

LESSON 19
“COURAGE”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Acts 26:12-31
(page 1224-1225)

CHARACTER WORD

Courage – standing up for what I believe in; bravery

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

God gives me *courage* to tell others the truth about who He is even if they don't believe.

MEMORY LINK

Psalm 31:24

*“Be of good *courage*, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD.”*

(KBC Study Bible pg. 579)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Wide-mouth jar,
uncooked rice, egg

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: None
Option 2: Bean bag

BIBLE CONNECTION

Bullhorn, flashlight,
resource item

SURF TEAM LEADER

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

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Bean bags,
painter's tape
Option 2: Feathers (or tissues),
paper plates

Paul Shares His Story with a King

WHAT'S THE POINT?

In today's lesson, King Agrippa had an encounter with Paul who shared a persuasive and personal account of how he became a Christian. Paul had courage to boldly proclaim God's truth to everyone, even a king. In today's world, absolute truth is hard to find. As Christ followers, we know that God's word is the source of all truth. Like Paul, let's have courage to boldly share the truth of God's word with everyone God places in our path.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson



Optional: wide-mouth jar, uncooked rice, egg

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 courage mean to you?
- How can knowing that the Bible is true help you have courage to tell others about it?

Optional: Place the egg in the middle of the jar completely covered by rice. Explain that the egg represents someone who is hanging with the crowd. One day, the group starts making fun of other people, the egg doesn't like it so he tells them to stop (tap the top of the rim, the egg will rise up from the rice with each tap). Next, the group of friends starts excluding others from their games (tap the rim) and they start telling lies (tap). Each time the egg refuses to go along with his friends and stands up for what's right (tap again). Continue until the egg has completely risen above the rice. It takes courage to do the right thing when others are not. A courageous person will rise to the top and stand out from the rest!



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

Take a few minutes to encourage participation in the worship time. Students and leaders should be fully engaged in this portion of Beach Club. If your leaders are involved and excited, the students will follow. Great songs this week include “Courageous” by Casting Crowns and “Fear No More” by The Afters.



MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students

8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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Slips of paper, pencil, beach ball

Focus on the Bible

Who brought a 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

Guide students to find and read Psalm 31:24 from the KBC Study Bible (page 579). Read the verse aloud as the students follow along.

God sent His Son into the world, and He sends us into the world so that we might tell others just as Jesus did. He never leaves us to do it alone though. It takes courage to speak up when someone is being treated unkindly or when someone is lying or when someone is cheating or stealing, but it is what we should do. God is the one who created us for this time and place, and He is the One who will strengthen us and give us courage. All we have to do is ask Him and then follow through with speaking up. He is our Hope and our Helper.

Option 1 – COURAGEOUS OR FOOLISH

No supplies needed

Take turns saying courageous acts and foolish acts. After each courageous act, repeat today’s Memory Link.

- Fighting || Walking away from a fight
- Doing something dangerous that others are doing || Not participating even if someone calls you “chicken”
- Teasing and bullying someone || Standing up for someone who is being mistreated
- Blaming others for your mistakes || Accepting responsibility
- Ignoring a new student || Making friends with a new student
- Only looking out for yourself || Helping others
- Following the crowd || Doing what’s right
- Quitting when things get tough || Working hard, even when it’s difficult

Option 2 - FLYING VERSE

One bean bag per Surf Team

Divide each Surf Team in half or line up two Surf Teams facing each other (like in Red Rover). Use a bean bag to toss to someone on the other side. The person who catches the bean bag will say the first word of the verse. They will toss it to another child across from them who will say the next word of the verse. When a child misses a word, the verse must be started over. No one will be dropped from the game; just keep trying until the verse is completed.

Bible 101

Draw kids’ attention to the tip in pages “God Loves You and Has a Plan for Your Life” in their KBC Study Bibles (between pages 626–627). Remind kids that those pages are an excellent tool for sharing with others the truth of how to ask Jesus to be their forever friend. Encourage them to ask God for courage to share the pages with their family and friends.

Time’s Amost Up

Make the most of the time to reinforce with students the fact that the Bible contains a true message from God, and that He will give them courage to do what is right. Encourage kids to continue reading their Bibles at home to discover more truth from God’s word and courageously share with everyone they know.

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