



# Bible Thematic Lessons

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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:  
**COURAGE**



**Read the Bible References:** The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



**Goal of Lesson:**

- To encourage students to be courageous and bold no matter the challenges.



**Lesson Takeaway:**

Know that because God is always with you, you can be bold and courageous. You can overcome any challenges that you may face.



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Bible References:

1 Samuel 17: 1 – 11, 32 – 50;

Exodus 14:10 – 30.



Explain the meaning of courage.

When you think of the word, “courage”, you might also think of fear, challenges, anxiety, worry, failure, or defeat. That is because to show courage, you need to overcome or fight against all the negative emotions and situations.

To show courage is to have the ability to control fears and all other negative emotions when you are in a difficult or dangerous situation. To have courage is to be bold, strong, or fearless. It doesn't mean you do not feel any negative emotion like fear; no, you feel fear, but you choose to ignore the fear and do what you might consider difficult.

For example, you might be afraid of heights and climbing but you go ahead and climb anyways. You might be afraid of riding a bicycle, but you go ahead and try riding it anyways.



What does the bible say about courage?

The first thing you need to know is that God is always with you. In Joshua 1:9, God told Joshua, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” God is the Creator of everything, He will never leave us alone (Deuteronomy 31:6).

We can be bold and courageous, knowing that we are never alone!



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## What does the bible say about courage? (Contd.)

Also, fear and negative emotions do not come from God. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). It is normal for us to experience fear, but God has given us the ability to control what fear does to us. This means with the help of God, we can ignore fear and do the great things we are supposed to do.

In addition, God is in control of whatever makes us afraid and not courageous. He has given us the peace we need so that our hearts can be calm and relaxed. “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

In 1 Corinthians 10:13, we understand that God knows that we are going through a difficult time, and He has prepared a way for us to overcome and be strong. He will not allow us to go through something that is too difficult for us. Courage in difficult times will build us and make us stronger.

In summary, as a Christian, courage comes from knowing that you have a great God, who is always with you and will never leave you. You can have courage because God has given you His peace so you can be calm when going through a tough or difficult time or situation.



## How can we show courage today?

We have established that as a Christian, our courage comes from God. Some of the practical ways we can show courage are as follows:

i. Believe on the promises of God. God says in Isaiah 41:10 that He will help you; well, it means He will help you. “Fear not, for I am with you... I am your God” (also see Proverbs 3:5 – 6).



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## How can we show courage today? (Contd.)

ii. Think about the promises of God and remind yourself of those promises when you don't feel courageous. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). You can only remember these promises if you read them; so, make sure to read your bible and pray every day. You can say these promises out loud to yourself too!

iii. Believe that you can do all things because of Jesus. When you think you are small, young, not important, or not intelligent, you will not be able to show courage when you need it. Think of yourself as intelligent, smart, capable, important and valuable because God is all those things, and He made you in His image – to be just like Him (see Philippians 4: 13).

iv. Sin can put fear in our hearts. The bible says in Proverbs 28:1, "The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion". Make sure you are not in the camp of sinners. When you make sinful choices, you invite the spirit of fear into your life. So, to be courageous, let go of your sinful habits and ask Jesus to forgive you and make you new on the inside. Then, you have nothing to be afraid of.

v. Be careful what you hear and listen to. Some games, songs, and videos can bring the spirit of fear into your life. Be intentional and choose to listen to messages and songs or watch videos that will inspire you to be bold and courageous (see Psalm 112:7).

vi. In Ephesians 6:10 – 13, God has given us His armor! Put on the whole armor of God so that you can be strong, bold and courageous. We have truth, godliness, the good news, faith, salvation, the word of God, and prayer. All these things will make you courageous.



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## How can we show courage today? (Contd.)

Today, more than ever, we need people that will be bold and courageous. We need people who will stand against sin and ungodliness in any form. We need people who will choose to boldly speak the truth even when they are afraid.

It takes courage to stand out and be different. Will you be bold and courageous for Jesus today?



## Memorize:

Psalm 56:3 – Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.



## Questions:

- i. Mention some of the things that might make you afraid.
- ii. How can you overcome your fears and show courage today?



**Remember:** That because God is always with you, you can be bold and courageous. You can overcome any challenges that you may face.



**Let us pray:** Dear God, thank You for your promise that you will always be with me and never leave me alone. Sometimes, I get scared and don't feel courageous at all. Please help me to remember that I am never alone, and you are always with me. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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