

Week of :
November 06, 2022

Stand: Don't Face Your Fears Alone – Week 1

Elementary

Today's Bible Story: You Make Me Brave (Joshua and Caleb) • *Numbers 13–14*

Today's Bottom Line: You can do what you should even when others are afraid.

Monthly 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)

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

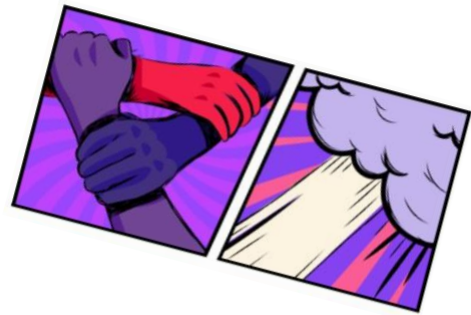
Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Activity: What Are You Afraid Of?

What you need: A pencil and a piece of paper

(After the Video) What You Do:

- Ask your child to write down a fear they have.
- Here are some suggestions to share:
 - fear of making new friends
 - fear of heights
 - fear of trying a new food
 - fear of the dark
- Write down a fear you have as well.
- When your child is finished, ask them to hold their papers up so you can see.
- Talk about some common fears and some unique fears that your child's peers might have.
- Remind your child that even if no one else shares in their fears, we're not alone in having fears. Everyone has fears, so we should never feel like we have to face them alone!



Review questions:

- What does spying have to do with our story today? (*the twelve spies Moses chose*)
- What land did the spies in our story go check out? (*Canaan*)
- What did the spies discover in their mission and return to tell the others about? (*Canaan was amazing, full of lots of amazing food and strong people.*)
- When Caleb suggested taking over Canaan, how did the other spies react? (*They were scared and didn't want to try.*)
- Who wasn't scared to take the land, and what did they say to try to encourage the Israelites? (*Joshua and Caleb encouraged the Israelites to obey God and trust Him, to not be afraid because God is with them.*)
- Did Joshua and Caleb talk the Israelites into going? (*No*)
- What did God do? (*God got angry then forgave them, but He made them wander the desert forty more years and didn't allow them into the Promised Land.*)
- What happens when we listen to our fears instead of God in our own lives? (*Invite responses. Lead your child to the understanding that there are consequences for us, too.*)

What You Say:

“It took a lot of courage for Joshua and Caleb to not be swayed by the others’ fears. It would have been easier to let the fear of others stop them from the mission God set before them. But Joshua and Caleb chose to take a stand. You can have this kind of courage, too. **[Bottom Line]** **You can do what you should even when others are afraid.** Taking a stand in the face of your fears may not lead you to a land flowing with milk and honey, but it will definitely be something God uses to make you stronger!”

Prayer:

“God, thank You for this verse to remind us that we’re not alone as we face our fears. When we’re tempted to lose hope and give up, remind us that You have called us to be brave. You’ve given us Your Holy Spirit to help us. No matter what challenging, scary, or impossible thing may happen this week, please help us stand in the face of our fears. When we’re afraid, help us hear Your voice louder as You tell us, **[Bottom Line]** **‘You can do what you should even when others are afraid.’** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

