



FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



March 6th, 2023

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

MAGNANIMITY

This week's virtue is not commonly used in every day conversation and instruction. Magnanimity, or being magnanimous, is the virtue of being great of mind and heart. It encompasses, usually, a willingness to face danger and actions for noble purposes, generous in forgiving an insult or injury; free from petty resentfulness or vindictiveness. Wow, that is a lot to live up to! Noah spent years building the ark and completing preparations that came with it. Up until this time rain had never fallen upon the earth. Can you imagine the ridicule and doubt that people must have had toward him? And yet, Noah did not react when they most likely labeled him as a fool and were slanderous to him and his family. What faith Noah had in God! Nothing could deter Noah and his work that God commanded he carry out. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." It is only through having great faith that we can have the confidence to be magnanimous in every situation, just like Noah.

Ideas for Families:

- **Read & Discuss together:**
Hebrews 11
- **Pray:** Lord God, guide our actions and words to be an example of magnanimity to those around us. Give us great faith, like Noah, to do your will.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9