

Welcome to our termly Christian Values newsletter from our Collective Worship Councillors

The aim of this newsletter is to tell you all about our chosen Christian Value.



Our Christian Value for this term is **Courage** and our focus Bible story is

The story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

The Bible tells us God promises to give us the strength and courage we need to face difficult or challenging situations.

Courage and perseverance go hand in hand. Courage guides us and our actions. We encourage our pupils to find the courage to use their voice, to ask big questions, to stand their ground and to try things that are out of their usual comfort zone. The word courage comes from the French word for heart. Take heart is another way of saying be courageous. We teach our pupils that being courageous doesn't mean that you aren't scared. We look to the Bible and to history for stories of courageous people who have been scared, but they stood up for what was right anyway. In the book of Joshua, it says 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go'. Jesus often said to people 'Don't be afraid'. That sentence turns up 365 times in the Bible! We teach our pupils that the Christian worldview is that when things seem difficult and hard they can rely on God to strengthen their courage.

TALK ABOUT COURAGE TOGETHER...

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

"Be strong and of good courage. The LORD will not leave you nor forsake you."
Deuteronomy 31:6

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."
Nelson Mandela

Courage



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 B O M F B Y A P H Y Q T T G Y J W
 P I X A P X R D R O U S U N L P N
 D T C R D P E E X H S D G I O E W
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FEARLESSNESS	ENDURANCE	RESOLUTION	BOLDNESS
VALOR	GUMPTION	TENACITY	VIRTUE
FORTITUDE	NERVE	MOXIE	GUTS
GALLANTRY	PERSEVERANCE	DETERMINATION	BACKBONE
DARING	BRAVERY		

Why do we have Christian Values?

We believe the Christian Values that we have chosen help us to live out our Academy Trust vision. We encourage our pupils to reflect on and articulate our values to each other, to you their parents and carers, to staff and to visitors. The Bible has so much to offer us in terms of positive personal, relational and community values. Its timeless wisdom can help us pass on to the next generation the qualities of life that are most valuable and which, as a Church school, we believe are not only God-given but also can be God-energised in our lives. We develop our values through modelling it to one another; looking at Christian scripture and stories in Collective Worship.

Through whole school worship, class worship, relationships and discussions, we use Bible stories to provide examples of our values and also explicitly give examples of how our pupils can show and recognise these values within our schools.