.
- They don't have the right weapon.
“... the Lord your God is He who fights for you as He promised.” Joshua 23:10 (NKJV)

Props: Posterboard or blank transparency and overhead projector.

Preparation: Write out your memory verse on a posterboard or on a transparency. Make sure your memory verse is colorful and easy to read.

Presentation: The memory was included in the Lesson Introduction.
THE 12 SPIES

Numbers 13 and 14

Props: Actors especially Joshua and Caleb, costumes for the actors, trees and fruit.

Point: Giants are big but God is bigger!

Presentation: Have you ever felt like your problems were so big you just wanted to run away? There were some people in the Bible who felt the same way. They were the people of Israel. In Numbers chapters 13 and 14 the people of Israel finally left Egypt after being slaves for 400 years and they were about to enter the land God promised them - Canaan. Moses was their leader and he believed God would give them this land so he sent 12 men into Canaan to check out the land and the best method of entering it. (Illustration 2--Moses sends off the spies to Canaan.) He wanted them to see what the land was like. What kind of land did they live in? Was it good or bad? How was the soil? Was it fertile or poor? Were there trees or not? Whether the people who were living there were weak or strong, few or many. These men did some spy work. (Illustration 3--Spies show how big the giants were.) When the 12 men returned from the trip to Canaan they had to give a report to Moses and the whole community of Israel. They all agreed that the land was what God said it would be; a land flowing with milk and honey. Perfect, except for one thing - there were giants living there! That's right giants - men who were over 9 feet tall. It was time for the 12 men to report to Moses and the people of Israel what they should do.

Spies: ‘We can't attack those people. They are stronger than we are.”
Lesson 10

Teacher: 10 of the 12 spies saw the giants and believed they were too powerful and too big to go in and take over Canaan. They wanted to run. But listen to what Joshua and Caleb said.

*Joshua and Caleb: (Illustration 4--Joshua and Caleb convince Moses.)* We should go and take the land. Don’t be afraid of the people, we will swallow them up. The Lord is with us.

Teacher: There are two ways to look at the giants in your life. The first way is to look at it is the way the spies saw it. They saw giants and they decided to run because they thought they would never be able to win against these giants. Do you look at the giants in your life and say they’re too big I’ll never win? Do you see school that way or problems or what about relationships? Do you look at problems in your life and say, “Forget it, it’s too hard!” and run?

The other way to look at the giants in your life is to see it the way Joshua and Caleb saw it. They looked at the giants and said those giants are big but my God is bigger! They didn’t run from their giants. Do you look at your problems and say this problem is big but God is bigger. There is no problem too big for God! The giants you are facing in your family aren’t too big for God. The giant you are facing at school isn’t too big for God. Do you understand today that you don’t have to run from your giants no matter how big they are because nothing is too big for God? *He will fight for you.*
The Israelites had a decision to make. They had to decide whether they would run from their giants or they would let God fight for them. Let's see what their decision is.

*Israelites:* Have you brought us in the desert to die? We're better off going back to Egypt.

*Teacher:* They chose to run from their giants. What a shame! God promised them this beautiful land Canaan but they cannot have it now because they saw giants there and decided to run. How many times have you done the same?
OBJECT LESSON 1

Most people run from their giants because they think they are too small

Props: Four very tall people dressed in Ninja costumes. The purpose of the Ninja costumes is to make your tall people seem even tougher and harder to defeat.

Point: Most people run from their giants because they think they are too small, but God will go before you and fight your giants!

Presentation: A lot of times when problems hit us, we feel like they are so big and we are so small. We don't know what to do. Those problems that are so big are called giants. People normally run from giants.

I've faced a lot of giants in my life. Once when I was a little girl, my father lost his job. (Illustration 5—Have the smallest girl in your class walk out on stage.) We needed school supplies and clothes for school. We had no idea where we were going to get those things. That was a giant in my life. (Illustration 6—First ninja enters and stands behind the small kid.) I felt like that giant was so big and I was so small. What was I going to do? I was a little girl. I couldn't go out and get a job.

There was another giant in my life. It was called math class. (Second ninja walks out on stage and stands behind the little girl.) I couldn't get it. My teacher kept giving me homework and I kept failing. (Third giant walks out on stage.) I thought I was too small for math. My math class was a huge giant in my life. Every time math class began, I felt like running away.
I had another giant. My grandmother became sick. (Illustration 7--Fourth ninja walks out on stage.) The doctors told us she had a heart disease and she was going to die. My mother asked us if we wanted to go to the hospital to visit my grandmother. I was so afraid, I ran and hid. That was a huge giant for a little girl to handle. I thought they were going to beat me down. (Ninjas start doing Karate moves). What was I going to do? I was a little girl. I wasn't a doctor.

We went to church that Sunday. The preacher opened his Bible and said, “The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you” (Deut. 1:30). I had a hard time imagining God in a fight. What is God going to do, come down from Heaven with a baseball bat? That didn't make much sense to me. Then, the preacher explained what it meant for God to fight for you. He said, “God will go before you and work things out for you if you trust him.” I got really excited about that. I decided to go to the hospital that afternoon. I asked God to work things out for my grandmother. I went to the hospital everyday for two weeks and every time, I said to God, “I'm going to the hospital, work things out for my grandmother.” I watched my grandmother get better. She did not die like the doctors thought she would. God took care of that giant in my life. (Two ninjas fall down.)

I started praying for all of my giants. Before I went home, I said to God, “My father needs a job, go before me and work it out for him”. A little while later, my father got a job. Before I went to math class, I said, “God, I'm about to go to math class. Go before me and work things out in there”. My teacher assigned the smartest girl in the room to help me. She explained how to do the math problems better than my teacher and I understood how to do it. (Last ninja falls). I didn't completely understand what God was doing in my life then but I understand now.
Lesson 10

OBJECT LESSONS

I was small. My giants were big, but God was bigger. When I started to speak God's word over my giants, they disappeared. When I started to believe that God would go before me and work things out, I stopped running. My giants ran away. (Ninjas run off stage.) Today I want to tell you, you don’t have to run from your giants. Most people run from their giants because they think they are too small, but God will go before you and fight your giants. God will work things out. Don’t run from your giants.

OBJECT LESSON 2

Most people run because the odds are stacked against them

Props: Boxes with “Live in the ghetto”, “Messed up Family” and “No Money” written on it. Pick a volunteer.

Point: The odds that are stacked against you are small compared to your God.

Preparation: Prepare the boxes ahead of time with the examples you will use for your particular group.

Presentation: What dreams do you have? Do you have dreams of becoming a star? Do you have dreams of going to college and becoming a doctor or a lawyer? Do you have dreams of saving people’s lives by becoming a firefighter or policeman? Or maybe you have dreams of getting married, having a family and living somewhere nice. But between you and your dream is a giant. What is stopping you from going forward and having your dream? This is Roger and he has a dream of becoming an NBA basketball star. But Roger doesn't believe that he can do it for a few reasons. Roger believes that he can't be a basketball star because he lives in the ghetto in some projects. (Illustration 8--Teacher brings out the first box and stacks it in front of Roger.) He also believes because his family is so messed up that he will have a messed up life too.
(Illustration 9--Teacher brings out another box and stacks that one on top of the other one). This looks bad, the odds are being stacked against Roger. Oh here's another one that's stacked against him. He doesn't have money! How can he ever afford to go to college and play basketball if he doesn't even have money? (Illustration 10--Teacher brings out a third box and stacks it on top of the other two. Now Roger is completely covered up by the boxes.)

Roger has a lot of giants. The odds are really stacked up against him. Most people run from their giants when the odds are stacked up against them. (Roger runs away.) Today I want to tell you, you don't have to run from your giants. Roger, please come back on stage. (Roger comes back.) God says, I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you a future and a hope. You don't have to run from these giants because God is the one who gives you a good future. God also gave you all of the gifts and talents you have. Decide today that you will use every gift and talent for God's glory. If you are using your gifts and talents for God, the odds that are stacked against you are small compared to your God. The Bible says, “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the World.” You have Christ inside of you. Don't run from your giants. So what if the odds are stacked against you. You can look at each of them and say, you may be big but you're small compared to my God!

Roger, this is why I told you to come back on stage. Yes, the odds are stacked against you. It looks like you may never get your dream. God has good plans for your future. God is greater than any thing that's stacked against you. Don't run from your giants!
OBJECT LESSON 3

Most people run from their giants because they don't have the right weapon.

Props: Baseball bat, fake knife, Ephesians 6 weapons. (Belt of truth, breastplate of right living, shoes of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the spirit which is God.)

Point: Most people run from their giants because they don't have the right weapon. The right weapons are the weapons God gives you.

Presentation: I would love to tell you guys you will never have to fight your giants. The truth is, sometimes you will have to fight your giants. I'm not talking about a physical fight where you punch someone out. I'm not talking about a person as your giant. Your giant isn't really who you think it is. Your biggest giant is Satan. He wants to control you and make your life miserable. He will put people in your life who will make you feel as if you will never amount to anything. That can be a giant. He will put people in your life who will tell you that God doesn't love you. That can be a giant. Satan will also put people in your path who will come against you and try to fight you. That can be a big giant. He wants you to pick up weapons and fight back. (Illustration 11--Pick up the bat and knife.)

If you are going to beat Satan, you will need the right weapons. The weapons you need are not a baseball bat or a knife. You need the weapons God gives you. The Bible says in Ephesians 6:10-12, “God is strong and He wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way.
This is for keeps, a life or death, fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

Be prepared. You’re up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it’s all over but the shouting you’ll still be on your feet.” (Message translation)

Here are the weapons God has given you. Always tell the truth. (Illustration 12--Put the belt of truth around your waist.) Always live right before the Lord. (Put on the breast plate of righteousness). Have the peace of God in your heart as you read his word. (Put on the shoes that you have prepared.) Put this in your mind, that through Jesus Christ you are saved from you sins. You are saved from the punishment of death. (Put on the helmet.) Have faith that God is always with you and God will protect every area of your life. (Pick up your shield.) Read the word of God and speak it out when you need it. It is a sword for you to fight the enemy. (Illustration 13--Pick up the sword.) And last, pray to God about everything. These are your weapons. The Bible says you will need them for the rest of your life.
The devil wants you to pick up this baseball bat or this knife to fight off your giants. These types of weapons only add to your problems. Most of the time, you end up running away for your life because these are the wrong weapons. The right weapons to fight with are the weapons God gives you. If you have these weapons, you don't have to run from your giants, instead, you will be ready to fight. Here are those weapons again: the truth, live right, know that God has saved you and He will save you in any situation, speak the word of God, have peace in your heart, have faith that God is working for you and pray about everything.

Most people run and run and run from their giants because they don't have the right weapon to fight with. When Satan comes against you, what do you want to fight with? These weapons that man has given you (pick up the baseball bat) or these weapons that God has given you? With man made weapons, you will always run from your giants. With God made weapons, you will be able to stand your ground and fight. Don't run from your giants. Choose to fight with the weapon God has given you.
Don’t run from your giants

Vision - One of the most important things you can leave a child with is a vision. With it they will restrain themselves from the things that will stop them.

Identity - People will always live out who they believe they are.

Who do your children think they are?

Here is where I put the first preaching point:

Some people run from their giants because they think they are too small to fight. One of the greatest benefits of serving God is that God will fight for you. All you have to do is stop and ask Him for his help. Most people become so afraid that they never go to God for help. They just think their lives are impossible and there is no help for them.
Here is where I put the second preaching point: Most people run from their giants because the odds are stacked against them.

You may be small and you may be facing giants today but Your God is bigger than any giant you will face. Is not having money a giant for you? Is not having the right clothes a giant for you? What is so big that you feel so small and you run? I want to encourage you today. Don’t run from your giants! Anthony was telling his friends this exact thing when Griffin came back to the playground.

Frame 3
“If you come back to this place, I will crush you just like I crushed your swings, your merry-go-round and your slip and slide”. Everyone was so scared. They started running for their lives. Anthony told them that his grandfather promised to help them come up with a plan to defeat Griffin.

Frame 4
When Anthony got home, he couldn't believe it. His grandfather was so sick, he could barely speak. His grandfather had an allergic reaction to pepper and he had to go straight to the hospital that night.

Preaching Point
Anthony was so disappointed. He thought about everything. First, Griffin came and crushed our swings. Second, he came and crushed our merry-go-round. Third, he came and crushed our slip and slide. Fourth, he told us if we ever come back, he was going to crush us. Now, my grandfather is sick and in the hospital. He can’t help us.
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The odds were really stacked against Anthony but he was not afraid. He knew God was on his side. He was not going to simply run from his giant because the odds were stacked against him. I don’t want you to run from your giants because the odds are stacked against you. You may not be doing well in school. You may not have a friend you can talk to and feel lonely, the list could go on and on forever. The odds stacked against you can be so tall that you can’t see over them but you don’t have to run from them because God is bigger. Don’t run from your giants.

Frame 5
Anthony went to the King. He told the king of their problem with Griffin the giant. The King gave Anthony a weapon to fight with. “Take this ant stinger and use it to fight Griffin”. Anthony looked at the King, “But king, I have never used this weapon before. I can’t fight my enemy with a weapon I have never used before. I will be so afraid when Griffin comes that I will run away. This is the wrong weapon for me.”

Preaching Point
Anthony was right. That was the wrong weapon to fight with. A lot of times we run from our giants because we don’t have the right weapon to fight with. Our enemy is the devil. He brings confusion to our home. He brings confusion to our school. He starts violent fights on the streets of our neighborhood. He wants us to pick up weapons and fight with them. He wants you to go get a gun. He wants you to go get a knife. He wants you to go get a baseball bat. He wants you to fight with these weapons because he knows that you will eventually end up killing each other. If you use the weapons God has given you to fight with, you will end up defeating him.
Every time you tell the truth, you are defeating the devil. Every time you have faith in God, you are defeating the devil. Every time you speak the word of God over your life, you are defeating the devil. The devil has a way of making every argument look like a giant. He has a way of making every long stare from the kid next to you look like a giant. He does all of this because he knows, people will pick up the wrong weapon and fight. If you use man made weapons to fight with, you will eventually run from your giants because there's always a bigger weapon somewhere else. There is no bigger weapon than truth, faith, the word of God, the peace of God and living right. When giants come in your life and they will come, don't run. Fight with the right weapons. Anthony knew these weapons were not right for him. He prayed to God and asked God for help. Anthony had quite a few giants in his life. Griffin wasn't his only giant. His grandfather was in the hospital. He asked God to give him an idea of how he could help his grandfather.

Frame 6
Later that night he thought about his grandfather at the dinner table. He thought about how terrible pepper is for his grandfather. He felt God telling him to take all of the pepper in the house, put it in a brown paper bag and take it to the playground. That didn't make much sense to Anthony but he decided to do exactly what God said to do.
Anthony got to the playground and guess who was waiting for him? Griffin. Griffin was so mad that Anthony showed up at the playground. He surprised Anthony. He jumped in front of him and screamed Boo! Anthony was so afraid, he threw both hands up in the air. That’s when Griffin saw the brown paper bag. “What you got there Anthony? Give me that bag.” He went to grab the bag from Anthony when-

POP! The bag burst and pepper went flying everywhere.

Griffin had the same allergic reaction as Anthony’s grandfather. He ran away and never returned to Anthony’s playground.

Anthony was so happy. He simply did what God told him to do and God fought the giant for him. Instead of Anthony and his friends running from their giant, their giant ran from them.
TODAY’S LIFE STORY

POINT OF DECISION
What giants do you have in your life? I want you to take a moment and think about what giant you’re facing. I am going to hand out paper and pencils. Once you know what giant you are facing, write it down on the paper.

MY GIANT IS...

Once you have written out the name of your giant, I want you to raise your paper in the air. Today we are going to make a decision to stop running from our giants and we are going to give those giants to God. Do you know what God will do? He will fight for us? Let's pray.

CLOSING PRAYER
Lord,
Today I am facing a giant. I’m scared because I am too small to face this giant alone. God I am asking you to go before me and fight my giants. I make a decision today to stop running! I don't have to run because I know you are bigger than any giant I could ever face. You are mightier, you are strong. So here's my giant, I trust you and I know that you will fight for me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.
Metro Ministries uses the same basic curriculum for its preschool ministry. That involves up to 500 preschoolers in one classroom. We're able to do it because of the staff and the flexibility of the KIDS Church curriculum. It works in any size class of preschoolers when it is properly scaled down to their level. Consider the following to adapt the lessons for preschoolers:

1. Concentrate on the obvious basics that KIDS Church lessons take for granted. Preschoolers are not familiar with the basics and you need to cover them constantly. Repetition is important for preschoolers.

2. Recognize that preschoolers have a shorter attention span. A good rule of thumb is that you can hold children's attention for one minute per year of their age. For example a 5 year-old can only sit and listen to one thing for about five minutes. Then you must move onto something else or lose their attention. Keep lesson segments short and fast moving.

3. Maintain control of the kids by involving them in the lesson. Include interaction as much as possible. For example, if you're telling a story about a dog, let the kids bark when you give them the signal. They pay attention to the story as they wait for their turn to bark.

4. Preschoolers need a strong sense of security and love. Make it a priority during your time with them. Create an environment where they are always accepted and provide them with a joyful experience. Love is more important than trying to get a lesson into them.

5. Think of one child in your class whom you know really well and prepare your lesson each week as if you were talking to that one child. (You may want actually to involve the child during one of your lesson planning times. Ask her questions and get feedback from her understanding.)