KidSlot #6
Courage

Lessons are available at http://www.yorkalliance.org/resources/kidslot for you to print copies of the necessary materials for each child in your group.

Materials Needed
• 1 wide-mouthed glass or jar
• Uncooked rice
• 1 egg
• Situations needing Courage cut apart
• Copies of Deuteronomy 31:6 coloring page
• Copies of Deuteronomy 31:6 wall hanging

Today’s Objective
Children will know that they can have courage when facing difficult situations because Jesus is with them.

Scripture
Deuteronomy 31:6  Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...for the Lord your God goes with you.

Introductory Activity
Ask:
• What do you think courage is? (being strong to do what is right)
• Who do you know that has a lot of courage?
• How do you know they have courage?
• Who here thinks they have courage?

The Courageous Egg
Place an egg in the middle of a wide-mouthed glass or jar and completely cover it with rice. Explain that the egg represents someone who is hanging with the crowd. One day the group starts making fun of other people, the egg doesn't like it so he tells them to stop (tap the top of the rim, the egg will rise up from the rice with each tap). Next, the group of friends starts excluding others from their games (tap the rim) and they start telling lies. Each time the egg refuses to go along with his friends and stands up for what's right (tap again). Continue until the egg has completely risen above the rice. Tell the students it takes courage to do the right thing when others are not. A courageous person will rise to the top and stand out from the rest!

Bible Lesson and Activities
1. Have children find and read Deuteronomy 31:6. Discuss these verses for a few minutes.

2. Discussion Questions – Use some or all of the following questions below. Be sure to end with the FINAL question.
   What does it mean to be courageous?
   What takes a lot of courage?
   Are you ever afraid or terrified? Of What?
   What do you do when you are afraid?
   How can you be courageous when you are afraid?
   Share a time when you were alone and were afraid.
   Share a time when you had other people with you and were afraid.
   What are kids most afraid of? Adults?
   How does knowing that God is with you help you when you are afraid?
What do you need courage to do?
Whenever you are afraid what should you do first?
How can you encourage someone else who is afraid?
What can God give you courage to do?
If Jesus is with you do you ever face anything alone?
Did Jesus ever need courage? To do what?
FINAL Question – The next time when you are afraid or need courage to do something hard what will you do?

Creative Application

1. Situations needing courage
   Attached there is a sheet describing several different situations that require courage. Cut the paper apart and divide the situations among the children you have. Have them either act out or talk about how courage is needed in the situation. Remind them that they can be courageous because Jesus is with them and will help them do the right thing. They don’t need to be afraid.

2. Coloring Pages
   There are coloring pages in the lesson if needed for extra time.

Prayer

Have children pray for each other to have courage in difficult situations. If a child has shared a particular situation needing courage earlier prompt children to surround that child and pray for them.

Closure

Deuteronomy 31:6 Wall Hanging

Have children color in the letters to the scripture verse with crayons and markers and hang in their rooms to remind them that they can have courage because God is with them.
Situations Needing Courage

Have children discuss or act out these situations and talk about how they would need courage in the situation and how knowing Jesus was with them would help them.

You are playing outside with your friends and a bully comes along and starts picking on one of your friends. He calls you a sissy for playing with this friend. He tells you to come play with him instead.

You are home alone with your grandmother and suddenly she says she doesn’t feel very well. A minute later she passes out and doesn’t answer you when you call her name.

At school while taking a test the teacher leaves the room. All the other kids start cheating and asking each other the answers.

You are just 5 years old and went shopping with your mom. While she was looking at clothing you were playing under the clothes racks. When you came out you can’t find your mom anywhere.

Your father just got a new job in another town and your family has to move. You don’t know anyone there and have to go to a new school tomorrow. You are afraid.

You are with a group of kids at school and one of them starts talking about Jesus. The rest start making fun of him and say, “No one really believes that Jesus is real.”
Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...
for the Lord your God goes with you. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them.
“Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God goes with you.”
Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)