

Courage is being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid.

DAY 1

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13, NlrV

We don't always get a clear sign telling us what to do next. That's where trust comes in. When it comes to courage, we need to do what we should, even when we don't know how things will turn out. Our job is to do the right thing and leave the rest up to God.

Verse Word Search

Circle the words from today's verse in the puzzle below.

B	A	R	O	Q	Z	E	R
R	H	V	V	T	V	E	O
E	H	E	S	A	O	B	G
M	S	T	R	O	N	G	N
A	I	B	I	A	F	U	E
I	T	B	H	A	B	A	H
N	E	I	N	G	F	R	T
N	Y	O	U	R	R	D	E

DAY 2

Read Psalm 31:24, NlrV

Do you remember learning to tie your shoes? Did you get frustrated when you had to try over and over and over again? You can probably tie your shoes today without thinking about it, but at one point, you really had to practice to get it right.

Courage is a lot like tying your shoes. It takes practice. You can't give up. You try. You mess up. You try again. And eventually, it gets easier. Standing up for what is right even when you don't know what will happen next definitely takes practice. Remember this verse and be strong. You might not always get it right, but every time you practice showing courage, with God's help you will become more and more courageous.

Walk With Courage

Find a permanent marker. With an adult's help, write the words "Never Give Up" on the inside of one of your shoes. Every time you put them on this week, ask God to help you practice courage as you choose to do the right thing!

DAY 3

Read 2 Chronicles 15:7, NIV

Have you ever been afraid to do the right thing because you weren't sure how things would work out?

Sometimes when you do the right thing, things don't go the way you want. Even then, you can still trust God because God sees the wise choices you make.

Talk About It

Ask the following questions to a parent or an adult you trust who follows God:

1. Was there ever a time when you did the right thing as a kid and things didn't work out the way you hoped? Tell me about it.
2. When that happened, did you stop doing the right thing because things didn't go your way? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think a person should do the right thing even when they don't know how things will work out?

DAY 4

Read Esther 4:14, NIV

When we read the story of Esther, it's hard to imagine what it must have been really like for her. We know the end of the story. We know the king did listen to her, the bad guy was defeated, and her people were saved. But in the moment when her cousin Mordecai was trying to convince her to go before the king, she had no idea what would happen.

Guess what? We don't either. But the same question Mordecai asked Esther is the same question we should ask ourselves. When we face a situation where we have a choice to stand up and do what's right with courage, we need to ask ourselves: "What if I don't say anything?" In other words, what if I don't do what is right?

Think of some situations that require courage. Complete the sentences below:

I can be brave even when _____

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I can stand up for what is right when _____

_____.

I can trust God will help me have courage when _____

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Pray and thank God for loving you and for giving you the courage you need even when you don't know how things will work out.

You can do what you should even when you don't know what will happen.