

**Coweta FCA Elementary Lesson Plans**

**Courage**

**Game Time**

**How Brave Are You?**

* Form two lines and have the students face each other. They will extend their arms to make a safe place for someone to fall into.
* Pick one volunteer to fall backward. This person should cross their arms in front of them as they fall as to not hit others.
* Prepare the catchers they must catch the person. It is not an option to let the student fall. The sponsor should be in the group with the students in a position to help catch the student in case the students do not catch him.
* The person falling backward must have courage the team will not let them fall. The team must show courage as they catch the person. They do not want to get hit.
* The team can rotate to be the ones who fall vs. the ones who catch the student.

**Big Idea**

Courage comes from faith knowing God is always with us.

**Memory Verse**

**“Have I not commanded you? 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

**Definitions**

**Biblical definition of courage:** The ability to do something brave out of a motivation of the heart.

**Bible Story**

**1 Samuel 17**

Our Bible story is about David and Goliath. David was an Israelite and Goliath was a Philistine. They were enemies and Goliath was a bully. He kept making fun of and threatening the Israelites. King Saul and the Israelites were afraid to fight him.

David had brothers who were fighting in a battle. David was sent by his father to visit them and bring back information. David heard Goliath making fun of Israel and mocking God.

David showed courage and volunteered to fight Goliath. David was young and he was small. He was not a soldier. King Saul let him fight and offered him the use of his armor to protect him. David refused and went with just his sling and 5 smooth stones.

Goliath laughed when he saw David. David told him even though Goliath had a sword and spear, he came in the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. God would keep him safe. David was courageous and he had faith in God.

David put a rock in his sling and shot one of the rocks at Goliath’s head. It hit him in the middle of his forehead. It sunk in the middle and he fell. David picked up Goliath’s sword, killed Goliath, and cut off his head.

The Philistines ran when they saw Goliath was dead. Israel won the battle because of David’s courage.

**Devotion**

Courage is not a feeling. It is the ability to do something that scares us.

The Bible gives us many stories to show us God is on our side and He will help us.

Moses was called by God to go back to Egypt. He faced a Pharaoh who was not kind to his people. God promised to be with Moses as he led his people away from Pharaoh and across the Red Sea.

Joshua faced many challenges and changes. He became the commander of the Israelites (and they did not listen very well). God promised He would be with him all the time if Joshua obeyed God. He led the battle of Jericho and made the walls fall.

Daniel was placed in the lion’s den with a hungry lion. God saved him. He was also put in a fiery furnace with his friends. God kept them safe and they did not burn.

Throughout the Bible, men and women faced their fears and showed courage. God was always with them. God will always be with you too. Pray for wisdom and pray for courage. God will honor your prayers.

**Discussion Questions**

1. Why did David go to the battlefield the first time? (To visit his brothers and to bring back information)
2. Why was Goliath so scary to the Israelites? (He was a giant and exceptionally large)
3. How did David kill Goliath? (He used a sling shot and 5 smooth stones)
4. Who gave David the courage to kill Goliath? (God)

**Campus Huddle Checklist**

□ Speaker confirmed?

□ Do you have a printed list of who is registered to attend your campus huddle? All students who attend must be registered. If someone shows up and is not registered, please have a form ready to send home or contact the parent to register for the next meeting.

□ Music selected and equipment/supplies ready?

□ Are you having breakfast? If so, has it been ordered?

□ Do you need paper goods for breakfast?

□ Are you doing any type of take away item?

**Prepare for Campus Huddle**

* Print out definitions and memory verse as well as any take home papers.

**Campus Huddle Suggested Itinerary**

**Suggested Template and Time Frame**

Depending on your time constraints, this may be changed to fit the needs of your school.

**7:00-7:05 – Check-in**

Please have a checklist of all registered students available. **Students must register before they can attend.**

**7:05-7:15 – Large group worship, no more than 3 songs when combined with a game.**

Songs can be led from You Tube or can be presented by a worship leader.

**7:15-7:30 – Speaker**

This should be a coach, children’s pastor, student pastor, church staff, or school staff. Please keep in mind that whoever the speaker is, they MUST be preapproved by FCA staff. We will have some contacts of speakers on the Coweta FCA Elementary resources page on our website at CowetaFCA.org.

**7:30 – Dismissal**

* Always close in prayer prior to dismissing the students, you could have the speaker, a student (who was asked beforehand), or Coweta FCA staff pray.
* You could have the students do prayer requests on index cards as they leave.
* Many schools like to dismiss to music.
* Some schools prefer to hand breakfast out as the students leave.