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Living Life To The Fullest John 10:10b

Courage

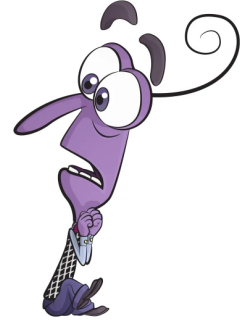
*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go. (Joshua 1:9)*



THINK!

Have you ever felt really afraid and not been able to do something? Maybe it was having a go at that challenging piece of learning? Or maybe it was getting that spider out of the bathroom!?

Courage is the quality shown by someone who does something difficult or dangerous, even though they may be afraid. (Collins Dictionary).



We all face difficult and scary moments in life. Moments when we might choose to avoid the challenge and not do anything. Maybe out of fear of failure or the problem feels too big for us.



LOOK!

In the Bible, God gives us many reasons why we can take courage when facing difficult situations.

- 1. Presence:** God is with us! In Jesus, we can know God personally walking with us through life. (Mark 6:49-51)
 - 2. Power:** God gives us his Spirit! The Holy Spirit helps us when we feel weak or scared. (Ephesians 3:16)
 - 3. Promises:** God has promised that he will never leave us and we can trust in his words. (Isaiah 41:10)
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KEY VERSE!

But Jesus spoke to them and said, "Have courage! It is I! Do not be afraid." Then he got into the boat with them. And the wind became calm. The followers were greatly amazed. (Mark 6:49-51)



PRAY!

Thank you God that you give us courage so we can do difficult things.
Amen

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Integrity

The honest person will live safely.

But the one who is dishonest will be caught. (Proverbs 10:9)



THINK!

Imagine finding a lost toy on the floor or maybe even a £20 note! What would you do? Would you keep it or would you hand it in and try to find out who it belongs to?

Integrity means doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Living in such a way that shows honesty, responsibility and following your values and what you know to be right.



This is hard but becoming someone of integrity is really important if we are to build together a safer and fairer society. Your own decisions and acts of honesty can make a big difference!



LOOK!

God takes integrity really seriously because he knows it is a good thing. It is also something that shows what he is like!

Jesus is a perfect example of integrity. After he was baptised, he went into the desert to fast and pray. It was here that Satan came to him to try and break his integrity and cause Jesus to go against what God wanted him to do. With God's word and help, Jesus still did what was right. (Matthew 4:1-11)

We too can live with integrity by following his example and asking God for help when like Jesus, we are tempted to go away from what is good and right.



KEY VERSE!

Good people will be guided by honesty.

But dishonesty will destroy those who are not trustworthy. (Proverbs 11:3)



PRAY!

God, please help me to live with integrity. To do what is right even when people are not watching. Amen

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Love

I may understand all the secret things of God and all knowledge; and I may have faith so great that I can move mountains. But even with all these things, if I do not have love, then I am nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2b



THINK!

In the English language, the word love gets used for all kinds of different reasons. I might say to my family or close friends, "I love you!", I might say "I love football!" or "I love pizza!" Yet the kind of love we mean is often very different! Hopefully you love your family more than pizza!

Love is often described as a feeling but it is much more than that! In the Bible, the language was written in Hebrew and Greek and the word love is used in many different ways. We can show love to our friends, show love to our family and show love in the way God shows love.



LOOK!

One of the best pictures we have of love is the love that God shows to us. The Bible says that God is love! (1 John 4:8)

His love was seen most clearly in Jesus Christ. He didn't just feel love, he acted in love and sent his own Son to fix the mess in our world and make us his friends again. His big, exciting gift to us was Jesus!

How might you be able to show love to the people in your life? Maybe through kind words, an action or giving them a gift to show how much you love them.



KEY VERSE!

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.
(John 3:16)



PRAY!

Thank you God for your love. Help me to love others as you have loved us. Amen