

Courage from Jesus

Bible Story • Paul's Courageous Nephew • Acts 23:12-35



God's Word

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be men of courage; be strong."

1 Corinthians 16:13

For Younger Children:

"Have courage to do what is right."

God's Word & Me

When it's hard to do what is right,
Jesus gives me courage.

Missions Focus

What might a missionary need courage to do?

Who might Jesus give to help a
missionary have courage?

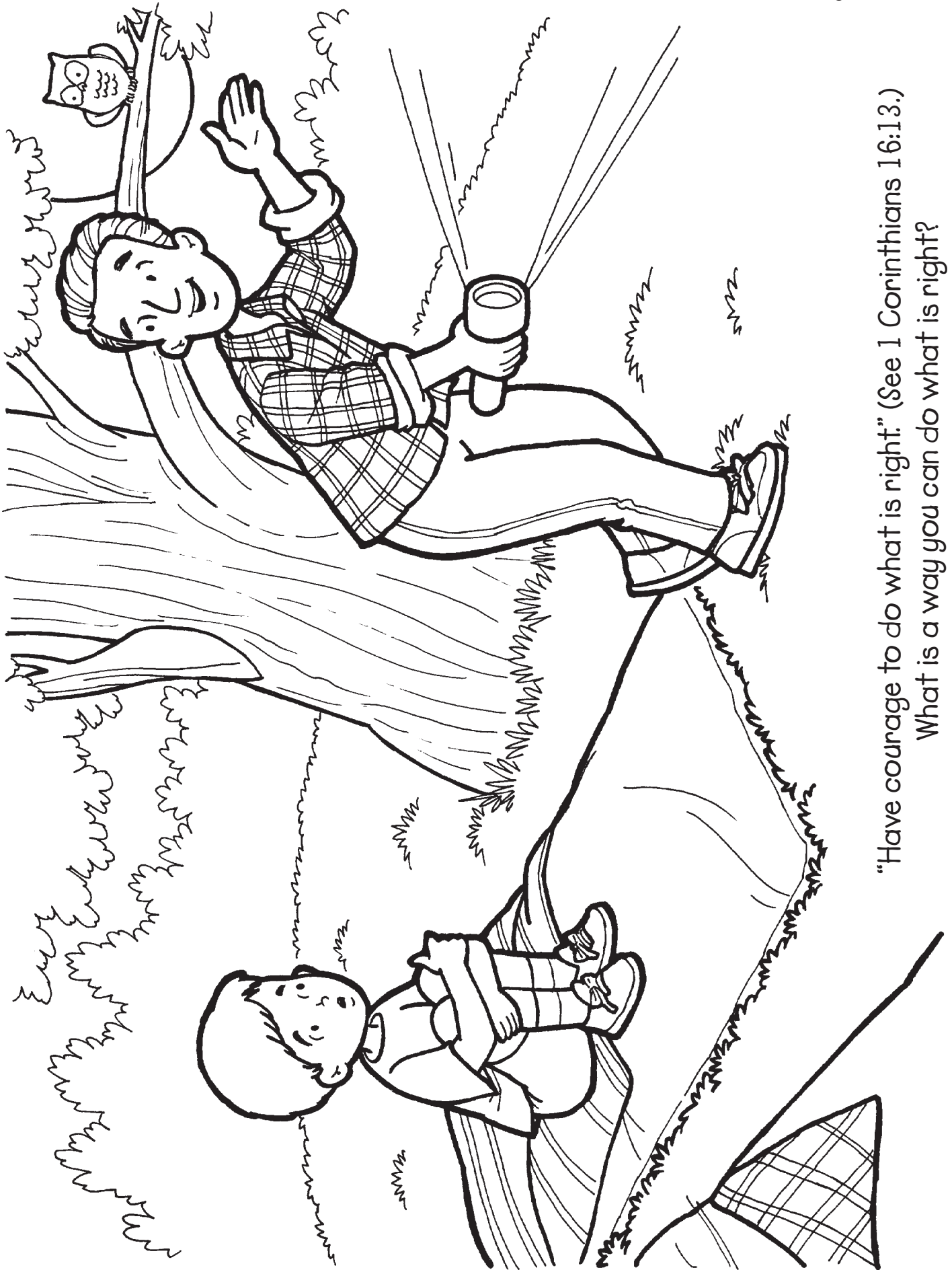
What promise of Jesus would help
a missionary have courage?

Teacher's Devotional

It's hard enough to be a kid, but being a kid and doing what is right—especially when friends are not—is even tougher. We all have succumbed to peer pressure at some time; it takes courage to do what is right when others are going their own way! That's one reason it is satisfying to see a child do right, especially when it's not easy or has no tangible payoff.

God had put Paul's nephew in the right place at the right time to find out about the plot against Paul. More than that, Paul's nephew did the right thing with what he heard. He thoughtfully brought the information to Paul and then to those in authority. He didn't expect anything in return (except his uncle's safety), but God protected Paul's life in an unusual way through his nephew's right action.

The courage which right action requires is more likely to be "caught than taught." When parents, grandparents, teachers and mentors consistently model that kind of courageous attitude, our children see it! Our actions can often encourage them to do right more powerfully than words alone ever could. We need to make sure our actions—in church and out—reveal what we believe. Action and example do far more than any words we speak to help give our children courage to do what is right!



“Have courage to do what is right.” (See 1 Corinthians 16:13.)
What is a way you can do what is right?

Bugs in the Berries!

Do bugs “bug” you? If you’re going to pick berries, you’ll have to find out what these bugs are telling you! Use the bug shapes and the berry patterns to decipher each word. Get close—be brave!

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What will you ask Jesus to help you do this week?

What is one thing you need courage to do?