

I Will Be Brave!

From Professor Playtime's
Christmas Shop of Wonders Jr.
Lesson 1

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - BRAVERY

Great leaders know they must be brave to do the things God wants them to do.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that they should be brave like Mary was.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Mary learns she is going to have a child.
(Luke 1:26-38)

WHAT DO I DO?

First:

Read the Leadership Story to your children. The Leadership Story for this lesson is about Mary learning that she would be the mother of Jesus in Luke 1:26-38.

Next:

Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Will Be Brave*.

Then:

Complete the Child Leadership Questions, and lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: WHAT IS IT?

For this activity, you will need one paper bag for each family member and items to put inside the bags. You can use things like cotton balls, feathers, a plastic bag of ice, uncooked beans, or a squishy ball. Put one item inside each bag and gather your family.

Ask your family the following questions to start the activity: In a minute, I'm going to ask you put your hand in this bag without letting you look at it first. What are some things that would fit in this bag that you would be afraid to find? (*Bugs. Something sharp. Spiders.*) What are some things that would fit in this bag that would be nice to find. (*Candy. Money.*) Will you believe me when I tell you that there is nothing in the bag that will hurt you? (*Yes.*)

Have everyone take a turn putting their hand in the bag to see if they can figure out what is inside. Have each person guess what they think each item is. Then, ask the following questions:

1. How did you feel when I asked you to put your hand in the bag but you did not know what was inside? (*I was afraid.*)
2. When you trusted me and put your hand in the bag, how did you feel after? (*I felt brave. I wasn't afraid anymore.*)

Remind your family that Mary heard some news that made her scared. But, Mary chose to be brave and follow God's plan for her life. Just like Mary was brave, we can be brave, too. We can be brave because God has a plan for us like He did for Mary.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your children memorize this verse.
“...the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.”

1 John 4:14b (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Be Brave!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *I Will Be Brave*

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Child Leadership Questions:

1. Were Holly and the shopper brave or afraid at the beginning of the skit?
(Afraid.)
2. In the Leadership Story, Mary was afraid when she had a visitor. Who was Mary's visitor?
(The angel, Gabriel.)
3. What did the angel come to tell Mary?
(That she would have a baby boy and to name Him Jesus.)
4. This news was a little bit scary for Mary. Did Mary decide to be brave?
(Yes.)
5. Let's see if we can think of a way you can be brave. If everyone in our family was going to do something fun like ride the carousel at the mall, but you were scared, do you think you could remember to be brave and ride it with us?
(Yes.)

When you are afraid to do something this week, we can talk about it and pray that God will help you be brave just like Mary was.





