

LESSON 5
“COURAGE”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Numbers 13:1-3,
17-21, 23-33; 14:1-9
(pages 158-159)

CHARACTER WORD

Courage – standing up for what
I believe in; bravery

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have courage to stand up
for God because He is with me.

MEMORY LINK

Numbers 14:9b

“The LORD is with us.
Do not fear them.”

(KBC Study Bible pg. 159)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED
THIS WEEK**

GET CONNECTED

Binoculars, Memory Link cards,
Hang 10 pages, index cards,
pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Painter’s tape,
bean bags
Option 2: Dice

BIBLE CONNECTION

Resource item, artificial grapes,
pole/branch, binoculars

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10
pages, index cards, pens

**MAKE-IT-STICK
REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: plastic spoons,
artificial grapes
Option 2: Plastic cups,
sponge balls

Joshua & Caleb Stand Up For God

WHAT’S THE POINT?

Have you ever thought an answer you gave in class was correct, but everyone else said it was wrong? Standing up for what you think is right can require much courage. Feelings of doubt and fear start to “hang out” in your mind. God had led the Israelites out of Egypt. He provided for their physical needs (food and drink). Yet, the people continued to complain. God promised the Israelites a land flowing with milk and honey. But, before the people could settle in that land, they again grumbled against Moses and didn’t trust that God would do what He said He would.

Today, we will see how courage can be shown in positive ways and help us in building friendships. Moses felt pressure from the people to turn away from what God had said. But God said to send spies to check out the land. While Moses chose 12 men, only two came back to report something positive. Caleb and Joshua stood up for what they believed even though 10 other men reported something different.



GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today’s lesson

Binoculars, Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today’s lesson.

- Today’s Character Word is courage. What does that mean to you?
- Tell about a time when you had to show courage.
- When is it hard to have courage?

Play I Spy with your group (using the binoculars). Today we are going to talk about some men sent to spy out a land. Let’s see how good we are at spying the details.



Guide students to locate and mark today’s Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.



WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

“Confidence” by Sanctus Real ([youtube.com/watch?v=rYQ5yXCc_CA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYQ5yXCc_CA)) is a great song as we speak about courage. It doesn’t hurt to repeat songs, especially if you find your students really enjoy them and participate in genuine worship. Also try “The Great I AM” by Phillips, Craig & Dean ([youtube.com/watch?v=y_VR-zwp2KA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_VR-zwp2KA)).

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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Numbers 14:9b

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No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage kids to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total each week and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today’s Memory Link

This week’s Character Word is courage. Listen as I read our memory verse to you. You will not hear the word courage but you will know the verse is talking about courage. Be ready to tell me how you knew. Read the verse aloud to the group. What did you hear that means courage? (Do not fear.) There will be many times in your life when you will feel afraid, but this verse gives the key to conquering fear. Remembering that the Lord is with you, can give you courage. You can have courage because God is faithful.

Guide kids to find Numbers 14:9b in their KBC Study Bibles and read the verse aloud together. (Page 159)

Option 1 – SQUARE TOSS

Painter’s tape and bean bag for each Surf Team

Prepare

Give each Surf Team leader a roll of painter’s tape. Instruct them to make a square approximately 2 feet by 2 feet on the floor. Then, instruct them to divide the square into four quadrants by placing a cross in the middle of the square. This will create 4 smaller squares inside the larger one. Let each Surf Team leader decide the point value for each of the four squares.

Each Surf Team will stand in a circle around the square their Surf Team leader created on the floor. Each child will take a turn tossing the bean bag onto the square. They will recite the verse from memory. If they recite the verse correctly, they will get the number of points that was assigned to the square the bean bag landed upon. The child with the most points is the winner.

Option 2 - FOUR CORNERS

Dice

Instruct students that on your signal they may move to one of the corners of the room. Have students say the verse aloud as they move. Anyone not in a corner when the verse is completed will be automatically out. Roll the dice and those in the designated “out” corner must come to the center of the room and say the verse together. Meanings of the dice roll: 1-4 corners of room, 5 odd corners are out, 6 even corners are out.

Teaching Tip

The activities in your curriculum are suggestions. If necessary, adapt for your group, plan a different game or replay an earlier favorite game. Consider keeping a notebook of lessons and as the year goes by, marking the activities you played and noting how they went. For example, use the code 0-5 with zero meaning the game was a flop and five meaning a sure winner you would want to play again. Remember, just because an activity was a winner or not a winner one year, doesn’t mean it will go the same the next year, or semester or even week.

they became afraid. They cried and said, "Oh no! We are going to die! We should just go back to Egypt." The people wanted to pick a new leader and return to Egypt where they were slaves.

But Joshua and Caleb knew God, and that gave them the courage to stand up for God. Do you remember today's Memory Link? Guide the kids to find Numbers 14:9b and read today's Memory Link. That's what Joshua and Caleb said to the people: "The Lord is with us. Do not fear them." Joshua and Caleb put their faith in God and had courage.

People who trust God see difficulties from a different point of view. Let's see Joshua and Caleb's point of view on the spy reports. Talk about each sign using these bullet points:

- Plentiful fruit, big grapes, took two of us to carry – Grapes and fruit can't hurt us
- Land truly flows with milk and honey – good land – Trees and crops can't hurt us
- People are strong – People aren't stronger than God
- Cities are large – Cities can't stop God
- Cities are fortified – Walls around a city can't stop God
- People are big – God is bigger
- People are stronger than us – God is stronger
- People are giants – Giants can't stop our God
- We are just grasshoppers in their eyes – God sees the giants as grasshoppers

Joshua and Caleb wanted to go ahead into the Promised Land because they had faith in God and that gave them courage. But the people didn't listen to Caleb and Joshua. The Bible tells us the 10 spies who said, "No, we can't do it," were struck by a plague and died. The rest of the people who agreed with the 10 spies were punished, too. God told Moses the people would not be entering the Promised Land for 40 years, one year for every day the spies were sent on their mission. During those 40 years, all of the people 20 years and older would die. But Joshua and Caleb were not going to die. They would live because they stood up with courage and believed in God.

Application

Sometimes following God takes courage. Jesus showed courage when He took the punishment for our sin and died on the cross. One way you can follow Jesus is by having courage this week to stand up for what is right, knowing that God is on your side. How can you courageously show others that you are a follower of Jesus.

Gospel Connection

In our story today, the people were headed to a land God had promised them. God has promised another place for people who believe in Jesus, heaven. That is the best promised land. But, just like it took courage and faith for Joshua and Caleb to believe in God, it takes courage and faith for you to trust Jesus, too.

Remember you're A-B-Cs. ADMIT you're a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus' sacrifice paid the debt for your sin and then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from your sin and choosing God's way rather than your own way.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

Connection Tip

Making Jesus Cool at School!® can be scary for some children. Providing children with simple ways to show Jesus is cool can provide the courage needed. Consider a meet-and-greet with parents to share the purpose and focus of KiDs Beach Club®. Encourage children to wear their shirts to school and to carry their Bibles. Knowing God is with you will give you courage to stand up for what is right.

Gospel Tip

How are you spreading the good news of how God is working through your school's Beach Club? Find ways in your church to talk or write regularly about how God is showing up in the community around your church. Pick up the phone and tell someone who needs encouragement a story of how you have seen a child influenced in a positive way.

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