

COURAGE

BEING BRAVE ENOUGH TO DO WHAT YOU SHOULD DO, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID.

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Bible Story: Exodus 2:1-10. Moses was born in a time when Pharaoh commanded that all Hebrew baby boys be killed. Moses' mother and sister had courage to keep him alive. God rescued Moses through Pharaoh's daughter who ended up bringing him into the palace as her own son and raising him as an Egyptian.

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Key Question: What do you worry about? As we start thinking about courage, it's good to recognize that we can sometimes feel scared or anxious. When we can identify what makes us scared, we can figure out a plan to help us through those moments.

WEEK TWO

Bible Story: Exodus 5-6:12 and 7:1-12:42. We continue Moses' story and discover what happened when he saw a bush that was on fire . . . but wasn't burning up. Then he heard the voice of God. God asked him to go up against the most powerful ruler of his time—to ask Pharaoh to set the Israelite slaves free. In this incredible story, we see how God helped Moses face his fear and rescue the Israelites.

Bottom Line: You can do what you should even when you don't feel ready. We will all face moments where we have something to do and we don't feel ready. In those moments, we can trust God, remember what we do know, and keep going. We can trust that God will help us finish what needs to be done.

Key Question: What have you had to do that you didn't feel ready for? When we're feeling anxious or scared about something we need to do, we can find courage by reminding ourselves how God has helped us in the past. Thinking through the ways God has been faithful to you will help you find the courage to do what needs to be done.

WEEK THREE

Bible Story: Exodus 13:17-14:31. Everything was looking up for the Israelites until Pharaoh changed his mind. Moses and the Israelites found themselves trapped between the Red Sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army in hot pursuit. But with God's help, Moses showed courage in a tough situation. God made the miraculous happen, parting the Red Sea and allowing the Israelites to escape.

Bottom Line: You can do what you should even when things seem impossible. God has proved time and again that He can do the impossible. We all face situations that seem like there's no way out, but we can trust God no matter what is happening in our life. God can help us find the courage we need to keep going.

Key Question: How do you respond when things seem impossible? It's important to think about how we react in different situations, especially the ones that can be stressful. When things seem impossible, it's easy to throw in the towel and give up. When we come up with a plan to respond to stressful situations with courage, it's easier to be reminded that God will help us.

WEEK FOUR

Bible Story: Numbers 13-14. Joshua and Caleb demonstrated courage when they were sent with a group of 12 men to scope out the Promised Land. But what they found was so intense that most of the men were too scared to even attempt entering the land. Joshua and Caleb found the courage to speak up and remind the people that God would provide a way. God honored Joshua and Caleb for having the courage to trust Him.

Bottom Line: You can do what you should even when others are afraid. Following the crowd can be all too easy, especially when it comes to fear. But that doesn't have to be the way. We can learn to trust God a little bit more when we see the courageous examples of others and learn that we can be an example to others by the way we show courage too.

Key Question: How can you be brave even when others are afraid? Our actions impact others. How we respond in the face of fear might impact how someone else faces fears of their own. We can lead by example and show others what it means to put their trust in God and have courage.

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