



Little Son Catchers

chasing after God's word

Summer Quarter, Week 6

A Girl who was captured

Your Children Will Learn:

- ☉ The little girl was brave
- ☉ The little girl helped Naaman

MEMORY VERSE FOR UNIT 11



**"Even children
show what they
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if what they do
is right."**

PROVERBS 20:11

Turn to Page 64 for
Memory Verse Center tips and
suggestions.

truth for your children

Today's Bible Passage: 2 Kings 5:1-15

Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a very important man in the eyes of his master. And he was highly respected. That's because the Lord had helped him win the battle over Aram's enemies. He was a brave soldier. But he had a skin disease. Companies of soldiers from Aram had marched out. They had captured a young girl from Israel. She became a servant of Naaman's wife. She spoke to the woman she was serving. She said, "I wish my master would go and see the prophet who is in Samaria. He would heal my master of his skin disease." Naaman went to see his own master. He told him what the girl from Israel had said. "I think you should go," the king of Aram replied. "I'll give you a letter to take to the king of Israel." So Naaman left. He took 750 pounds of silver with him. He also took 150 pounds of gold. And he took ten sets of clothes. He carried the letter to the king of Israel.

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truth for you...A Meditation for Leaders

Today we read an emotionally charged passage. The king of Israel became so angry he tore his robes. Naaman was angrily offended by the process with which Elisha healed him. Why are all these people angry? And are they angry for the right reasons? The king of Israel was put out by the king of Aram's request to tend to Naaman's skin. "This is not my department!" is essentially what he had to say. His source of anger was pride. Naaman was burned up by Elisha's suggestion that he wash in some dirty river. He couldn't believe that Elisha didn't even bother to come out to see him or lay hands on him. His source of anger was pride. It's very likely that Naaman's servant girl had reason to be angry and prideful, she was taken captive. We see that she overcame pride and anger with love, enough love to speak up on her master's behalf so that he could be healed. What do you do when you are confronted with pride and anger? Remember the example of the little servant girl who was propelled by love.



truth for your children

Today's Bible Passage

2 Kings 5:1-15

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It said, "I'm sending my servant Naaman to you with this letter. I want you to heal him of his skin disease." The king of Israel read the letter. As soon as he did, he tore his royal robes. He said, "Am I God? Can I kill people and bring them back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be healed of his skin disease? He must be trying to pick a fight with me!" Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes. So he sent the king a message. It said, "Why have you torn your robes? Tell the man to come to me. Then he will know there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went to see Elisha. He took his horses and chariots with him. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger out to him. The messenger said, "Go. Wash yourself in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will be healed. You will be pure and clean again." But Naaman went away angry. He said, "I was sure he would come out to me. I thought he would stand there and pray to the Lord his God. I thought he would wave his hand over my skin. Then I would be healed. And what about the Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus? Aren't they better than any of the rivers of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be made pure and clean?" So he turned and went away. He was burning with anger. Naaman's servants went over to him. They said, "You are like a father to us. What if the prophet Elisha had told you to do some great thing? Wouldn't you have done it? But he only said, 'Wash yourself. Then you will be pure and clean.' You should be even more willing to do that!" So Naaman went down to the Jordan River. He dipped himself in it seven times. He did exactly what the man of God had told him to do. Then his skin was made pure again. It became clean like the skin of a young boy. Naaman and all of his attendants went back to the man of God. Naaman stood in front of Elisha. He said, "Now I know that there is no God anywhere in the whole world except in Israel. Please accept a gift from me."

Leaders: Pray

Ten minutes before the children arrive, gather together to pray for your class time. Invite the Holy Spirit's presence and ask Him to fill you up.

Greet the children and Parents

**Greet one
another with
a kiss of love.**
Romans 16:16

Greet each child by name as they arrive. Learn the names of their parents, too.

Give children visiting for the first time a small gift such as a special sticker or a colorful bookmark. Welcome the children to your classroom and introduce yourself to their parents.

creative Activity centers 40 min.

Choose two or three activities from the Table-Top Activity Guide. The Activity Guide on page 65 has everything you need to provide hands-on, creative activities that directly reinforce the lesson. Make open-ended play centers (such as blocks, housekeeping and imaginative dress-up) available as well.

Memory verse center ... 3-5 min.

Practice the verse together every week during activity center time, small group time or before worship time.

Here is a tip: Introduce and practice the memory verse as a group. Be sure the children hear and understand every word of the verse. Recite it slowly and carefully several times.

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clean up and prepare for worship ... 5 min.

time to worship! (10 min.)

- ☉ If you have a worship team to lead the children, gather everyone together to praise Jesus!
- ☉ If you lead worship, learn one or two simple songs. Allow time for children to share praises and prayers. Dance, sing, worship!



- ☉ Model worship for the children by being an active participant!



Table-Top Activity Guide

Week 6: A Girl who was captured

1. Little Girl coloring Page:

Copy the coloring page on white paper. Color it with markers and crayons.

what's the Point?: This coloring page will show the children the grown-ups in the Bible story who were affected by the bravery of one little girl. Say to the children: **"The little girl was brave; the little girl helped Naaman."**

Supplies:

- Coloring page from the **Pattern Pages** copied on white paper
- Markers and crayons

2. Brave Mobile:

Copy on cardstock the letters that spell out the word "BRAVE" and the picture of the portrait frame from the **Pattern Pages**. Cut out one set per child. Each child can color the letters and draw a picture of themselves in the portrait frame.

what's the Point?: This story can help children see that they can be brave the way the little girl was brave. Their bravery can change the lives of people around them. Say to the children: **"The little girl was brave; the little girl helped Naaman."**

Supplies:

- Letters to spell "BRAVE" and portrait frame from the **Pattern Pages** copied on cardstock
- Markers and crayons
- Yarn
- Craft sticks
- Masking tape

Note to Leaders:

Please choose 2 or 3 table-top activities.

Most of the activities can be adapted for any age.

Have fun!

Let the children do it!

Don't forget to copy...



3. Super Hero chest Plate:

Copy the super-hero graphic on cardstock and cut out one per child. Color it with markers, spread white glue on the letter "B" and sprinkle it with glitter. Punch holes at the black dots. Push the ends of a piece of yarn through each hole and tie it in a knot so it can be worn around the neck.

what's the Point?: Each child can announce to the world that they are "Small but Brave" when they wear this chest plate. Say to the children: **"The little girl was brave; the little girl helped Naaman."**

Supplies:

- Chest Plate graphic from the **Pattern Pages** copied on cardstock

- Markers
- White glue in small cups
- Q-tips
- Glitter
- Box lids
- Yarn

4. water Play:

Fill a shallow bin with water and add some baby shampoo to make a sudsy bath. Provide toy people for the children to play with in the water. Tell them to pretend the water is the Jordan River where Naaman was told to go wash.

what's the Point?: As the children dip the toy people in the water, they are acting out the story for themselves over and over again. Say to the children: **"The little girl was brave; the little girl helped Naaman."**

Supplies:

- Shallow bin of water
- Toy people
- Baby shampoo
- Towels



"I Can Do That!"

EASY IDEAS FOR CREATIVE STORYTELLING: 2 Kings 5:1-15

10 minutes (Age 3)

15 minutes (Ages 4 & 5)

Motion Me, Motion you

As you tell the story, use these motions to help the children visualize the different people in the story. Encourage the children to copy you and do the motions, too.

- Naaman:
Hands on hips, chest out
- Little Girl:
Hands on cheeks
- Wife:
Shaking one pointed finger
- King:
Hold hands on head like a crown
- Elisha:
Arms partially raised with palms facing up

Follow the prompts in the story.

Story Time introduction

Hi boys and girls! We just got through learning about the "big" stories. Do you remember what some of the "big" stories were about? **(Let the children answer.)** I am so excited about the Bible stories we will be learning this month because they are all about children. And, they are all true stories because they are in the Bible. Everything about the children in the stories really happened! Children are very important to God. He loves them very much. And, He loves you very much!

Our story today is about a little girl, and a man named Naaman.

Bible Story

Storyteller: The lesson from the Bible starts here. See the "I Can Do That" sidebar on this page for storytelling ideas.

Naaman was the commander of the army of the king. He was a very important man to the king. The king thought Naaman was a great leader of the army and a good man.

God had helped Naaman win many battles with his army. He was a very brave man. But now he had a bad skin sickness. His skin was very sore and it turned all white. Naaman felt sick all the time and he was weak. No one could make him well.

Well, Naaman's army went to fight a battle without him. They captured a little girl and brought her back with them. The little girl was taken from her parents and everyone she loved. But the little girl was brave. That means she wasn't afraid to do the things she needed to do.

She became a servant to Naaman's wife. The little girl worked hard for Naaman's wife. She was very kind to her and cared about her. She also cared about Naaman. She saw that Naaman had a bad skin sickness. She wanted to help him.

So, one day the little girl spoke to Naaman's wife. The little girl was brave. She said **(Little girl motion)**, "I wish that Naaman would go and visit the prophet Elisha. He would make Naaman better!" Well, Naaman's wife immediately went and told Naaman everything that the little girl said. She said **(wife motion)**, "You must go and see this prophet Elisha the little girl told me about." The little girl was brave.

Naaman went to see the king to ask permission to leave. He told the king everything the little girl said. The king told Naaman to go and see the prophet Elisha. The king said **(king motion)**, "I'll send a letter with you to the king in that land."

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Story Time [cont.]

Then Naaman went to the land where the prophet Elisha lived. He brought many gifts along with him, and the letter from his king. The letter said **(king motion)**, "I am sending Naaman to you. I want you to make him well."

When the king of Elisha's land read the letter, he became very upset. He said, "Am I God? How can I make this man well? Why did that king send him to me to make all better? That king is trying to start a fight with me!" But the prophet Elisha sent his king a message. The message said **(Elisha motion)**, "Tell the man to come and see me."

Naaman went to the prophet Elisha's house and stopped at the door. The prophet Elisha sent out a servant to give Naaman a message. The message said that he needed to go dip himself in a certain river seven times.

Well, Naaman was angry because he didn't get to see the prophet Elisha. Naaman said **(Naaman motion)**, "I thought for sure the prophet Elisha would come out and see me himself. I thought he would pray and ask God to make me better! Why should I do what the prophet Elisha told me to do?" But Naaman's servants talked him into doing what the prophet Elisha told him to do.

So, Naaman went to the river. He dipped himself in it seven times. When he came up out of the water the seventh time, his skin was like new! Naaman was all better! His skin sickness was all gone!

Naaman went back to see the prophet Elisha. He stood right in front of him. His skin was all better and he felt so good! Naaman said **(Naaman motion)**, "Now I know that your God is the real, true God." Naaman and the prophet Elisha talked to one another a little bit longer, then Naaman returned home.

When Naaman got home, he probably went to see the king first. He wanted to show him he was all better. Then, he probably ran to his wife and showed her he was all better. He would certainly give her a big hug. Then, maybe he went to see the little girl. What do you think Naaman said to the little girl? **(Let the children answer.)**

Naaman was all better because he listened to what the little girl said. The little girl was brave. She wasn't afraid to do the things she needed to do. She saw that Naaman had a bad skin sickness and she cared about him. So, she told Naaman's wife that the prophet Elisha would make him well. The little girl helped Naaman. Even though the little girl was away from her family and was a servant, she was very kind. She was just a little girl, but she was brave and she helped Naaman.

Go to "Wrap It Up!" in the sidebar.

Great Big Holy Bible

The text and pictures in the Great Big Holy Bible follow your Bible lesson closely.

You may choose to use it during the Bible lesson segment of your class, or use it at the end to reinforce your dramatic storytelling.

wrap it up!



Storyteller:
If you are teaching 3's, simply repeat the points to them one more time. If you are teaching 4's and 5's, repeat the points AND use these questions to help the children relate the story to their own lives.

Today we learned that:

⦿ The little girl was brave.

(Who was the little girl?)

⦿ The little girl helped Naaman.

(How did she help Naaman?)



"POWDER ME BRAVE"

You will need: baby powder.

☉ Have all the children sit in a circle. Say to the children, "Today we learned that the little girl was brave and that she helped Naaman. Naaman had a skin sickness that made his skin look really white. I'm going to sprinkle some baby powder on your arms to show you what it looked like. Don't wipe it off!"

☉ Sprinkle a little bit of baby powder on each child's arms. Keep reminding them not to wipe it off. Say to the children, "Elisha told Naaman to go wash in the river seven times. Naaman went down to the river and washed seven times. We're going to count to seven and rub the baby powder off our arms."

☉ After you have finished rubbing the baby powder off your arms, say to the children, "When Naaman got out of the river, his skin was all better. The little girl was brave. She told Naaman's wife about the prophet Elisha. The little girl helped Naaman. Because of her, Naaman was all better!"

Snack time.....10 min.

Small Groups.....5-10 min.

How to Make it happen:

Divide the children into small groups.

1. Say: Today we learned that the little girl was brave and that the little girl helped Naaman.

2. Ask: What does it mean to be brave? How was the little girl brave? How have you been brave?

3. Pray: Dear God, please make us brave and helpful just like the little girl was. Amen.

The Purpose of Small Groups:

**TO BUILD
RELATIONSHIPS WITH
THE CHILDREN**

**TO RECAP THE LESSON
OR POINTS**

**TO REVIEW THE
MEMORY VERSE
TOGETHER**

**THE LITTLE
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BRAVE**

**THE LITTLE
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NAAMAN**

Time to Go!

Dismiss the children to parents or guardians only! Keep our children safe!

Please Remember!

Photocopy "The Home Page" before church. Hand it to the parents when they pick up their children.



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MONDAY

Read & Do

Read 2 Kings 5:1-15. Ask your child, "What does it mean to be brave? Who was brave in the Bible story? How did she help Naaman?"

TUESDAY

Play

Act out the Bible story with your child during bath time. You will need four or five toy people to play these parts: the little girl, Naaman's wife, Naaman, and the prophet Elisha. Tell the story while you act it out with the toy people. Ask, "What happened to Naaman? Who helped him?"

WEDNESDAY

Art

The little girl was brave and she spoke to Naaman's wife. Because of the little girl, Naaman went to see the prophet Elisha and did what he told him to do. Draw a picture together of a river and Naaman in the middle of it. Ask, "How many times did Naaman dip into the water? What happened after the last time he dipped into the water?" Talk about how the girl helped Naaman.

THURSDAY

Out & About

The little girl helped Naaman. Your child can learn from you how to help others. Find ways for your child to help by preparing a meal for someone in need, or purchasing a bag of groceries. Your child may have some suggestions such as making a greeting card or drawing a picture to brighten someone's day.

FRIDAY

Pray & Praise

Think of a time this week when someone helped you. Ask, "How did someone help you? What can you do to help someone?" Praise God for the person who helped you and pray for the people who need your help. Ask God to make you brave to help people.

SATURDAY

Just for Parents...

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Activity #1

Little Girl coloring page

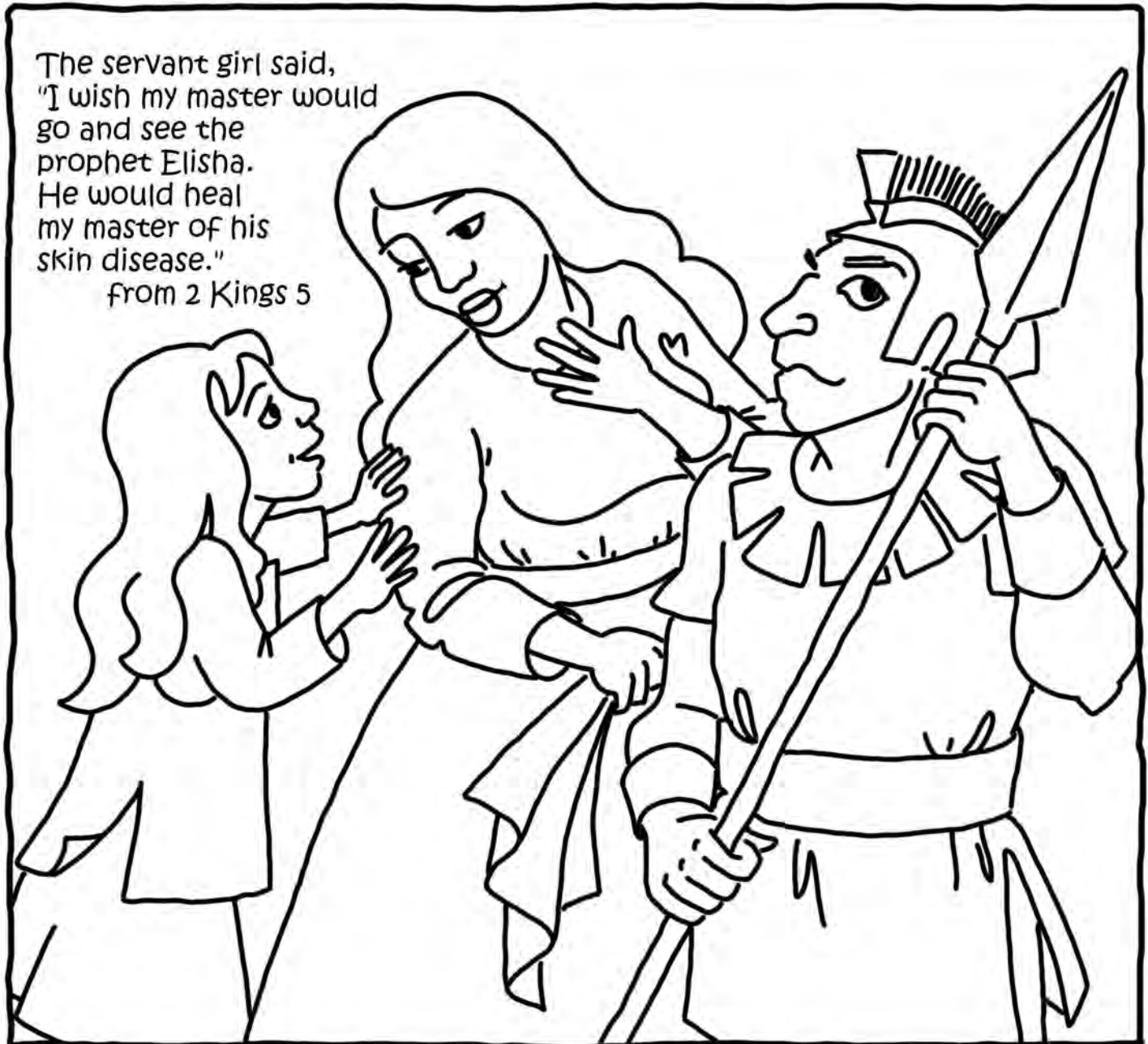
BEFORE CLASS:

- Copy the coloring page on white paper and cut it out along the bold outline.

DURING CLASS:

- The children can color the picture with markers and crayons.

Cut along bold outline



Activity #2

Brave Mobile

BEFORE CLASS:

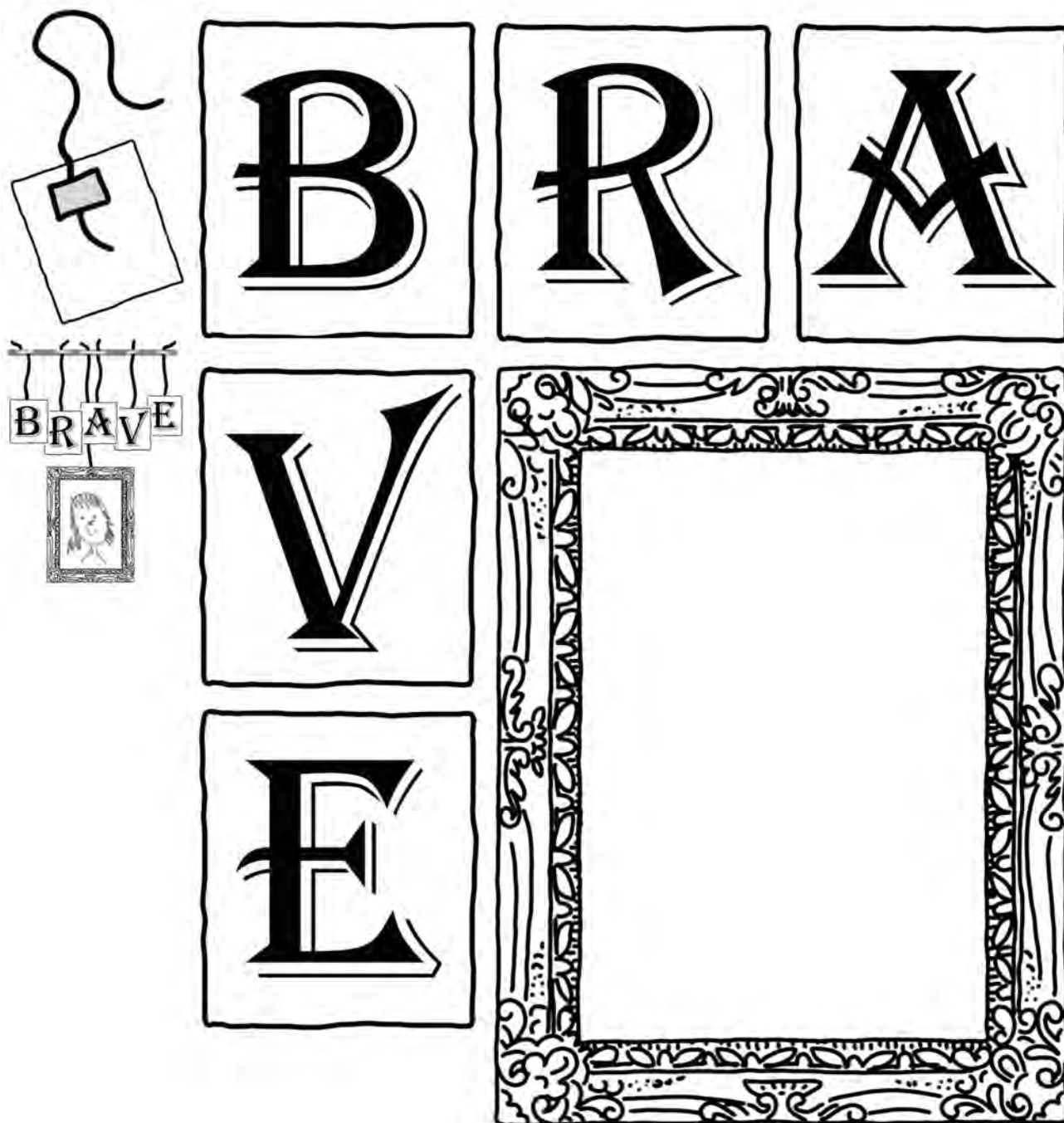
- Copy the letters that spell “BRAVE” and the picture of the portrait frame on cardstock. Cut out one set of letters and one portrait frame per child.
- Cut five 5” pieces of yarn and one 8” piece of yarn for each child.

DURING CLASS:

- The children can color the letters and the portrait frame

with markers and crayons.

- The children can draw a picture of themselves inside the portrait frame.
- Help the children tape the shorter pieces of yarn to the letters and the craft stick so it spells out the word BRAVE.
- Tape the longer piece of yarn to the self portrait and to the craft stick.



Activity #3

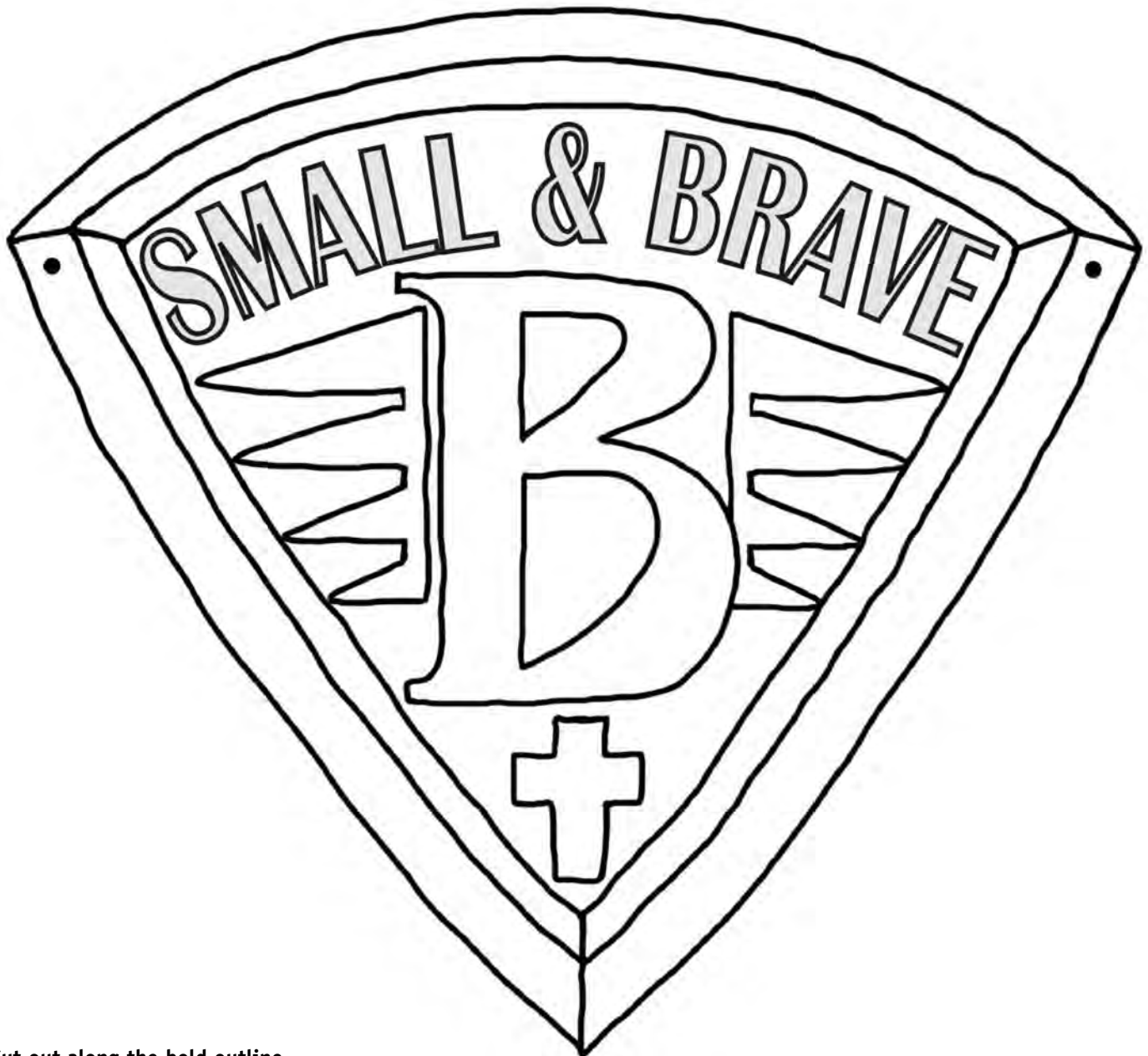
Super Hero chest plate

BEFORE CLASS:

- Copy the chest plate graphic on cardstock. Cut out one per child.
- Punch holes in the graphic at the black dots.
- Cut yarn in 18" pieces. Cut out one per child.

DURING CLASS:

- The children can color the chest plate with markers.
- The children can spread glue on the letter "B" and sprinkle it with glitter. Shake off the excess glitter in a box lid.
- Help the children push the ends of the yarn in each hole and tie it in a knot so they can wear it around their neck.



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