

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can give us courage.

First, watch this week's video!

Courage: Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid

Memory Verse

"Be strong and brave.
Do not be afraid.
Do not lose hope.
I am the LORD your
God. I will be with you
everywhere
you go."
Joshua 1:9b, NIrV

Bible Story

Joshua and Caleb Numbers 13-14

Key Question

What are people afraid of?

Activity

Courage and Co.

What You Need:

markers; paper

What You Do:

Place one sheet of paper down for your child, and one for you. Put the markers between you. Ask your child to join you for a little design challenge.

Say, "In our story today, we heard about two guys who showed a lot of courage when others showed fear. We're both going to design logos today—one logo for what we think represents courage, and one logo for what we think represents fear. Which one do you want to design?"

Allow your child to choose either courage or fear. If needed, show them some examples of logos, or ask them what logos they've seen on that they'd recognize. Then, get to work—both of you working on either a logo for fear or a logo for courage. When you're finished, show each other your logos and explain your designs.

Say, "Let's hang the courage logo somewhere we can see it every day. Just like Joshua and Caleb, we can be strong and brave because God is with us."



Talk About the Bible Story

What was the name of the land God had promised to give to the people of Israel? (Canaan)

What was it about Canaan that scared some of the spies? (the high walls around the cities, a lot of tall people)

What did Joshua and Caleb do when the Israelites started to panic and were ready to head back to Egypt? (They reminded the people that God was with them; they encouraged the people to believe that God would help them defeat the Canaanites.)

Why were Joshua and Caleb able to show so much courage? (They believed that God would help them succeed.)

Joshua and Caleb stood together when the others were afraid. It's important to choose our close friends well. What can you do to make sure you have a friend who helps you do what you should, even when others are too scared to do so?

Parent: Share a personal story of a time God helped you face a fear, and share what you gained because of that experience.

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, we pray for the many people around the world who need to be courageous and stand for what's right—even when others are afraid. We pray for our family as well. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit to not be afraid. You, Lord, are bigger than any fear, and we praise You for the strength You give us to do and say what's right . . . even when no one else is. In Jesus' name, amen."