

Be Brave

Week 4: Be bold

Bible: 2 Corinthians 3:11-12

Bottom Line: We can boldly come to God.

OPENING GAME: Bold Rush

Divide your family into two teams.

Explain: Your challenge is this: I will give you 15 minutes to set up an obstacle course. It will need to be attempted with something on your head that cannot fall off... so keep that in mind. Make this course as difficult as possible.

You can use things that you find in the room, but be sure that you can set this room up exactly as you found it when we came in here.

Once the courses are set up, give each person a paper or plastic cup and explain that they must put this cup on their head and NOT touch it from that point on.

Say: Ok, now that you have set up your obstacle course and you have your cup on your head... the objective is that every person on your team must go through the obstacle course THAT YOU SET UP without their cup falling off.

If anyone's cup falls off their head, the team must start over.

Be creative and use what you know about your course that you set up.

The first team to make it through their course wins.

Now, switch it up and have them go through their opponent's courses.

Time the teams. The winning team is the one that goes through the course the quickest.

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

1. Which obstacle course did you think was the hardest? What made it hard?
2. How much harder was it to do the course with the cup on your head?
3. How could these courses be a metaphor for life?

How would you describe these words?

- Brave
- Strong
- Confident
- Bold

This series has been about being brave and today, we are going to take it to the next step, which is to *continue* to be brave, strong, confidence... and to be bold.

I want you to think of a situation in which you could choose to be bold, or not. What would you say is the opposite of being bold?

Have you met anyone who is bold?

I want to share a story with you about a man named Tim Sweeney.

Tim Sweeney is 47 years old, and he is the creator of Fortnite.

He has been programming games since he was 11 years old... so that's 36 years that he's been honing his craft.

He came up with the idea for Fortnite in 2011 – that's 7 years ago!

He released it in beta testing in 2015 to 50,000 people, and that research helped create the game that some of you play now.

You know, coming up with an idea is one thing, but sharing it with others and letting them criticize it – is bold!

But, Tim Sweeney wanted to create a game that was awesome – so, he did something bold.

Another thing to note is that he didn't give up... he kept trying to get better and better.

There's a lot that we can learn from someone who doesn't quit, and pushes through feelings of doubt, wondering if they will ever see success.

Each of us face times in our lives when we have to make a choice: to be bold or to be ashamed that we might fail or things might go wrong.

Being bold sometimes means that you aren't silent.

You don't take the easy way out of a situation but you stand up when you see injustice. You stand and do what you know is right when it seems like 'everyone else' is doing the wrong thing. It means that you act based on who you ARE.

Have you spent time really thinking about this question: *Who* am I?

Or ask it this way: *Whose* am I?

Because if your answer to this question is that you belong to God... then, how your answer to this question has really powerful ramifications, doesn't it?

You are Brave.

You are confident.

You are Strong.

And you must be Bold.

And you are all of these things because you belong to Christ.

To be bold means that you remember at all times that it is Christ who fills you with his spirit.

You don't do anything on your own strength.

You serve a God who emptied Himself out for you.

You belong to Christ who fills you with His strength and love and courage.

You don't do this on your own strength.

Even though life will be tough and you might feel so completely empty, if you allow Christ to fill you up, you can be bold.

He will guide you. He will fill you. He goes with you.

If you have paper cups, have your kids write words or phrases on their cup that will help them to remember who they are in Christ. Suggestions: brave, bold, filled. Whatever words really stick with them. If you don't have cups, use regular cups and write the words on sticky notes or paper and tape them to the cups.

After they are done, have your kids come forward one at a time and pour water into their cup and prayerfully say these words:

May Christ fill you with Himself.

Be bold.

End in prayer!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when you could have been bold in your faith, but you were afraid?
2. What words did you write on the cup to remind you to be bold?
3. What is one way that you can remind yourself who you are in Christ?
4. Think of one situation that is overwhelming to you: how does that change if you see it remembering that Christ is with you?
5. Which of these qualities do you need to be reminded of the most: to be brave, strong, confident or bold?
6. Is there anything that you've been afraid to try because you might fail?
7. Are there gift and talents that you may have that can be developed over time, if you don't give up?
8. How was Jesus bold in the way that He lived his life on earth?