Defeating the Boss

The Level

Your objective:
This level is all about courage, but courage based in our identity that God gave us. We do not defeat giants with our own strength, but with the strength that our God has given us to stand strong for Him.

What App do we use:
Courage

When we give God the controller, he can make big things happen even though we are small.

You App Activity:
Mentos and Diet Coke
Something so small can create a giant reaction!

iFollow Phones:
Kids will get to read their take home “phones” and circle which level they want to play!

Level Map

Level 1: How do we load the App?
Explore and Review the Bible story of David’s big courage for a young man.
Ask “How do we apply the Bible to our lives?”
Courage: we need to have the faith to defeat the giants in our lives. We can’t be afraid just because we are small because God is with us!

Level 2: App Lab Experiment
Mentos in Diet Coke- a really big reaction!

Level 3: App Lab Play
Kids Discuss Questions:
How do I show courage?
What can I remember when I feel too small to make a difference?
How do I share the courage App with my friends who don’t know who God is?

Your Toolbox

Before you play this level, make sure to get these supplies ready:
- 2 liter bottle of Diet Cola and one pack of mentos per group
- 2 extra bottles of Diet soda per large group of children
- Tarp (if inside)
- 1 iFollow phone per child (index)
- Whiteboard/Marker

Life Apps: Life Application
- [ ] Tell a friend about Jesus and invite them to VBS or church on Sunday.
- [ ] Tell your parents about a fear you have and pray for courage together.
- On Post It notes, write down gifts you have to defeat evil and place them around a picture of yourself.

David Defeats Goliath:
1 Samuel 17

But be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

Courage: to Defeat the Boss
Hello, gamers! Glad to see you have returned to the app lab! There are a lot of cool games that are Apps, on computers, phones, and other devices! The word “App” actually Application- we want to use the Bible to change our lives and play new games. We can use our Destiny App from yesterday. We loaded our Destiny App when we remembered the story of David’s childhood; not just being bored, but growing and serving in any way he could as a shepherd and learning from God. We use our Destiny App to remember that God has a plan for our lives and to others in whatever way we can. Today, we are going to load and use the “Courage” App. This is another great App we can download when we give God control in our lives. But we must remember that God is more powerful than we are, so we have nothing to fear, just like David facing Goliath the giant. With the courage App, we can remember that even though we are small, God is big. So when we are brave and face giants, big things will happen!

**Level 1: How do we load our App**

Ask children
- When do they feel too small to handle a struggle or a problem?
- What important things should we remember from the Bible story?
- What did King Saul give David to help him?
- In the end, what did David have to face Goliath?

To load our Courage App just like David did, we need to have faith that even though we are small, we can have a big impact!

**Level 2: Small things can make a big impact!**

- Gather the children for the App Lab experiment; grab two bottles of soda for your demonstration.
- Explain to kids that we want to make a big impact with our courage, like soda shooting out of a bottle- but sometimes we feel small.
- Shake a bottle of soda (no, we aren’t kidding). Describe that Saul wanted to control the situation by putting his armor on David; Unscrew the bottle cap and let it fizz.
- Place 5 Mentos in the 2nd Diet Soda Bottle!
- “Something so little made a giant reaction! That’s what happens when there’s a reaction with the courage God gives us, big or small!
So even though Saul wanted David to use his own strength and courage, or at least Saul’s armor, David didn’t need it to Defeat the Boss! (kids shout “Game On”!) He just needed courage to know that God was with him no matter what. David showed us once again how something amazing happened when he put God in control!

**Level 2: continued!**

- Go over some basic safety tips for having soda spray almost directly in your face.
- Give the leader of each group 5 mentos and one 2 liter bottle of diet soda; be sure not to shake it before the experiment.
- If you don’t have a large group, every group can take turns putting the mentos in and watching all the other groups sodas.
- This would be a great day to ask a friend to come along and clean up after each group!

**iUp: Creativity**

If you have extra time and extra diet soda, have kids continue to experiment with the mentos and diet soda, by putting a little soda and a mentos in a cup! The bubbles will spread, just like we can have courage to spread God’s word!

**Level 3: App Lab Practice**

Ask kids to group together into their Teams and discuss the questions:

- How do I show courage?
- What can I remember when I feel too small to make a difference?
- How do I share the courage App with my friends who don’t know who God is?
- Hand out the iFollow phones and ask kids to think about what App they’ll do!