

Autumn 2

Christian value: Courage



Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Learning behaviour link:	Challenge; 	Codnor stars:	Safety First: 
Theme and ideas	Courage is a very important Christian Value and one that children can relate to through their everyday experiences. For Christians 'having courage' or 'strength to carry on' is linked to faith in God's promises - promises of God's presence, protection and power. Famously Joshua, when taking over from Moses in the Old Testament, hears God say: 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go'. Joshua 1:9 Saying 'don't be discouraged' is the same as saying 'take courage'.		
Questions to think about:	• How does God help Christians to have courage? • When have you showed courage? • How do your friends, family and teachers help you to show courage? • How can you help others to show courage?		
Bible Verse	• 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go' Joshua 1:9 (NIV). • 'Paul... thanked God and was encouraged' (Acts 28:15). • Psalm 27:14 David sings: 'Trust the Lord. Be brave and strong and trust the Lord.' • 'I am Jesus. Don't be afraid' (Mark 6:50 and John 6:20). • Jesus said: 'Don't be afraid! You are worth much more than many sparrows' (Luke 12:7). • 'I am the Lord your God. I am holding your hand, so don't be afraid' (Isaiah 41:13).		
Bible Stories	• David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) • Daniel in the Lions Den • Esther Saves her People • Good Samaritan		

Our place in the World and enrichment focuses	• Remembrance Day • Advent • Christmas • Anti-bullying week • Science Day	
Weekly class assemblies/ collective worship focuses	Week	Focus
	Mon 4 th November	James – welcome & introduction: Christian Value / Learning behaviour One of the most often repeated commands of God in the Bible is 'don't be afraid'. It is said that it comes at least 365 times - once for every day of the year!
	Tuesday 5 th November	The link between our value 'courage' and our learning behaviour 'challenge' Peter Walks on Water Christian Value Story Overview: Peter's courageous moment stepping out of the boat. Time to reflect: when have the children taken a risk and stepped out of their comfort zones.
	Wednesday 6 th Nov	Visitor assembly Christian Value / Learning behaviour
	Thursday 7 th Nov	Stress Awareness week Wider World Mental health and wellbeing chat
	Friday 8 th Nov	Bible verse: 'I am the Lord your God. I am holding your hand, so don't be afraid' (Isaiah 41:13) and Celebration assembly Christian Value
	Monday 11 th Nov	Collective worship at St James' Church – Remembrance Day Christian Value
	Tuesday 12 th Nov	David and Goliath Christian Value Story Overview: The story of young David facing the giant Goliath. Activities: Discuss the importance of faith and believing in oneself. Time to reflect: when have the children shown courage?
	Wednesday 13 th Nov	Visitor assembly Christian Value / Learning behaviour
	Thursday 14 th Nov	Anti-bullying week Wider World
	Friday 15 th Nov	Children in Need Wider World
	Monday 18 th Nov	Courage in Literature Christian Value / Learning behaviour Content: Explore characters in books who have shown courage (e.g., Harry Potter, Katniss Everdeen).
	Tuesday 19 th Nov	Daniel in the Lion's Den Christian Value Story Overview: Daniel's bravery in the face of danger. Activities: Role-play the story, focusing on Daniel's trust in God. Discuss how to be brave in difficult situation Time to reflect: when has somebody at home shown courage?
	Wednesday 20 th Nov	Visitor assembly Christian Value / Learning behaviour
	Thursday 21 st Nov	Animal Heroes Christian Value / Learning behaviour Content: Share stories of animals that have shown courage (e.g., service dogs, rescue animals). Activity: Discuss how animals can inspire us to be brave.

	Friday 22 nd Nov	Bible verse: Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go' Joshua 1:9 and Celebration assembly Christian Value
	Monday 25 th Nov	The Power of Teamwork Christian Value / Learning behaviour Content: Discuss how courage can be shown through teamwork.
	Tuesday 26 th Nov	Esther Saves Her People Christian Value Story Overview: Queen Esther risks her life to save her people. Activities: Talk about standing up for what is right. Time to reflect: when has somebody at school shown courage?
	Wednesday 27 th Nov	Visitor assembly Christian Value / Learning behaviour
	Thursday 28 th Nov	Share different ways members of the class have shown courage Christian Value
	Friday 29 th Nov	Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Celebration assembly Christian Value
	Monday 2 nd Dec	The story of the great divide Christian Value Staff area → assemblies and collective worship → 24/25 → resources
	Tuesday 3 rd Dec	Moses and the Red Sea Christian Value Story Overview: Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea. Activities: Discuss the fears Moses faced and how he showed courage. Time to reflect: when has your hero shown courage?
	Wednesday 4 th Dec	Visitor assembly Christian Value / Learning behaviour
	Thursday 5 th Dec	Overcoming Fears Christian Value Content: Discuss common fears (e.g., speaking in public, trying new things). Activity: Have a "fear jar" where students can anonymously write their fears. Discuss ways to confront these fears and invite students to share strategies.
	Friday 6 th Dec	The Fiery Furnace (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) Christian Value Story Overview: The three men who refused to bow down to a statue and were thrown into a furnace. Time to reflect: Discuss the importance of standing up for beliefs.
	Mon 9 th Dec	The story of the brave little squirrel Christian Value Staff area → assemblies and collective worship → 24/25 → resources
	Tuesday 10 th Dec	Joshua and the Battle of Jericho Christian Value Story Overview: Joshua leading the Israelites to victory by following God's instructions. Activities: Talk about following God's guidance. Time to reflect: when might you need to show courage this year?
	Wednesday 11 th Dec	Visitor assembly Christian Value / Learning behaviour
	Thursday 12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and the story behind it Wider World
	Friday 13 th Dec	Bible Verse: Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Celebration assembly Christian Value

	Monday 16 th Dec	Collective worship at St James' Church – Christmas Christian Value
	Tuesday 17 th Dec	The Good Samaritan Christian Value Story Overview: The Samaritan shows kindness and courage to help a stranger. Children will be familiar with this story Activities: Discuss the importance of helping others. Create a "Kindness Challenge" for students to show courage in helping someone in need. Time to reflect: Why does helping other sometimes take courage?
	Wednesday 18 th Dec	Carols Round the tree rehearsal Christian Value
	Thursday 19 th Dec	No class assemblies – Christmas
	Friday 20 th Dec	Carols Round the tree Christian Value

I learned that **courage** was
not the absence of fear,
but the **triumph** over it.
The **brave** man is not he
who does not feel afraid,
but he who **conquers that fear**.

– Nelson Mandela

