

IDENTITY & SELF ACCEPTANCE | WEEK 8

LEADERS GOAL

Show support by standing up for each other

SUPPLIES

- Gold Framed Certificate paper, one per student
- Index card, 3 per student
- Pen or markers
- Bible marked and open to Joshua 1:9, Daniel 3:16-28
- Chairs arranged in a circle

SCRIPTURES

Joshua 1:9
Daniel 3:16-28

ACTIVITIES

Mean What You Say
and Say What You Mean

PRAY

BOTTOM LINE

It's important to stand up for others while making the wise choice.

AS STUDENTS ARRIVE

Ask students, "How did you do being faithful this past week? Who brushed and flossed your teeth faithfully each day? Who faithfully played video games this week?"

STORY CONNECTION

Has there been a time when someone stood up for you? How did you feel having their support?

Gertrude stood up for Horton when the Talk Show Host made fun of him. "I'm Gertrude McFuzz, and I live right next door. He's never done anything crazy before. He's always been friendly and loyal and kind. I just don't believe Horton's out of his mind!" (Script, p13)
Choose a reader for Gertrude.

Horton was brave to stand up for the Whos and to stick to his promise when others laughed, questioned him, or walked away. (Script, p19)



TRUTH & TREASURE

Bible Story of King Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 3:16-28

King Nebuchadnezzar made a big image of gold (around 90 feet tall and 9 feet wide) and commanded everyone in the Kingdom of Babylon to bow down and worship each time they heard the sound of musical instruments. Everyone did except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who paid no attention to King Nebuchadnezzar's command. Furious, King Nebuchadnezzar threw them into a blazing furnace. Let's take a look at this video to see who stood up for them.

Video Link: [Click Here For Video](#)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9 NIV

OUR STORIES

- When should you stand up for someone?
- Why is it hard sometimes to stand up for someone even when we know it's the right thing to do?

DISCOVERY TIME

ACTIVITY | Share Kind Words

Supplies: Gold framed pages, one per student

Small Group Leader prewrites each student's name on the paper and hangs them spaced out like a gallery wall in the Small Group area. Students walk around, writing kind words, compliments, and encouraging phrases for each other. Small Group Leader reads a few aloud at the end and let's students share their favourites. Students take home their framed page.

GAME | Back to back think like me

Supplies: Each student has a pencil and 3 Index cards.

You know the phrase, "I've got your back." In this game, students are tested to see if they have each other's back by thinking alike.

Students partner up and stand back to back. Small Group Leader names a category and students must write the word or draw a picture of what they think their partner is thinking. Then reveal Index cards to see if the partners wrote or drew the same thing.

Categories: fruit, animal, item in backpack, something in fridge, something in living room, sport



PRAYER

Dear God, we love hearing Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood up for you instead of bowing down to King Nebuchadnezzar's idol. In turn, you stood up for them and protected them in the fiery furnace.

We know that you love us and have our back, too. Help us to stand up for others, even when it's hard. Help us to be strong, courageous, and not afraid as we love others and do the wise thing. We know that you are with us wherever we go. Amen.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Who can you stand up for and support this week? At home and at school?
Let's take a moment now to plan one way to help, support, or encourage them
this week.

