



# TAKE HOME WORKSHEET

LEVEL 3  
For 2nd and 3rd Graders

A Heart of Courage

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## KIDS!

Do AT LEAST THREE of the things on this sheet and CHECK THEM OFF in the checkboxes (☐) by the numbers.

Ask your MOM or DAD to remind you and help you to do this stuff, and then have them

Sign their name at the bottom to show that you did it (and write YOUR NAME there too!)

Bring this SIGNED Worksheet with you the next time you come to Truthopolis and turn it in for credit!

### 1.

**GIVE your MOM or DAD the FAMILY STUDY Sheet we sent home with you today.**

That way, they can learn the same stuff YOU learned!



### 2.

MEMORIZE  
this verse

## 1 Corinthians 16:13

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.



### 3.

ANSWER  
these  
questions

What does God tell us to do in our Memory Verse?

If we're afraid to do what's right, does that mean we shouldn't do it?

If we're afraid, does that mean God can't give us courage?

### 4.

Will God be with us when we obey Him, even if obeying Him scares us?

### APPLICATION Challenge:

Think of someone who doesn't know Jesus who you may be afraid to talk to. Pray that God will give you courage, and then obey Jesus' command to tell people the Good News by telling this person about Jesus.

### 5.

**READ your BIBLE and PRAY EVERY DAY!**

Check off each day here:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday   | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday |                                   |



## PARENTS!

Please sign your name below to verify that your child made an effort to learn and grow Spiritually. This sheet is to be returned to Truthopolis for credit the next time your child attends.

**This Week, My Child Did AT LEAST THREE of the Things Listed on This Sheet.**

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

My Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# FAMILY STUDY

A Heart of Courage



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## "A Heart of Courage"

### Courage is....

The true marker of a hero is one full of courage. The fireman who rushes into a blazing building to save a child and the soldier who rushes into the fray of the battle to help a wounded comrade are examples of great courage. Often people think of courage as the lack of fear, yet that is not courage at all. Courage is continuing on in spite of your fear, working through it, and not allowing the fear to conquer you.

Oxford American Dictionary defines courage as that "what makes someone capable of facing extreme danger and difficulty without retreating. It implies not only bravery and a dauntless spirit, but the ability to endure in times of adversity." Without retreating, enduring, persevering; these are the traits of courage. Yet where does this courage come from?

### Courage Comes through Fear...

It could be said that courage—at least godly courage—comes through fear. All the great heroes of the Bible were full of courage but also full of this fear. You cannot have one without the other. This fear is the fear of the Lord. Without fearing the Lord, Daniel would not have had the courage to face the lions. Without fear of the Lord, Esther would not have risked her life for her people. Without the fear of the Lord, David would not have challenged Goliath. Without the fear of the Lord, Joshua would not have conquered Jericho. The heroes of the Bible all had great courage, but that courage stemmed from fear—fear of the Lord. Their reverence for the Lord was greater than any other factor, and because they served God and honored Him, they received great courage. Study these examples:

Psalms 138:3      Proverbs 19:23      1 Corinthians 16:13

### Source of Courage

While many people have courage, there is a difference between godly courage and worldly courage. Goliath was the Philistines bravest hero, yet his courage came from a faulty source. He trusted in his physical stature and strength. Others have gained courage from their wealth, their political stature, or their intelligence. Yet all these sources of courage will fail you. Unfailing courage can only be found in Christ alone. Zechariah 4:6 tells us, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts." Only through trusting in God do we find unfailing courage. Consider these examples of people who were given courage by God:

Deuteronomy 31:6-8, 23      Joshua 1:5-9      1 Samuel 10:26  
1 Samuel 17:45-47      1 Chronicles 28:20      1 Chronicles 32:7-8  
Acts 4:13      Acts 9:31

### Courage in Battle

The word 'courage' often brings to mind images of soldiers in battle. We have many examples of this in the Bible. Even when the odds seemed overwhelming, the warrior who trusted and obeyed God was given the courage to carry out God's orders, and God Himself came alongside them to ensure victory and success. Below are several stories that illustrate great courage in battle.

**Joshua:** Joshua 5:13-6:27      **Gideon:** Judges 7      **David:** 1 Samuel 17  
**Jonathan:** 1 Samuel 14      **Hezekiah:** 2 Chronicles 32:1-23

### Courage in Great Tasks

The Bible also gives us examples of courage in the face of large and overwhelming tasks. Once again, to people who trusted God enough to obey Him, He gave the courage to tackle seemingly impossible tasks. This is how great things are accomplished. Instead of becoming discouraged, we should trust in God and let Him give us the courage we need.

**Solomon Building the Temple:** 1 Chronicles 22:11-13, 28:20

**Nehemiah and the Israelites Building the Wall:** Nehemiah 4

### Courage for Loving Confrontation

How many of us hate to confront people when they are doing wrong? Just the thought of it often sends dread into our hearts, yet God can give us the courage to speak and confront in love. These passages illustrate the point.

Psalms 141:5      Proverbs 27:5      Luke 17:3  
2 Timothy 4:2      Titus 2:15

#### Examples:

**Azariah had courage to confront a king's sin:** 2 Chronicles 26:16-20  
**Elijah confronted a king and a nation for their evil:** 1 Kings 18:17-42

### Courage to Witness

Many of us lack courage to witness to our friends and neighbors, but God will give us the courage to speak if we will only ask. Study the following examples of those who witnessed even when facing persecution.

**Peter and John boldly preached the gospels:** Acts 4:1-22

**Steven boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus:** Acts 7

#### More Passages for Study:

Luke 21:14-16      Ephesians 6:19-20      Philippians 1:14      1 Peter 4:11

### Courage in Facing Death

The ultimate test of courage is facing death. Many people in the Bible faced death because of their faith in the Lord. Stephen was bold in his witness yet died with great courage. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego entered the fiery furnace for standing up for their faith, and they were delivered. Daniel faced lions because he had the courage to pray publicly. The Apostles were thrown in jail for their stand. James was killed for his testimony. Paul and Peter were killed for their faith. When faced with the choice between denying God or dying for the faith, not one of these men gave in. That's courage!

**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego:** Daniel 3

**Daniel in the Lion's Den:** Daniel 6

**Persecution of the Apostles:** Acts 5

**Peter imprisoned and James killed:** Acts 12

#### More Passages for Study:

Philippians 1:20-21      2 Timothy 4:6-8

### Having A Heart of Courage

Courage begins in the heart. First, it begins with faith and trust in God and knowing who He is. Knowing that it is God who fights for us should give us the courage to face anything that comes our way. As Romans 8:31 says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" And indeed, as 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power!" Stand firm then, take courage, and trust in the Lord. He will give you the strength to be the hero He has called you to be!

Psalms 27:1      Luke 1:68-75      Romans 8:37-39  
1 Corinthians 16:13      1 Peter 3:5-6      1 John 4:18