

LIT KIT



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COURAGE

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Courage is the ability to do the right thing, even if it scares you. When have you been courageous? When have you seen someone do something courageous?

IN THIS KIT: STORIES OF FOUR ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO SHOWED COURAGE IN THEIR LIVES. AS YOU READ, THINK ABOUT HOW COURAGE LOOKS DIFFERENT FOR EACH OF THEM.

- Rosa Parks
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Amelia Earhart
- Sacagawea

DISCUSS: AFTER READING EACH BOOK, USE THESE QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION.

Rosa Parks

- When Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger, she was breaking the rules. When can breaking the rules be the right thing to do?

Martin Luther King Jr.

- When Martin Luther King Jr. was little, his parents told him that it was "better to have more love in his life than more hate." How do you think this idea shaped Dr. King's life?

Amelia Earhart

- Amelia Earhart said that she wasn't a naturally talented pilot, she just worked harder than anyone else. How can hard work help you achieve your dreams?

Sacagawea

- Sacagawea left her home to help Lewis and Clark navigate across North America. How can a courageous act help other people?

PLAY:

Pull three toy people out of the bag without looking. Can you tell a story about courage using all three of them? How do people in our community show courage every day?



ACT: LIVE OUT THE VALUE OF COURAGE AT HOME OR IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Try something new! Is there something you've always wanted to do but you were too nervous to try? Gather some friends (or family), and do something courageous together!

KEEP READING: Read more about these heroes, the times that they lived and the theme of courage.

- "A Girl Named Rosa" by Denise Lewis Patrick
- "Sharing the Dream" by Shelia P. Moses
- "Women Who Led the Way" by Mick Manning
- "Zara in the Middle" by Erika Lynne Jones
- "How to Be Brave Like a Snail" by Naseem Hrab
- "Piper Chen Sings" by Phillipa Soo

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must take it because conscience tells him it is right." - Martin Luther King Jr.

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." - Rosa Parks

*"Never do things others can do and will do, if there are things others cannot do or will not do."
- Amelia Earhart*

"Amazing the things you find when you bother to search for them." - Sacagawea

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