



Date: Monday 13 th November 2023	Value: Courage	Leader: JWS
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Key message that the children need to take away
Values: Courage
Theme: Doing the right thing, not the easy thing

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>Esther 4-8</p>
Engaging	<p>We are thinking about courage and how we sometimes need to be brave and do the right thing, not the easy thing.</p> <p>Our words of wisdom from the Bible today are: “Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1.9</p>	
Learning	<p>Use the Powerpoint of the story of Esther.</p> <p>And so it was that Esther became the heroine of her people. Esther’s courage and bravery is still remembered today and celebrated every year by people all over the world.</p>	
Reflecting	<p>It would have been safer for Esther to keep quiet and just look after herself.</p>	

	Can you think of other people who have spoken out and done the right thing?
Responding	<p>Next time you see something that you know is wrong will you do the easy thing and do nothing, or will you do the right thing?</p> <p>Let's pray a prayer to ask God to give us courage when we need it.</p> <p>A prayer for courage</p> <p>Father God,</p> <p>Help us to be strong and courageous.</p> <p>Help us to speak out for others.</p> <p>Help us to stand up and be counted.</p> <p>Help us to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.</p> <p>Amen</p>
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>SHILL: 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	We are climbing Jesus' ladder, ladder Come and Praise 49
Class follow-up	 <p>Recap the story of Esther, using the Powerpoint. How was Esther courageous? Can you think of other people who have spoken out and done the right thing rather than the easy thing? What have you learnt from this week's Bible story?</p>

