



Courage

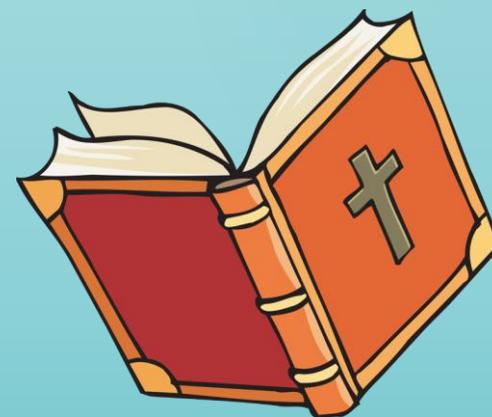


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Joshua 1.9



Doing the right thing,
not the easy thing.





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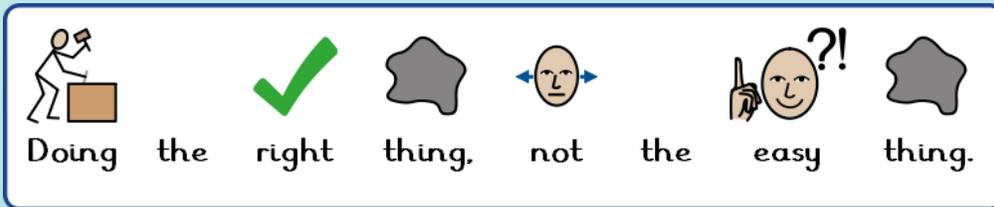






We have gathered together
in the name of God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and think about our value courage.





We are thinking about courage and how we sometimes need to be brave and do the right thing, not the easy thing.





Our words of wisdom from the Bible today are:

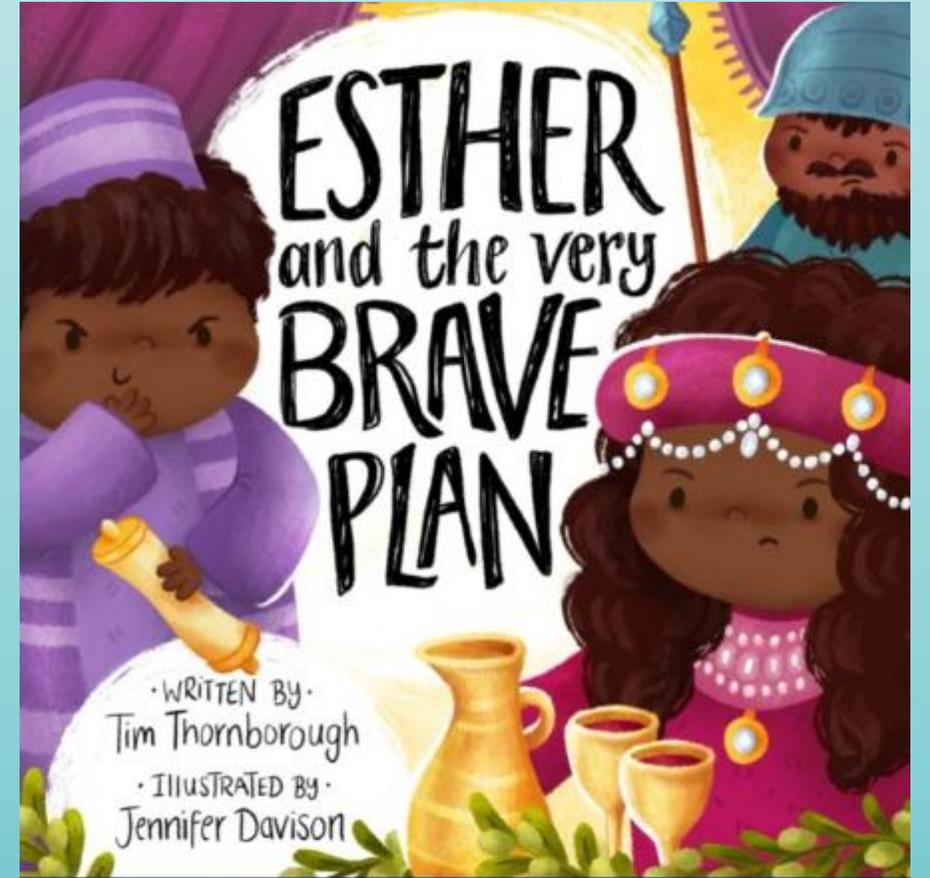
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learning

As you listen to the story of Esther the Brave retold by Bob Hartman, think about how Esther did the right thing rather than the easy thing and courageously spoke out to save her people.





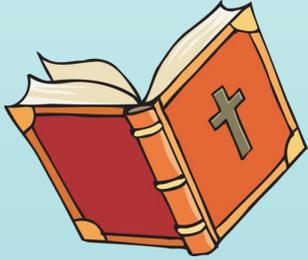
The characters in today's story are: Xerxes, the king of Persia and his queen, Esther, who was a beautiful young woman. Esther was a Jewish girl, although the king didn't know this. Her uncle, Mordecai, was one of the leaders of the Jews and he had one very nasty enemy, Haman. Haman thought himself very important because he was one of the king's chief counsellors.

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Esther-hands to face blushing, "I'm beautiful"

Mordecai - regal wave, "I take care of my people"

Haman-twirl moustache, "I'm very nasty"



Esther the Brave

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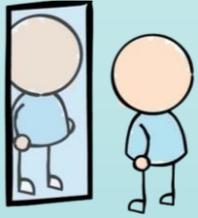
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Reflecting

It would have been safer for Esther to keep quiet and just look after herself.

Can you think of other people who have spoken out and done the right thing?



Malala Yousafzai



Nelson Mandela



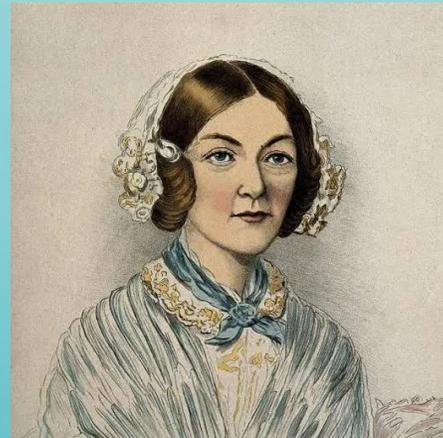
Wangari Maathai



Mother Teresa



Rosa Parks



Florence Nightingale



Marcus Rashford



Responding



Next time you see something that you know is wrong will you do the easy thing and do nothing, or will you do the right thing?



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

A prayer for courage

Father God,

Help us to be strong and courageous.

Help us to speak out for others.

Help us to stand up and be counted.

Help us to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.

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.





Courage: Build Up

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Verse 1

Every word that you say, whoa-a
Every game that you play, whoa-a
Every single face, whoa-a
Every single place, whoa-a

Chorus

*You can build up, 1 2 3 4 5
Or you can tear down.
Build up one another,
Build up your sisters and brothers,
Build up one another,
Build up.*



Verse 2 Every joke you tell, whoa-a
Every name you spell, whoa-a
Everywhere you go, whoa-a
Every one you know, whoa-a

Chorus *You can build up, 1 2 3 4 5
Or you can tear down.
Build up one another,
Build up your sisters and brothers,
Build up one another,
Build up.*



Can you build up?

We can build up.

Can you build up?

Yes we can.

Can you build up?

We can build up.

Can you build up?

Yes we can.



Verse 3 Every song you sing, whoa-a
Every bell you ring, whoa-a
Every thing you spend, whoa-a
Every special friend, whoa-a

Chorus *You can build up, 1 2 3 4 5
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Fruits from the roots

Who is a hero / heroine from History that you admire because they made a decision to do what they believed was right rather than doing nothing?





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



