

God Gives Me Courage When I Am Afraid! From Ten Hut Lesson 1

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - COURAGE

Leaders who know God will have courage to pursue opportunities. They do this because they know God is with them in every situation.

LEARNING GOAL:

Your children will learn that they don't need to be afraid because God has promised us that He will always be with us.

LEADERSHIP STORY:

Joshua becomes the leader of the Israelites. (*Joshua 1*)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: PUT A STAMP ON IT

Cut a large raw potato in half, length-wise. Then write "God" in simple block letters on the center cut section of the potato, or you could cut the letters, "G-O-D" out of paper and pin them to the potato. Use a sharp knife to slice into the potato about 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch deep along the edges of the letters. Then cut away the chunks of potato so that the letters stand out to make a potato stamp that says "GOD." While you are doing the cutting, have your children draw pictures or write out things that cause them to be afraid. Some suggestions might be: getting hit by a baseball pitch, a big test at school, mean kids, car accidents, etc. As they draw and you cut the potato, remind them of the Leadership Story about Joshua. Joshua was able to have courage because God was with him. When the drawings are done and the potato stamp is ready, get some craft paint and let the children "put a stamp on it." Use the "GOD" stamp on the children's drawings of the things they are afraid of. Tell the children that this is to remind them that no matter what happens, God is with them. Because God is with them, they can have courage when they are in fearful situations, just like Joshua.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

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Main Point: God Gives Me Courage When I Am Afraid!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *God Gives Me Courage When I Am Afraid*
(File name: Elevate_COURAGE_TH_L1_GodGivesMeCourageWhenIAmAfraid.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about Joshua becoming the leader of the Israelites in Joshua 1:1-9. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the video, Pastor Mike told about some of the things he was scared of. What are some things you are scared of?
2. Pastor Mike told us what the worst thing about fear is. What did he say that was?
3. We often feel alone when we are scared. But Pastor Mike told us that we are not alone. Who did he say is with us when we are scared?
4. No matter where you go, God will always be there to help you by giving you courage to face your fears. Who did God choose as the new leader of the Israelite people after Moses died?

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5. This new role had to be a little scary for Joshua, but he knew that God was always with him. What did God promise Joshua in Joshua 1:5?

6. That's a pretty big promise! Pastor Mike told us that Joshua was probably scared to lead all those people. But then God told Joshua something else in verse 9. Fill in the blank with God's words to Joshua.

This is my command - be _____ and _____!

Do not be _____ or _____. For the

_____ your God is with you _____ you go.

7. God was telling Joshua that He would always be with Him. And Joshua believed God's promise. God called Joshua to be a leader to his people. We are called to be a leader to our friends. Just like God helped Joshua become a great leader by giving him courage, God will help you be a leader to your friends. What were some examples Pastor Mike gave of being a leader?

8. Whenever God calls you to do something, He will be with you to help you and give you courage. Pastor Mike told us what we can do when we are afraid. Fill in the blanks:

"When God calls you to lead, don't be _____ because He is right there beside you."

God has called you to lead others by being a good example and telling others about Jesus. As you do that, you might feel a little scared. But God's promises to Joshua are promises for us as well. Write down the words of God to Joshua from Joshua 1:5 and 1:9 on a different piece of paper. Place it somewhere you can see it on a daily basis. Remember that God has promised to be with you, so you don't have to be afraid.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Answers may vary, but may include: The dark. Dogs. Spiders. Strangers.
2. It makes you feel alone, like no one else is there to help you or give you courage.
3. God.
4. Joshua.
5. I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.
6. Strong. Courageous. Afraid. Discouraged. Lord. Wherever.
7. Take a stand when you see your friends doing something wrong. Tell others about Jesus.
8. Afraid.