

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 13

Bible Story: Whatever It Takes (David Anointed/Goliath)
1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1-51

Big Idea: You can have courage even when things seem impossible.

Memory Verse: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9b (NIV)

Life App: Courage—Being brave enough to do what God wants you to do, even when you're afraid

Bible Story Summary: *Read and meditate on 1 Samuel 16 & 17*

This month we are focusing on courageous heroes in the Bible who faced their fears head on with the help of God. David is one of those heroes. We first meet him in 1 Samuel 16, when God sent Samuel to Jesse's house to find a new king for Israel. Samuel was looking for someone who looked like a king, but God chose David because of his heart. David was a man who would lead the way God wanted. Soon after David was anointed as the next king, he went to visit the front line of a major battle. When the Philistine giant Goliath was shaming God's people with his threats and no one would stand up to him, David showed up and knew something had to be done. David trusted God for the courage to do something about it . . . and God used David to do the impossible and defeat Goliath.

You can have courage even when things seem impossible. Because kids have limited life experience, a lot of what they face seems impossible. They may not know how to talk to a friend who hurt their feelings. They might not understand how they can overcome a fear of the dark, or even asking for help. We pray that through this lesson about David, kids will see how they can trust God for the courage to face challenges in life.



While eating breakfast or getting ready for the day, read this month's memory verse. Let it be a reminder for everyone to choose courage today because God is with them. Challenge each member of the family to be courageous and share at dinnertime or bedtime when you were courageous throughout the day.

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WEEK 2



DAY 1

READ *1 Samuel 17:1-24, 32-51*

Get a sheet of paper and something to write with. Draw a line down the middle of the paper. At the top, write "Impossible" in one column and "Possible" in the other. As you read through the verses in 1 Samuel 17, write down the details in the appropriate column. For example, the fact that Goliath was nine feet tall would make fighting him seem impossible, so write that in the impossible column.

When you're done, look at the sheet. There's not a lot in the "possible" column, is there? But while the list of what seemed impossible was longer, there was one really important thing on the other side that truly made David's victory possible: God was going to give David the victory! David chose to show courage even when things seemed impossible because he knew God was with him. We can trust in God and show courage when things seem impossible too!

KNOW that with God anything is possible.

DAY 2

READ *"So encourage one another with the hope you have. Build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Have you ever thought about the fact that the word "encourage" has the root word of "courage"? Sometimes when things seem overwhelming, it helps to talk to someone who has been through a similar situation, because they can encourage you to have courage!

What is something you're facing right now that seems impossible— something that is your "giant" to face? Find an older friend who trusts God and ask them about similar situations they have faced. How did they do what they should even when it seemed impossible? Take courage from their encouragement: You can have courage even when things seem impossible.

THANK God for the people that encourage you.

DAY 3

READ "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope." Psalm 27:14

Write out today's verse in three phrases. Tape each phrase to the face of a clock in your house as a reminder to be strong and courageous this week.

Doing the right thing when you're afraid is always better than doing the unwise thing because you're scared. It can be hard to stand up and do what you should when you don't know how things will turn out.

Courageous kids are the ones who choose wisely even when they don't know what will happen. You can show courage knowing God is always with you

LOOK for a time to show courage this week

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Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

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Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



DAY 4

READ "My dear brothers and sisters, remain strong in the faith. Don't let anything move you. Always give yourselves completely to the work of the Lord. Because you belong to the Lord, you know that your work is not worthless." Psalm 27:1

How long can you stand perfectly still? Write down your guess, then ask a family member to time you. Compare the two times.

Estimated Time: _____
Real Time: _____

It was probably difficult to stand perfectly still! Paul, who wrote this letter to the church in Corinth, isn't talking about standing still like a statue. Paul wanted them to keep telling people about Jesus, to keep serving and helping and loving others. Why? Because they were doing it for God, and God would make sure their work made a difference.

This week, when you're afraid to do the right thing, don't stand still like a statue! Stand up for God. Stand strong in what you know is true. Ask God to help you stand up for what is right even when things seem impossible!

ASK God for the courage to do what seems impossible.

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Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

1st grade	November 20
Kindergarten	November 27
4th Grade	December 4
3rd Grade	December 11
2nd Grade	January 8



Child's Name: _____