LESSON 5 "COURAGE" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-21, 23-33; 14:1-9 (pages 158-159)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Courage</u> – standing up for what I believe in; bravery

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can have <u>courage</u> to stand up for God because He is with me.

MEMORY LINK

Numbers 14:9b

"The LORD is with us. Do not fear them."

(KBC Study Bible pg. 159)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Binoculars, Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Painter's tape, bean bags Option 2: Dice

BIBLE CONNECTION

Resource item, artificial grapes, pole/branch, binoculars

SURF TEAM LEADER Memory Link cards, Hang 10

pages, index cards, pens

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME Option 1: plastic spoons, artificial grapes Option 2: Plastic cups, sponge balls

Joshua & Caleb Stand Up For God

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Have you ever thought an answer you gave in class was correct, but everyone else said it was wrong? Standing up for what you think is right can require much <u>courage</u>. Feelings of doubt and fear start to "hang out" in your mind. God had led the Israelites out of Egypt. He provided for their physical needs (food and drink). Yet, the people continued to complain. God promised the Israelites a land flowing with milk and honey. But, before the people could settle in that land, they again grumbled against Moses and didn't trust that God would do what He said He would.

Today, we will see how <u>courage</u> can be shown in positive ways and help us in building friendships. Moses felt pressure from the people to turn away from what God had said. But God said to send spies to check out the land. While Moses chose 12 men, only two came back to report something positive. Caleb and Joshua stood up for what they believed even though 10 other men reported something different.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

Binoculars, Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's Character Word is courage. What does that mean to you?
- Tell about a time when you had to show courage.
- When is it hard to have <u>courage</u>?

Play I Spy with your group (using the binoculars). Today we are going to talk about some men sent to spy out a land. Let's see how good we are at spying the details.



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

"Confidence" by Sanctus Real **(youtube.com/watch?v=rYQ5yXCc_CA)** is a great song as we speak about <u>courage</u>. It doesn't hurt to repeat songs, especially if you find your students really enjoy them and participate in genuine worship. Also try "The Great I AM" by Philips, Craig & Dean **(youtube.com/watch?v=y_VR-zwp2KA)**.

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MEMORY LINK



2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible 📖

Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bibles. Encourage kids to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total each week and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

This week's Character Word is <u>courage</u>. Listen as I read our memory verse to you. You will not hear the word <u>courage</u> but you will know the verse is talking about <u>courage</u>. Be ready to tell me how you knew. Read the verse aloud to the group. What did you hear that means <u>courage</u>? (Do not fear.) There will be many times in your life when you will feel afraid, but this verse gives the key to conquering fear. Remembering that the Lord is with you, can give you <u>courage</u>. You can have <u>courage</u> because God is faithful.

Guide kids to find Numbers 14:9b in their KBC Study Bibles and read the verse aloud together. (Page 159)

Option 1 – SQUARE TOSS

Painter's tape and bean bag for each Surf Team

Prepare

Give each Surf Team leader a roll of painter's tape. Instruct them to make a square approximately 2 feet by 2 feet on the floor. Then, instruct them to divide the square into four quadrants by placing a cross in the middle of the square. This will create 4 smaller squares inside the larger one. Let each Surf Team leader decide the point value for each of the four squares.

Each Surf Team will stand in a circle around the square their Surf Team leader created on the floor. Each child will take a turn tossing the bean bag onto the square. They will recite the verse from memory. If they recite the verse correctly, they will get the number of points that was assigned to the square the bean bag landed upon. The child with the most points is the winner.

Option 2 - FOUR CORNERS

Dice

Instruct students that on your signal they may move to one of the corners of the room. Have students say the verse aloud as they move. Anyone not in a corner when the verse is completed will be automatically out. Roll the dice and those in the designated "out" corner must come to the center of the room and say the verse together. Meanings of the dice roll: 1-4 corners of room, 5 odd corners are out, 6 even corners are out.

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Numbers 14:9b

"The LORD is with us. Do not fear them." (KBC Study Bible pg. 159)

Teaching Tip

The activities in vour curriculum are suggestions. If necessary, adapt for your group, plan a different game or replay an earlier favorite game. Consider keeping a notebook of lessons and as the year goes by, marking the activities you played and noting how they went. For example, use the code 0-5 with zero meaning the game was a flop and five meaning a sure winner you would want to play again. Remember, just because an activity was a winner or not a winner one year, doesn't mean it will go the same the next year, or semester or even week.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Resource item, articifial grapes, pole/branch, binoculars

Set the Stage

Today's Character Word is <u>courage</u>. No one needs <u>courage</u> when life is easy. No one needs <u>courage</u> if nothing frightening happens. No one needs <u>courage</u> if they are always going to do what the group does. Sometimes life brings changes that we have no control over, and we need <u>courage</u> to do the next thing. Maybe we have had to move to a new school or a new classroom. Not knowing can cause us to be fearful. Sometimes frightening things happen. Sometimes, when you choose to follow Jesus, you will not be doing what everyone else is doing. Today's Bible story is about men who had the <u>courage</u> to stand up for God when it wasn't easy.

Tell the Story

Moses led the property to a land God promised to give them, and it wasn't an easy journey. God's power had rescued the people when Pharaoh tried to stop them. God's power parted the Red Sea, and they were safe. When the people were hungry, God gave them special food called manna to eat. When the people were thirsty, God made water come out of rocks. God took care of them. As they finally arrived just outside the special land God promised, Moses told the people God's instructions. Listen to what God wanted them to do.

Guide the kids to open their KBC Study Bibles to Numbers 13:1-2 (page 158) and follow along as you read the verse aloud. *The people were positioned to enter the new land, and they needed some information before going in. So Moses* (motion to the clubber you selected as "Moses" to come to the front) *told each of the 12 big family groups to pick one man to go spy out the land.* (Motion of the other 12 students to join Moses at the front.) Explain that the Bible tells us each of their names, but for today's lesson only, Joshua and Caleb are going to be named.

Moses told the 12 spies to go into the land, looking to see if there were many or few people in the land, if the people are weak or strong, if the cities are strong, if the land is good or poor, if there are forests and to bring back some of the fruit. Guide the kids to find Numbers 13:20 to discover what Moses told the men. (Be of good <u>courage</u>.) That's right! Moses told the spies to be of good <u>courage</u>. That sounds a little like Moses is saying be <u>courageous</u> as you go into this new land. The Bible tells us the 12 men went out and spied out the land.

Direct the spies to sneakily walk together around the seated group.

The spies found out what Moses wanted them to know. They found that the land was very good. They found a branch with one cluster of grapes that was so big that it had to be carried on a pole between two men. You know, I imagine that cluster of grapes was about as big as a bean bag chair! The Bible tells us the spies were gone for 40 days, and then they returned to report.

Let's see what the 12 spies reported. (Give "Spy Reports" signs to "spies" and instruct them to reveal their signs one by one. As each sign is revealed, talk about it briefly.) Ten of the spies reported, "No we can't do it. We can't go into the land God has promised us." Caleb and Joshua had courage because they believed God and said to the others, "Yes, we can!" As the people heard the spies' report

As You Prepare

Lay out clusters of artificial grapes. Pick 13 students to play parts of the story as you tell it. Print the Resource Item for the following nametags for them to wear: Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Spy 1, Spy 2, Spy 3, Spy 4, Spy 5, Spy 6, Spy 7, Spy 8, Spy 9, and Spy 10. Direct the selected students to follow your instructions as you tell the story. they became afraid. They cried and said, "Oh no! We are going to die! We should just go back to Egypt." The people wanted to pick a new leader and return to Egypt where they were slaves.

But Joshua and Caleb knew God, and that gave them the <u>courage</u> to stand up for God. Do you remember today's Memory Link? Guide the kids to find Numbers 14:9b and read today's Memory Link. That's what Joshua and Caleb said to the people: "The Lord is with us. Do not fear them." Joshua and Caleb put their faith in God and had <u>courage</u>.

People who trust God see difficulties from a different point of view. Let's see Joshua and Caleb's point of view on the spy reports. Talk about each sign using these bullet points:

- Plentiful fruit, big grapes, took two of us to carry Grapes and fruit can't hurt us
- Land truly flows with milk and honey good land Trees and crops can't hurt us
- People are strong People aren't stronger than God
- Cities are large Cities can't stop God
- Cities are fortified Walls around a city can't stop God
- People are big God is bigger
- People are stronger than us God is stronger
- People are giants Giants can't stop our God
- We are just grasshoppers in their eyes God sees the giants as grasshoppers

Joshua and Caleb wanted to go ahead into the Promised Land because they had faith in God and that gave them <u>courage</u>. But the people didn't listen to Caleb and Joshua. The Bible tells us the 10 spies who said, "No, we can't do it," were struck by a plague and died. The rest of the people who agreed with the 10 spies were punished, too. God told Moses the people would not be entering the Promised Land for 40 years, one year for every day the spies were sent on their mission. During those 40 years, all of the people 20 years and older would die. But Joshua and Caleb were not going to die. They would live because they stood up with <u>courage</u> and believed in God.

Application

Sometimes following God takes <u>courage</u>. Jesus showed courage when He took the punishment for our sin and died on the cross. One way you can follow Jesus is by having <u>courage</u> this week to stand up for what is right, knowing that God is on your side. How can you <u>courageously</u> show others that you are a follower of Jesus.

Gospel Connection

In our story today, the people were headed to a land God had promised them. God has promised another place for people who believe in Jesus, heaven. That is the best promised land. But, just like it took <u>courage</u> and faith for Joshua and Caleb to believe in God, it takes <u>courage</u> and faith for you to trust Jesus, too.

Remember you're A-B-Cs. ADMIT you're a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus' sacrifice paid the debt for your sin and then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from your sin and choosing God's way rather than your own way.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

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Connection Tip

Making Jesus Cool at School![®] can be scary for some children. Providing children with simple ways to show Jesus is cool can provide the courage needed. Consider a meetand-greet with parents to share the purpose and focus of KiDs Beach Club[®]. Encourage children to wear their shirts to school and to carry their Bibles. Knowing God is with you will give you courage to stand up for what is right.

Gospel Tip

How are you spreading the good news of how God is working through your school's Beach Club? Find ways in your church to talk or write regularly about how God is showing up in the community around your church. Pick up the phone and tell someone who needs encouragement a story of how you have seen a child influenced in a positive way.

SURF TEAM TIME



Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Today's Bible Lesson 🛄

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?
- Pretend you are with a group of 12 other kids. Ten kids want to do something that is not in line with God's plan. Only two stand up for God. Why is it hard for some people to be part of the two and not the 10?
- What are some times when kids have to show courage?

Use the Bible 🛄

Give each child a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Hanging out with God can give us the <u>courage</u> to do what is right. Making Jesus Cool at School![®] may require you to show bravery. When you do, remember that God is with you, so don't be afraid.

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your Surf Team this week.

Thank You, God, for showing me how to be <u>courageous</u> and to stand up for what is right. Thank You for always being with me in whatever I do. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Teaching Tip

Do you ever have students who just can't sit still or focus? Are they sometimes disobedient? You can find helpful suggestions on managing behavior in the KBC Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials on pages 30-33. One simple tip, ask what behavior management cues and reminders your school uses and implement them in your club. Using what students already know will help facilitate greater success in right behavior.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME



Teaching Tip

Always read the entire lession before club. Be sure to listen well as the lesson is taught to make sure you know what questions you may need to adjust, add or delete.

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - THE GRAPE SPOON RACE

One plastic spoon and one artificial grape per Surf Team

To play this game, two Surf Teams will compete against each other or a large Surf Team may divide into two teams. Each team lines up with half the team on the opposite side to receive the spoon and grape. The first player walks to his teammate carrying the grape on the spoon without dropping it. Once the player reaches his/her teammate, he/she answers a question, and then that team member races back to the other side repeating the verse as the spoon and grape are handed off. The first team to complete the race wins and the entire team says the Bible memory verse and sits down.

Option 2 - KNOCK IT DOWN

10 plastic cups and one sponge ball per Surf Team

Teams build a pyramid with 10 cups several feet away from their team. Take turns asking questions to each team. If the team can answer the question correctly, they get two chances to knock down the pyramid with the sponge ball. Score one point per cup knocked down and, if all 10 are knocked down, score a two-point bonus. Continue playing as time allows.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. According to today's Memory Link, why don't we have to fear? (The Lord is with us)
- 2. Is today's Bible story found in the Old Testament or the New Testament? (Old)
- 3. In what book would we find today's Memory Link and lesson? (Numbers)
- 4. What were the 12 men sent out to do? (Spy out the land)
- 5. How big was the cluster of grapes they brought back? (It took two men to carry *it*)
- 6. How long were the spies gone looking over the land? (40 days)
- 7. How many spies said, "No, we can't do it"? (10)
- 8. How many spies said, "Yes, we can do it"? (Two)
- 9. Who were the two men who said, "Yes, we can"? (Caleb and Joshua)
- 10. How did Joshua and Caleb show courage? (They stood alone for God?)
- 11. How long did God say it would be before they could enter the Promised Land? (40 years)
- 12. Why do you think Joshua and Caleb were able to stand up to the 10 men? (answers will vary)

"The Lord is with us. Do not fear them."

