
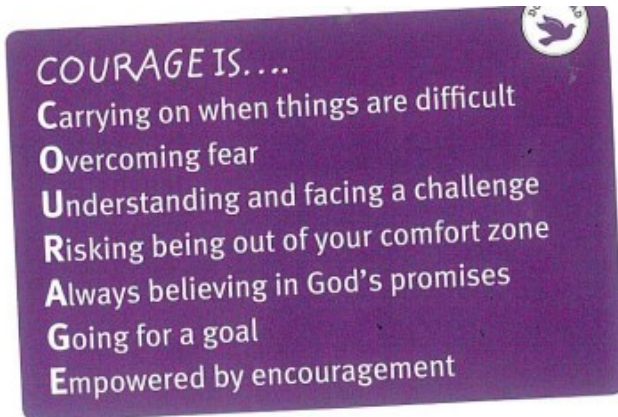


Date: Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Value: Courage	Leader: JWS
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Key message that the children need to take away
<b>Values:</b> Courage
<b>Theme:</b> Stepping out of your comfort zone

Gathering	<p>Music on entry. Children enter quietly</p> <p>Class children to bring up to the worship table and say together:  Bible – God the Father  Cross – God the Son  Candle – God the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Candle is lit on the worship table  All: Come to us Father, as we gather here today;  Be with us Jesus, in our worship  Stay with us Holy Spirit, now and always, Amen.</p>	<p>Image on display as children enter:</p>  <p>Exodus 3-4</p>
Engaging	<p>It can take great courage to do something new or challenging. We call it 'stepping out of our comfort zone.' Sometimes just small steps are needed, but they can take us to new and exciting places!</p> <p>Today's story tells of a time in the life of Moses when his courage was really tested.</p> <p>Moses lived a boring life. Sheep and hot sun, desert and dry days followed by more dry days. The land was so dry that fires broke out, bushes blazed for a moment then nothing remained but a pile of black ash.</p> <p>But this bush was different.</p>	

	<p>The fire was so bright Moses covered his face, yet as he peered through his fingers he could still see the leaves and the branches and even the tiny red berries that were his favourite snack. The fire was scorching, so hot, yet .....</p> <p>he took a step forward to look more closely, then another and another, until out of the bush a voice boomed, "Moses, Moses."</p> <p>Moses was frozen with fear.</p> <p>He could take no more steps, <i>forward or back</i>.</p> <p>The voice came again. "I am your people's God, and I have seen how they suffer as slaves in Egypt. Moses, you are the man I have chosen to go and lead my people out of that land and into a new land of their own."</p> <p>Moses took a very big step back, then another and another.</p> <p>There was a long silence before he summoned the strength to speak. "I can't, they won't listen, no way!" The burning bush shot a burst of flame into the sky, sending Moses sprawling to the ground. "Tell them 'I AM' has sent you. <i>I AM</i> the one who is GOD! <i>I AM</i> the one who gave you a voice, and I will give you words to speak. <i>I AM</i> your God and I always will be."</p> <p>Moses knew he had to go but he didn't know how. And then, out of the bush, 'I AM' shocked him once more. "Look! Here comes your brother Aaron. He will go with you, he will speak for you, and together you will take my message to the people."</p> <p>Moses stood up, turned around and took a step away from the bush, a <b>courageous</b> sort of step, then another and another...</p> <p>until he walked with his brother, his wife and his entire family all the way to the land of Egypt, just as the Lord had commanded him.</p>
Learning	 <p>Which line of the Acrostic poem do you think is the best way of describing courage and why?</p>
Reflecting	Can the children think of any ideas of their own that would replace one of the lines of the Courage poem?
Responding	Do you have a challenge that lies ahead? It could be a hobby that you have away from school or a target you want to reach within school.

	<p>Spend a moment thinking about some small steps that you could take to start achieving your challenge.</p> <div data-bbox="368 296 1346 716" data-label="Image"> <p>A purple rectangular card with white text. The title 'FACING CHALLENGES PRAYER' is at the top. Below it is a prayer: 'Dear Lord, Give us your strength to face challenges. Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to begin with, but it's starting the journey that matters. Thank you that just as you promised to be with Moses, You have also promised to be with us wherever the journey leads us. Amen'. A small white dove icon is in the top right corner.</p> </div>
Sending Out	<p>Sending out prayer at the extinguishing of the candle  Pupil: Known by Jesus and loved by Jesus, we go on our way,  All: Carrying his love inside us through the day. Amen</p> <p><b>SHILL:</b> Pupil/Leader: For the body is not one member but many.  All: So today we will grow together and learn together.</p> <p>Music is played</p>
Hymn	<p>Give me oil in my lamp  Come and praise 43</p>
Class follow-up	<p>Do you have a challenge that lies ahead?  Do you want to set yourself a challenge for this year?  What steps do you need to achieve to reach this goal?  Have you ever done it before? Will you need courage to try this new challenge?</p> <div data-bbox="368 1503 902 1829" data-label="Image"> <p>A cartoon illustration of a shepherd with a beard and a red sash, kneeling in prayer on a grassy hill. He has his hands clasped together. In the background, there is a large, glowing bush with yellow and orange flames, and a blue sky with clouds. Three white sheep are visible in the foreground.</p> </div>

