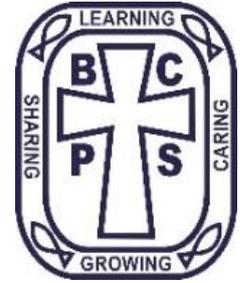


BROAD CHALKE C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Online Worship (WOW!) 29th June 2020



The one about courage



The WOW (Weekly Online Worship!) Newsletter is here to give everyone the opportunity to take part in an assembly. Parents can watch the video at home with their children and there are also ideas to try for holding your own assembly and follow up ideas. Teachers will be showing the videos in school. These assemblies are produced by the Church of England specifically for these times, understanding that it is very difficult for teachers to produce a quality video of a collective worship which is engaging. We are very grateful to the Church of England for helping schools in this way.

This week we are thinking about the value COURAGE. It can take courage to do something new. We call this 'stepping out of your comfort zone'. Sometimes we need courage to do what is right but it might not be popular with everyone. Courage is often about continuing to do what you would normally do even when faced with extraordinary situations. Many Christians believe that God asks us to offer our skills, talents and abilities in the face of adversity, and that he will use that courageousness to achieve great things. The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word 'cor' = heart.

Bible Quote

If we have courage we can encourage others to do the same.
'Encourage one another and build one another up.' (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

I hope that by watching this video the 'take away' from it will be that it helps you to feel a little more courageous as we face change. Trust something bigger than yourself, take in the beauty of the world and fill your life with positive influences. Change 'I can't do it' into 'I can do it!'.



I hope you enjoy the assembly.

With love from Mrs Brockway xxx

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO WATCH THE ASSEMBLY (It's only 9 minutes 22 secs long!)

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home/faith-home-videos/collective-worship-primary-schools-episode-2-courage>



Follow up Activities

Ideas for your own Collective Worship

First of all, find a small stone and hold it in your hand. Next, find a place where you can be still, without interruptions. You might like to light a candle. I wonder what or who you think of when you hear the word courage? I wonder if you can think of a time when you had to have courage? As you hold your small stone think if something this small can make any difference to anything?

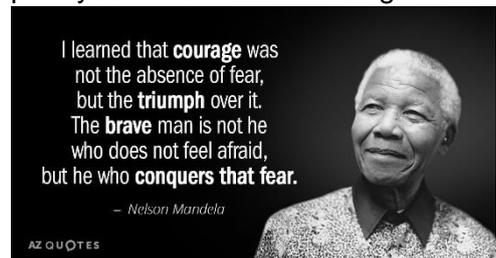


BIBLE QUOTE: Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9).

HYMN: The children will know the hymn 'Be Bold, Be Strong'. See if they can remember this hymn!

KEY QUOTE OF THE WEEK: 'A hero is an ordinary individual that finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles' (Christopher Reeve) You might want to look up who Christopher Reeve was (an actor who played superman but who was tragically paralysed after a horse-riding accident.)

THINK: Nelson Mandela had to have courage. (Someone else that you can look up to learn more). Can you find out why? Do you agree with Nelson Mandela's definition of courage? How is it different from what other people say about courage?



BIBLE STORY



Look up the Bible story about '**David and Goliath**'. David shows courage when facing up to a soldier so tall that he is described as a giant. He shows courage by using his talents and skills in the face of an extraordinary threat. In some ways, David felt no different facing Goliath than he would have facing a lion or bear that was threatening his sheep...he believed that the same God who gave him courage to do this would be with him in facing Goliath. **That was the secret of his courage (but please don't copy David and throw stones!).**

Our worries and anxieties can sometimes feel like GIANTS. Think about these things, you may like to draw them or write them down. It is ok to feel worried or anxious about these things. Many Christians believe that God promises to help, guide, strengthen and fill them with courage, just as he did David. I wonder if you need some courage to face your GIANTS like David did?

Find someone you trust to talk to about your GIANTS. It is always better to share your worries with someone else. Look again at your small stone...

I wonder, how might you be courageous like David this week?

I wonder, how might you help someone else who is feeling worried and anxious this week?

Could you help them to be courageous by encouraging or helping them?

PRAY: Dear God, I know that you are always with me today and in the future. Give me courage to do the big things, the little things and the difficult things that will make a difference to someone else today. Amen

1. GIVE THANKS for something that was good today
2. ASK FOR HELP with something that scares you at the moment
3. REFLECT on your day and think about the things that have given you courage
4. SAY SORRY for the times you have lacked courage, or discouraged someone else
5. DECIDE how you will keep hold of your courage tomorrow

Blow out your candle as a sign that your time of worship has finished.

If any children do follow up activities please do send them by email to your child's class teacher to share with me and to add to Instagram or our website. Here are some ideas:

Write your own prayer or poem about courage.

Write your own prayer / poem to say thank you to the people who give you courage.

Write and colour the word courage and send a photo in to school of you holding the word. (Instagram!)

Take a photo of your child with a worship candle.