

# SEPTEMBER 2025

## COURAGE

**when God helps  
you to be brave  
enough to do hard  
things**

God has given each of us a key role to play in His story, but that doesn't mean the journey will be easy. As we continue to follow the history of God's people, we discover that Moses wasn't ready for his leading role; that Joshua and Caleb had to go against the flow; that Rahab put everything on the line for the sake of a God worshiped by her enemies; and that Ruth set aside the safety of home to forge into the unknown. God's people were on the move, but every new step was an act of courage. While our kids aren't facing down an Egyptian ruler, they still need courage to do difficult things every single day. You can remind them that feeling scared doesn't mean they can't be brave. In fact, courage means trusting God to help you be brave.

**WEEK 1:** Moses  
(Exodus 3--6:12; 7--12:42;  
13:17--14:31)

**God can give you courage when  
you don't feel ready.**

**WEEK 2:** Joshua and the Spies  
(Numbers 13--14)

**God can give you courage when  
others are afraid.**

**WEEK 3:** Rahab Helps the Spies  
(Joshua 2,  
supporting Joshua 6:22-25)

**God can give you courage to help  
someone in need.**

**WEEK 4:** Ruth  
(Ruth 1,  
supporting Ruth 2--4)

**God can give you courage when you  
don't know what's next.**

## MEMORY VERSE:

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."

Psalms 56:3, NIV

# ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



## MORNING TIME

As your kid starts her day, remind her about a time you saw her do something new or something that she was afraid to do, but she did it anyway. Say a prayer of thanks to God for giving her courage to do hard things.



## MEAL TIME

At a meal this month, have everyone at the table answer these questions: "What is something happening soon that you are preparing for? Do you feel ready to do it? How can God help you do that hard thing?"



## DRIVE TIME

While on the go, help your kid memorize this month's verse. "When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3. Recite it together all month long.



## BED TIME

Pray with each other: "Father in heaven, sometimes I see all the things I can't do instead of remembering all the things you've helped me do. Open my eyes to realize that whatever you ask me to do, I don't have to do alone. You're with me, and I can have courage because of it."

## PARENT TIP:

It's here! Whether a big, yellow bus picks up your child, or you learn from your own living room, the first day of school has arrived. Here are a few reminders and pieces of advice...

First, pray. Pray hard. And then pray some more. Seek God's face. Cover your child, the teacher, the class, and the school with prayer. This must be your first and best plan.

Second, take advantage of the new daily rhythms to build spiritual habits in your family. Analyze your school-day routine. Where can you adjust those daily moments to include a snippet of God's Word, a prayer, a blessing for your child, etc.? If you need a few ideas, I highly recommend the book *Habits of the Household* by Justin Whitmel Earley. Even if you don't think you have time to read a whole book right now...believe me, I get it!...just read the introduction and the first chapter. You'll get the picture, and you can dream up some very, very simple ways that you can shift what you are already doing to create even more wonderful opportunities to point your child to God.

Third, become a student yourself. Of utmost importance is growing in your spiritual wisdom and your relationship with God. And don't forget to be a student of your child, too. As he grows, you'll need to keep studying him to know how to best come alongside him. God tailors His parenting to each of us, so we should take a cue from Him and tailor our parenting to the needs of each individual child.