



First, watch this week's video at KC website: www.communitychristian.org/kids

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

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, NIV

Bible Story

Daniel Is Thrown Into a Den of Lions
Daniel 6

Key Question

What is the bravest thing you've ever done?

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can give us courage.

Activity

Word-Off

What You Need:

paper; pencils; timer

What You Do:

Grab a sheet of paper and a pencil for both you and your child. Invite your child to play a friendly "word-off."

Say, "We're going to have a word-off. There are four rounds. For each round, I'll name a category. We'll both see how many words we can write down from that category in 30 seconds. Ready?"

Categories:

- Words that rhyme with *fear*
- Things that make us feel *brave*
- Things that *roar*
- Things we put *trust in*

At the end of each round, tally up the scores. At the end of the rounds, declare a word-off winner!

When you're finished, say, "Daniel dealt with all four of those categories in our story today. But in the end, he chose to put his fears aside, be brave, and trust in God."

Talk About the Bible Story

How was Daniel strong and brave? (*He faced the lions in the lions' den.*)

What's the bravest thing you've ever done?

Does having courage mean never being afraid? Why or why not?

Who are some people who can help you build up your courage?

Parent: Share a personal story about a time when a Bible verse you memorized helped you face a challenge or scary time.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, help us to remember that we are NEVER alone. You are with us at all times, and You will never leave us on our own. Give us the kind of courage that Daniel had when he chose to follow You. Help us to be strong and brave and to not lose hope when things get hard. You are a great and mighty God, and we know You can help us have courage. In Jesus' name, amen."