



Group Leader Guide

KIDS WITH COURAGE // WEEK 1

COURAGE DOES

MARCH 2015

The Verse

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.

The Point

God gives me the courage to do what's right.

Group Activity Directions

Secret Missions // You'll Need

- Envelope (1 per kid)
- Secret Mission activity sheet (1 per kid)
- Scissors (1 set per group)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

Say: Courage means facing fear with God's power. And real courage doesn't just think about that... real courage means doing that! The secret missions we get today will give us a chance to think of how we can put our courage into action!

1. **Give** kids a Secret Missions activity sheet and an envelope to keep them in.
2. Kids **cut** missions along dotted lines.

Say: While you're cutting, I'll read the secret missions to you.

3. **Read** missions out loud.
4. While continuing to cut, kids **share** their ideas about how to show courage in each situation.

Say: Mission 6 is for inventing your own secret mission! Fill it in when you think of a way you can show courage for Jesus.

5. Kids **write** this title on the envelope: "Name's Secret Missions."

Say: Now, take these secret missions home and read them to your friends and family. See what they think they can do to show courage for each one!

Bonus

1. Kids **decorate** their Secret Mission envelopes with markers.
2. **Discuss** ideas kids have for Mission 6.

GROUP DISCUSSION IDEAS

Choose the best questions for your group.

Get Everyone Talking

1. **What was the funniest thing that happened on the Konnect Space Station this week?**
2. **Nightlight showed a lot of courage when she made the right choice, even though Super Bass and Velocity disobeyed. What would you have done?**

Check For Understanding

1. **Does COURAGE mean you're never afraid?** *No.*
2. **What does COURAGE mean?** *Facing fear with GOD'S power so we can do the right thing.*
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 16:13 out loud. What does it mean to be on guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, and be strong?** *Watch what's going on around you, and only choose the things that make you stronger for God. Even if you're afraid, God gives you the courage and strength to do what's right.*
4. **Think about the Bible story. How did David show courage?** *David did what was right, even though everyone else was afraid. He stood up for God's name, God's power, and trusted God to give him the strength to fight the battle.*
5. **Think about our secret missions. How can you have the courage to complete all of them?** *Spend time praying to God and asking for Him to give me courage.*
6. **Is real courage thinking about courage, or doing something that takes courage?** *Doing something that takes courage.*

Apply To This Week

1. **God gives us the courage to do what's right. How can you show others that God has filled you with courage?** *Answers will vary.*
2. **What choices can you make this week to show courage in action?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray: Jesus, please forgive us for the times we don't do what's right because we're afraid. Please fill us with Your power and strength, so we can put our courage into action. In Jesus' name, amen!



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KIDS WITH COURAGE // WEEK 2

COURAGE NEVER STOPS

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The Verse

Galatians 6:9 NLT

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

The Point

God gives me the courage to KEEP doing what's right.

Group Activity Directions

Keep Up the Courage Crown // You'll Need

- Paper crown (1 per child)
- Adhesive jewels (10 per child)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

Say: Queen Esther showed courage day in and day out, even though it seemed her people would never be safe from Haman's evil plan. We're going to make a royal crown fit for a king or queen to remind us that we can have the courage to KEEP doing what's right every day, too!

1. **Give** kids a crown and 10 jewels.
2. Kids **write** the Point on the crown.
3. Kids **decorate** their crowns with jewels and markers.
4. While kids work, **talk about** to show courage every day.

Everyday Courage Examples

- Speak up for someone who's getting picked on
- Tell someone about Jesus
- Invite someone to church
- Sleep without a night-light, television, or music on
- Say hello to someone new

Bonus

1. Kids **write** ideas that show everyday courage on their crowns.

GROUP DISCUSSION IDEAS

Choose the best questions for your group.

Get Everyone Talking

1. Which Konnect Space Station crew member was your favorite this week?
2. Night Light NEVER gave up. Talk about a time you didn't give up.

Check For Understanding

1. Does COURAGE mean you're never afraid? *No.*
2. What does COURAGE mean? *Facing fear with GOD'S power so we can do the right thing.*
3. Read Galatians 6:9 out loud. What does God promise if you don't give up on having the courage to do the right thing? *Blessings from Him*
4. Think about the Bible story. Esther didn't just show courage once. What are some examples of how she put her courage into action? *She obeyed her uncle and kept her identity a secret, she fasted and prayed, she went before the king uninvited, she had a dinner party with the very man that wanted her people killed, she stood up for her people and told the king what Haman planned to do, etc.*
5. Think about the crowns we made. How can they help us to have courage this week? *They can remind us that God gave Queen Esther the courage to do what's right, and He'll do the same for us.*
6. Is courage a one-time deal, or do we need to show courage every day? *Show courage every day.*

Apply To This Week

1. God gives us the courage to KEEP doing what's right, even when it seems things aren't changing or going our way. Share a time either you or someone you know stood up for what's right, even though it didn't seem like it would matter. *Answers will vary.*
2. What is a choice you can make every day this week to show your courage doesn't give up? *Answers will vary.*

Pray: Jesus, I trust that You are working all things together for my good. Please fill me with the strength to keep doing what's right even if it seems like nothing around me is going well. In Jesus' name, amen!



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KIDS WITH COURAGE // WEEK 3

COURAGE PRAYS

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The Verse

James 5:16 NIRV

... *The prayer of a godly person is powerful. It makes things happen.*

The Point

God gives me the courage to pray a powerful prayer.

Group Activity Directions

Powerful Prayers // You'll Need

- Powerful Prayer activity sheet (1 per child)
- Scissors (1 set per group)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

Say: To pray a powerful prayer, you need to believe in God's promises that are in the Bible. And part of believing God's promises is knowing what God's promises are! This Powerful Prayer book will help you remember a few of God's promises.

1. **Give** each kid a Powerful Prayer activity sheet and a pair of scissors.
2. Kids **fold** sheet on the solid line.
3. Kids **cut** along dotted lines.
4. **Read** through the book while kids are working.
5. **Show** how the book works by reading one flap on the front and lifting it to reveal God's promise from the Bible.
6. Kids **write** their name on the book and **circle** the prayers that will help them the most.

Bonus

1. Kids **share** situations that make them feel fearful, or defeated.
2. **Share** a Bible verse that might help them have courage when they feel that way by doing a quick topic search on the Bible App.

Note: Quickly read the Bible verse to yourself before reading it out loud to make sure it is appropriate for their age and understanding.

GROUP DISCUSSION IDEAS

Choose the best questions for your group.

Get Everyone Talking

1. **What was your favorite thing that happened on the Konnect Space Station this week?**
2. **If you could have Nightlight's, Super Bass', or Velocity's super power, which one would you pick?**

Check For Understanding

1. **Does COURAGE mean you're never afraid?** *No.*
2. **What does COURAGE mean?** *Facing fear with GOD'S power so we can do the right thing.*
3. **Read James 5:16 out loud. Whose prayers are powerful?** *A godly person's prayers*
4. **Why do you think the prayers of a godly person are powerful?** *Because a godly person knows God's promises and has a heart that trusts and follows God's ways*
5. **Think about the Bible story. How did Elijah's prayers show he had courage?** *Elijah prayed out loud for God to show His power to people who hated Elijah and did not want to walk in God's ways.*
6. **Is a powerful prayer when you ask God for what you want, or when you that ask God for the courage to believe His promises are true?** *Ask God for the courage to believe His promises are true.*
7. **A powerful prayer isn't just asking. What else is a part of a powerful prayer?** *Listening to God's voice, and obeying and believing what He says.*

Apply To This Week

1. **How can God's Bible give you the courage to pray a powerful prayer this week?** *I can read it to see what God's promises are, I can read it to encourage me when I feel like He's not listening to my prayers, etc.*
2. **What powerful prayers can you pray this week?** *Answers will vary.*
3. **What powerful prayers from the book we made will help?** *Answers will vary.*

Pray: Jesus, Thank You for Your promises in the Bible. Please give us the courage to believe Your promises and pray for them. Show us when You have made them come true in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen!



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KIDS WITH COURAGE // WEEK 4

COURAGE GIVES IT ALL

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The Verse

Romans 12:1 NIV

... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

The Point

God gives me the courage to give it all to Him.

Group Activity Directions

Superhero Sidekicks // You'll Need

- Mask (1 per kid)
- Markers (1 set per group)

To Do

Say: When we give our whole lives to God, He fills us with the courage we need to do what He asks us to do. We become God's superhero sidekicks!

1. **Give** each kid a mask.

Ask: If you could be a super-strong sidekick for God in one way, what would it be? *Super Kind; Patient Power, Generous Giant, Heavy-Duty Helper, Unstoppable Love, Master of Kind Words, etc.*

2. Kids **design** images and words on their mask to describe what kind of sidekick they want to be for God.
3. Kids **write** their godly sidekick name on their mask.

Bonus

1. Kids **share** what they designed, and how they'll be courageous for God.

GROUP DISCUSSION IDEAS

Choose the best questions for your group.

Get Everyone Talking

1. What would you have done if you were on the Konnect Space Station this week?
2. What did you think when you found out that the bomb wasn't real?

Check For Understanding

1. Does **COURAGE** mean you're never afraid? *No.*
2. What does **COURAGE** mean? *Facing fear with GOD'S power so we can do the right thing.*
3. What does **sacrifice** mean? *Giving it all, giving up something you love for something you love even more.*
4. Read **Romans 12:1** out loud. What does **living sacrifice** mean? *It means giving up what we want, like, and love, so we can do something more important: worship God and show others what it means to live for Him.*
5. What do we show God when we choose to be a **living sacrifice for Him**? *True and proper worship.*
6. Think about the Bible story. Why is a **Jesus a good example of sacrifice**? *Jesus gave up His power and His life to die on the cross for us, because He knew how much we needed it. He loved us more than He loved Himself.*
7. Think about the masks we made. What will you have to have the **courage to give up** so you can do what your mask says? *Answers will vary.*

Apply To This Week

1. God gives us the courage to be a living sacrifice, because we can trust His ways are better than anything we can think of or imagine. What do you need God to give you the courage to give up, so you can truly live for Him? *Answers will vary.*
2. What sacrifices can you make this week to show that you worship God and that you love others the way God does? *Answers will vary.*

Pray: Jesus, thank You for giving us the courage to be living sacrifices. Please help us to trust what You have for us is way better than anything we can think of or imagine! In Jesus' name, amen!