



Courage

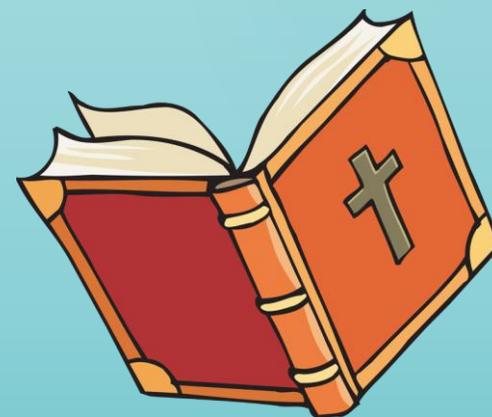


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Joshua 1.9



Facing a Challenge





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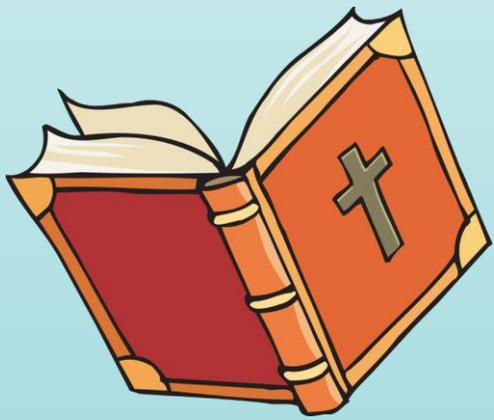






We have gathered together
in the name of God the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and think about our value courage.





Our words of wisdom from the Bible today are:

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

Joshua 1⁹



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We heard a couple of weeks ago how God Called Moses to step out of his comfort zone and muster all his courage to lead his people out of Egypt and away from the wicked Pharaoh.

Now 40 years later the land that God had promised was in sight. This would be a land where they would be safe. A land to call their own.

In all the time wandering, Moses had been the leader and Joshua his right hand man. But now, Moses was very old indeed and just as the Promised Land was in sight Moses died. God commanded Joshua should take his place.



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Joshua's Story



Joshua looked across the River Jordan and

into the land of Canaan. He could see people there, and they looked very fierce. Joshua needed to know more about this place before he could lead his people over the river.

“It isn't going to be easy,” he thought to himself, “but God set me a task and told me to ‘Be strong and courageous.’”

So Joshua sent a message into the camp asking two of his bravest men, Benjamin and Jacob, to come and see him.



Benjamin and Jacob's Story

When Benjamin and Jacob arrived, Joshua told them

“I want you to go and spy in the land of Canaan, and especially the city of Jericho. Come back and tell me all about what you find there.”

Benjamin and Jacob were brave warriors, but even they were a bit scared to be crossing into their enemies' land. As soon as darkness fell the two men dutifully set off towards Jericho. It was a difficult journey but as they approached they thought that they had managed to reach the walls surrounding the city of Jericho without anyone seeing them.



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Benjamin and Jacob's Story

Some of the houses in Jericho were actually built into the city walls and as Benjamin and Jacob sneaked through the gates, the two men saw that one of the houses had a light in the window and even better than that, the front door was open! They crept into the house and there they met a woman called Rahab. But, almost as soon as they had arrived, there was a beating on the door.

“Open up, open up” bellowed gruff, threatening voices. “We are the King of Jericho’s soldiers and two spies have been seen entering this house.”

“Quick” whispered Rahab to Benjamin and Jacob, “run upstairs and hide.”

As quietly as they could, the men climbed to the top of the house and out onto the flat rooftop.

There, they lay very, very still and listened.



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Rahab's Story

"The spies have gone" Rahab told the soldiers, when she opened the door. "They were here but they have gone back to their people across the river. If you run, you will be sure to catch them!"

The soldiers turned and made off through the city gates and down towards the river. Rahab rushed up to tell the spies that it was safe to come out of hiding. "But your house is being watched" whispered Benjamin. "How can we leave the city without being seen and caught?"

"I have a plan" answered Rahab. "If you promise me that when your people come to make their home in this land they will not harm me or anyone in my family, I will help you escape." "Of course" agreed the spies. "Of course we will not harm you."

Rahab went over to the large window. She tied a rope around a huge basket and hung it out of the window. "Get into the basket" she told the men, "I will lower you both down. You will then be outside the city wall and you can escape."



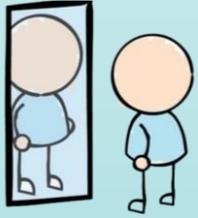
Rahab's Story

Benjamin and Jacob knew that this was their only hope and they also knew that Rahab was risking her own life to help them.

“When we have gone, tie a red rope in your window” they told Rahab.

“That way, when our people return to this land to make it our own, everyone will know that it was you who saved us. No harm will come to you or your family.”

Benjamin and Jacob were as good as their word. The people of Israel did indeed make the land of Canaan their home and Rahab and her family lived amongst them for the rest of their lives in peace and safety.



Reflecting

Which character do you think showed the most courage in this story?

Why?

Do you think it made a difference to Joshua to know that God was with him?

Responding



All the characters in this story showed courage. They needed to face risk and danger.

The story happened around three and a half thousand years ago,

Which person do you most admire today for showing great courage?

It doesn't have to be someone famous.



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

Prayer for bravery, wisdom and trust

Child 1: Father God, make us brave like the spies who went ahead of the people into Canaan.

Child 2: Make us wise like Rahab who hid the spies and saved their lives.

Child 3: Make us trusting like Joshua who believed your word and led his people safely into the Promised Land.

All: Amen

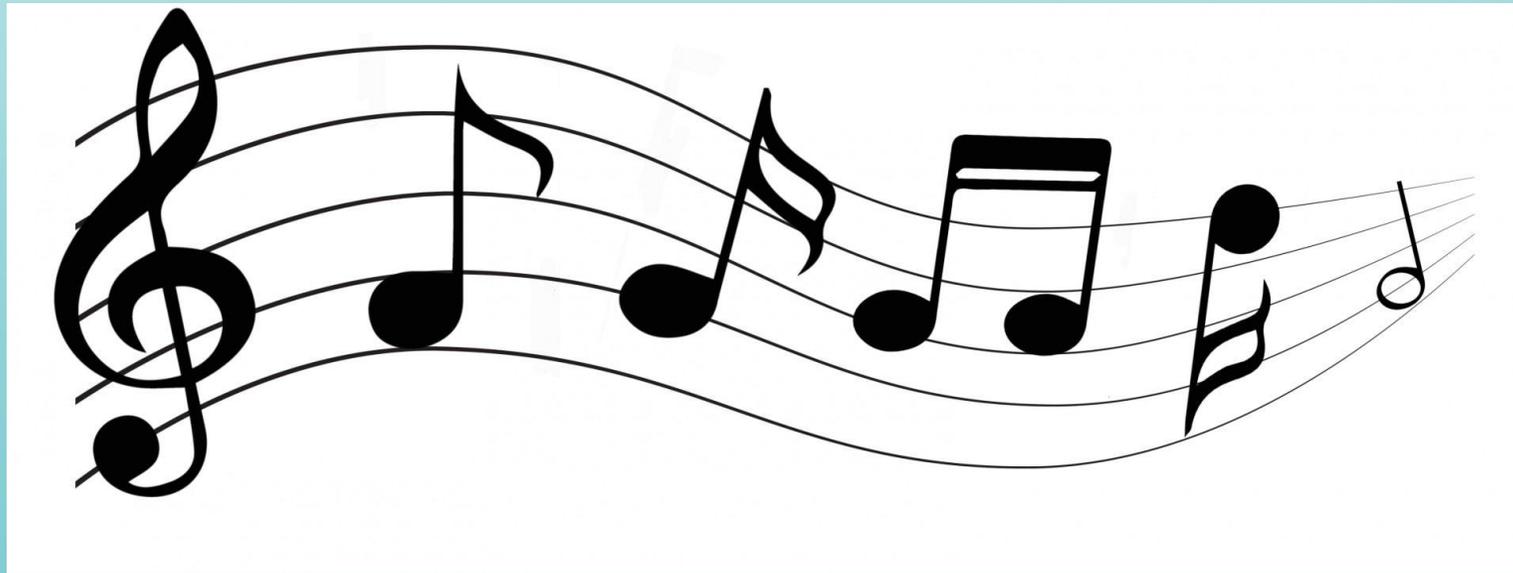


The Lord's Prayer

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.



Let's sing: Build up





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.



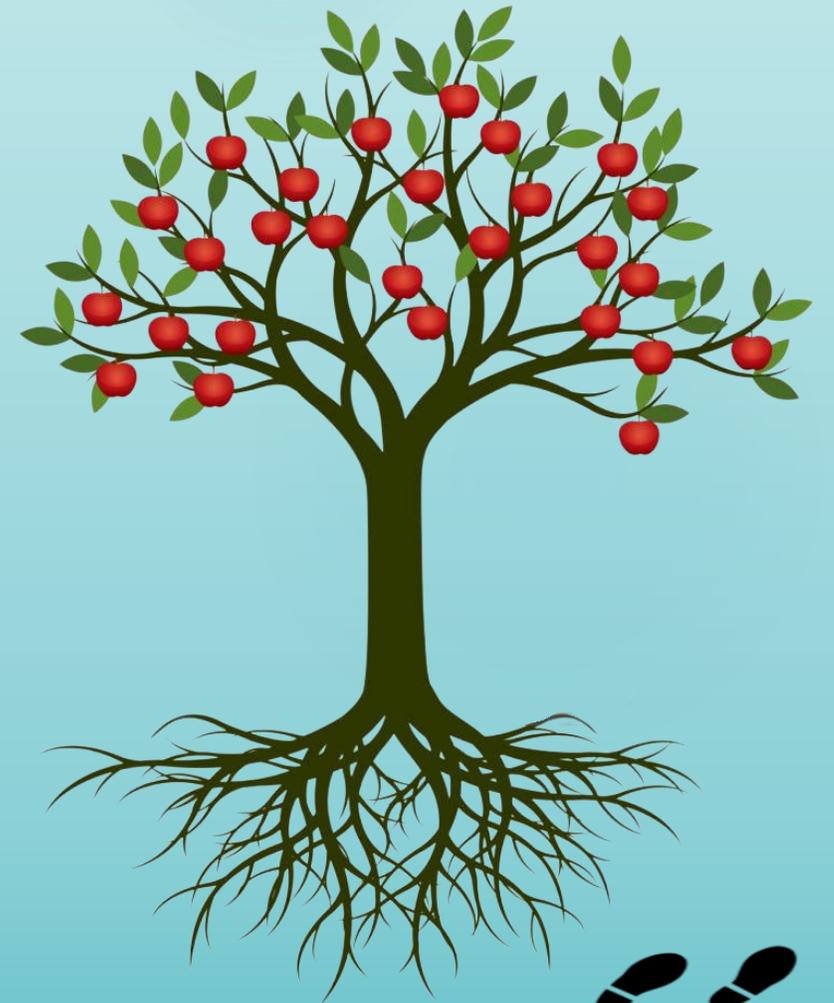
Verse 3 Every song you sing, whoa-a
Every bell you ring, whoa-a
Every thing you spend, whoa-a
Every special friend, whoa-a

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

Set yourself a challenge for the coming week.

What will it be? How will you accomplish it? How will you demonstrate the value of courage?





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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



