



Courage

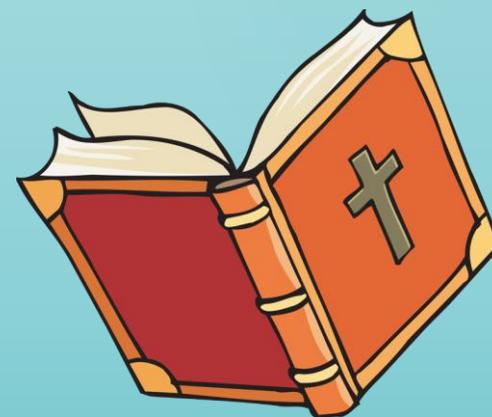


Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1.9



Stepping out of your comfort zone





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We have gathered together
in the name of God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and think about our value courage.





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Stepping



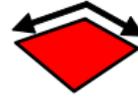
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It can take great courage to do something new or challenging.

We call it stepping out of your comfort zone. Sometimes small steps are needed, but they can take us to new and exciting places.





Today's story tells of a time in the life of Moses when his courage was really tested.



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Moses lived a boring life. Sheep and hot sun, desert and dry days followed by more dry days. The land was so dry that fires broke out, bushes blazed for a moment then nothing remained but a pile of black ash.





But this bush was different.

The fire was so bright Moses covered his face, yet as he peered through his fingers he could still see the leaves and branches and even the tiny red berries that were his favourite snack.

The fire was scorching, so hot, yet... he took a step forward to look more closely, then another and another, until out of the bush a voice boomed, "Moses, Moses."



Moses froze with fear.
He could take no more steps,
forward or back.

The voice came again.

“I am your people’s God, and I have seen how they suffer as slaves in Egypt.
Moses, you are the man I have chosen to go and lead my people out of that
land and into a new land of their own.





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Moses took a very big step back, then another and another.

There was a long silence before he summoned the strength to speak. "I can't, they won't listen, no way!"

The burning bush shot a burst of flame into the sky, sending Moses sprawling to the ground.

"Tel them, 'I AM' has sent you. I AM the one who is GOD! I AM the one who gave you a voice, and I will give you words to speak. I AM your God and I always will be.





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Moses knew he had to go but he didn't know how. And then, out of the bush, I AM shocked him once more. "Look! Here comes your brother Aaron. He will go with you, he will speak for you, and together you will take the message to the people."



Moses stood up, turned around and took a step away from the bush,

A courageous sort of step, then another and another...

Until he walked with his brother, his wife and his entire family all the way to the land of Egypt, just like the Lord had commanded him.



Courage is...

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

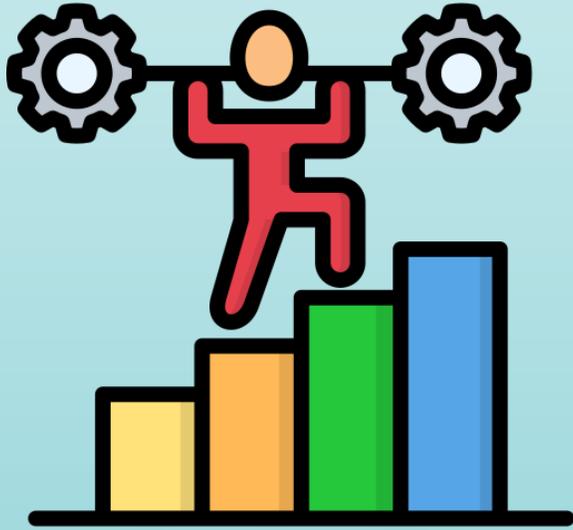
Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement

Which line do you think is the best way of describing courage?
Why?



Responding



Do you have a challenge that lies ahead?

It could be a hobby that you have away from school or a target you want to reach within school.

What small steps could you take to start achieving your challenge?





I'll lead the prayer if you would like to make the prayer yours join in with the Amen at the end.

Facing challenges prayer

Dear Lord,

Give us your strength to face challenges.

Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to begin with, but it's starting the journey that matters.

Thank you that just as you promised to be with Moses,

You have also promised to be with us wherever the journey leads us.

Amen



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.





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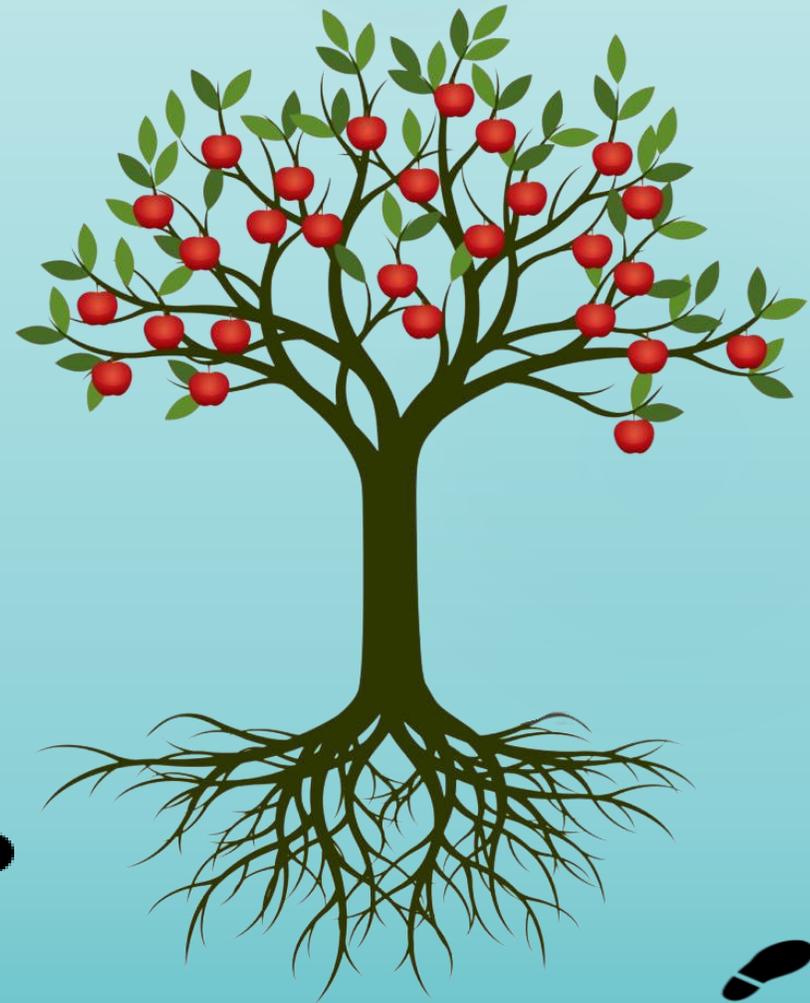
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Fruits from the roots

Set your self a challenge
for this term.

What small steps will you
take to met it?





Dear God

Thank you for our amazing school
and all the opportunities we have to shine.



Thank you God

Thank you for the church and school community that helps us to anchor
our lives in faith and our confidence to shine brighter.

Thank you God

Help us to show the light of Christ in everything we think, say and do.

Help us God

Help us to have the strength to be positive and
spread happiness to everyone we meet.

Help us God

Let your light shine through us.

Amen



