



SEPTEMBER LESSON
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Monthly Overview

Week	Bible Story	Bottom Line	Conversation Starter
1	Moses Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42, 13:17-14:31	God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.	When have you tried something new?
2	Joshua and the Spies Numbers 13-14:35	God can give you courage when others are afraid.	What are people afraid of?
3	Rahab Helps the Spies Joshua 2 Supporting: Joshua 6:22-25	God can give you courage to help someone in need.	When has someone helped you?
4	Ruth Ruth 1 Supporting: Ruth 2-4	God can give you courage when you don't know what's next.	What is the bravest thing you've ever done?



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Weekly Summaries

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1	Moses	Though he's a larger-than-life figure to us now, Moses actually didn't feel prepared for any of the challenges he faced. When God called to Moses out of a burning bush and told him to go to Pharaoh, Moses protested—even when God gave him signs. But God was patient with Moses and gave him the courage and help he needed to go before Pharaoh and order the release of God's people. God helped Moses to brave the ten plagues and the flight from Egypt. And God helped Moses to stand firm when God's people were trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army. [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage when you don't feel ready.
2	Joshua and the Spies	After a long journey through the wilderness, Moses and God's people neared the land that God had promised to them. But when Moses sent out twelve spies to survey the land, they came back with mixed reports. While the spies all agreed the land was full of good things, ten of the spies were fearful of the people who lived there in strong, walled cities. Joshua and Caleb alone encouraged the people that God was with them and would help them take the land. But when God's people gave in to panic instead of listening to Joshua, God told Moses the people must now wander in the wilderness for 40 years. Only Joshua and Caleb would live to enter the Promised Land. [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage when others are afraid.
3	Rahab Helps the Spies	Nearly forty years later, it was at last time for God's people, now led by Joshua, to enter the Promised Land. But the strong-walled city of Jericho guarded the entrance to the new land. So Joshua sent two spies into the city, where they met a woman named Rahab. Instead of reporting the men, she risked everything to hide them from danger. Because of this, Rahab and her family were saved when God's people conquered Jericho. [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage to help someone in need.
4	Ruth	When Naomi returned home to Bethlehem from Moab, after losing her husband and sons, she expected to go back alone. But her daughter-in-law Ruth chose to give up her homeland and everything she knew to make the long journey to Bethlehem with Naomi... even though she had no idea what would happen to her there. Once they arrived, Ruth continued to help her mother-in-law. Because of Ruth's courage, God gave her a new family, and Ruth even became part of the family line of Jesus. [BOTTOM LINE] God can give you courage when you don't know what's next.



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