

# Tonight's

passage – Joshua 1. <sup>1-11</sup>

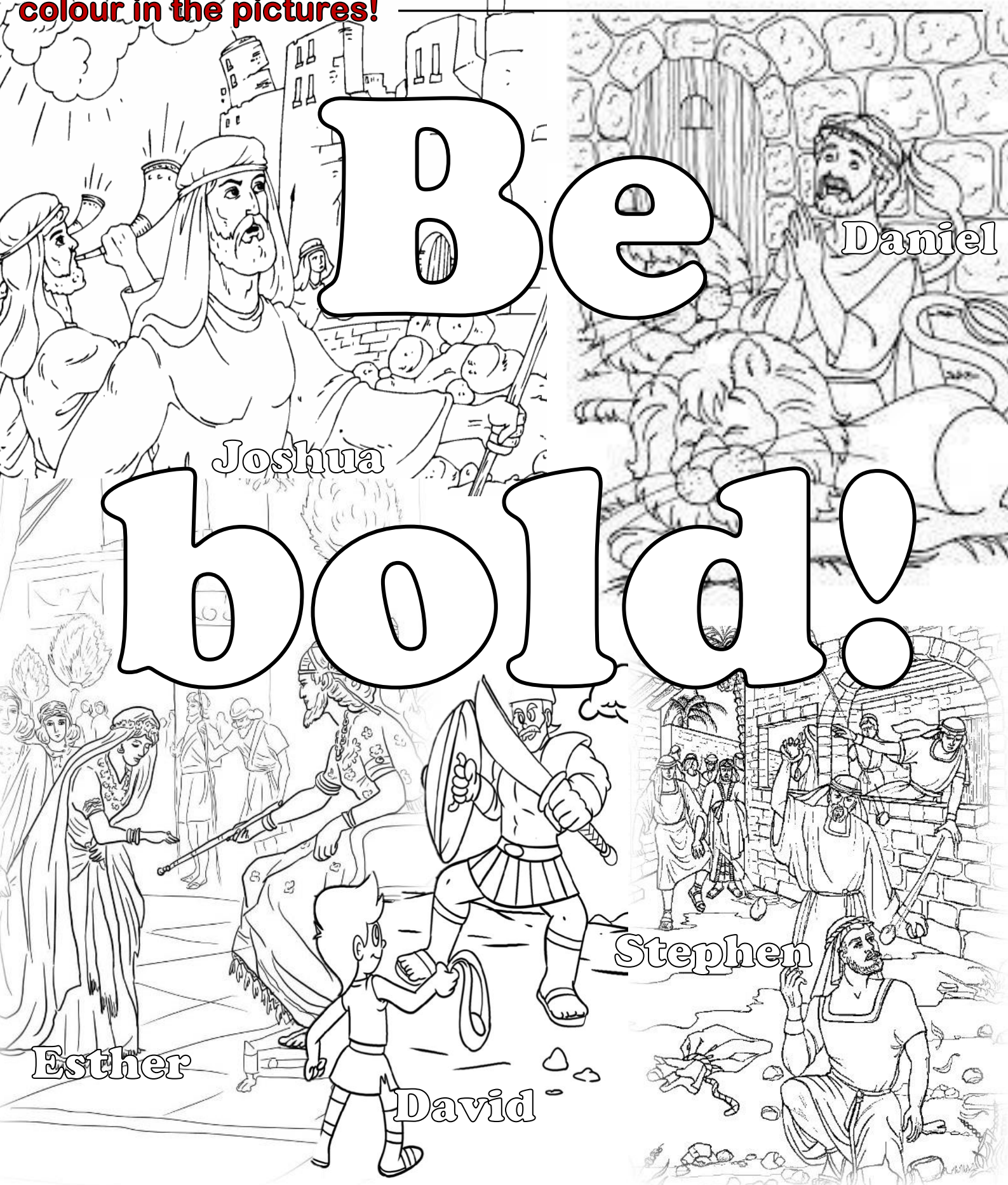
theme – **Be bold!**



The words 'Be bold' appear on every single page of this worksheet!

See if you can spot them on each page, starting with this page (not hard!)

colour in the pictures!



**Be**

Daniel

Joshua

**bold!**

Stephen

Esther

David

Read

## Joshua 1.<sup>1-6</sup>



After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant: <sup>2</sup>'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the River Jordan into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites.

<sup>3</sup> I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup> Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates (all the Hittite country) to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

<sup>5</sup> No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

**Lots of the stories in the Bible are about people who were really bold.**

Daniel. David. Esther. Joshua. Stephen.

And loads of others too.

They were all really brave.

Not because they weren't scared but because they knew that God is stronger than anyone – He would always help them.

**Do you know what the most repeated command in the Bible is?**

Here it is –

**D \_ N \_ \_ B \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_**

.. which is just another way of saying ...

**Be bold!**

**Good leaders have to be bold.**

Sometimes they have to make difficult decisions.  
Sometimes they have to face dangerous situations.  
Sometimes they have to fight powerful enemies.

**Tonight's passage is about a leader called Joshua.**

He's one of the most important leaders in the Bible.

His name is the Hebrew for **Jesus**, and the story of Joshua helps us to learn what Jesus does for us as our leader.

Joshua was the man chosen by God to bring the people into the land which God had promised to them – a good land, with lots of room for them all.

**Jesus is the Leader God has given us. We're to follow Him, because He'll bring us to the 'promised land' of heaven!**



**Joshua**

the Lord makes



Read

**Joshua 1.3-6**

# promises

Take another look at what the Lord said to Joshua when He told him to **be bold** (“be strong and courageous” – verse 6).

The Lord made a number of promises.

See if you can spot all the promises which the Lord made to Joshua, and write them down in the boxes below.

*I've given you the start of each promise – see if you can fill in the rest of the promise ...*



**3** I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. **4** Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates (all the Hittite country) to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

**5** No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

God is faithful to fulfill all His promises.

**I will give you** .....

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**No one will be** .....

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**I will be with** .....

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**You will lead** .....

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Read

# Joshua 1.<sup>7-9</sup>

# the Lord gives His Word

<sup>7</sup> 'Be strong and very courageous.

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

<sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous.** Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

What happens if you're not very brave?

**How can you be brave when you're not?**

If Joshua was to be a good leader, he would need to be strong and courageous.

*Can you see how 3 times in the passage (vv.1-9) the Lord tells Joshua to be strong and courageous?*

Joshua was to trust God's promises.

But he was also to study God's Word. Fill in the missing words below ...

**He was to read it**

**Keep this Book of the Law**

on

**He was to study it**

**meditate on it**

and

**He was to obey it**

**be careful to do**

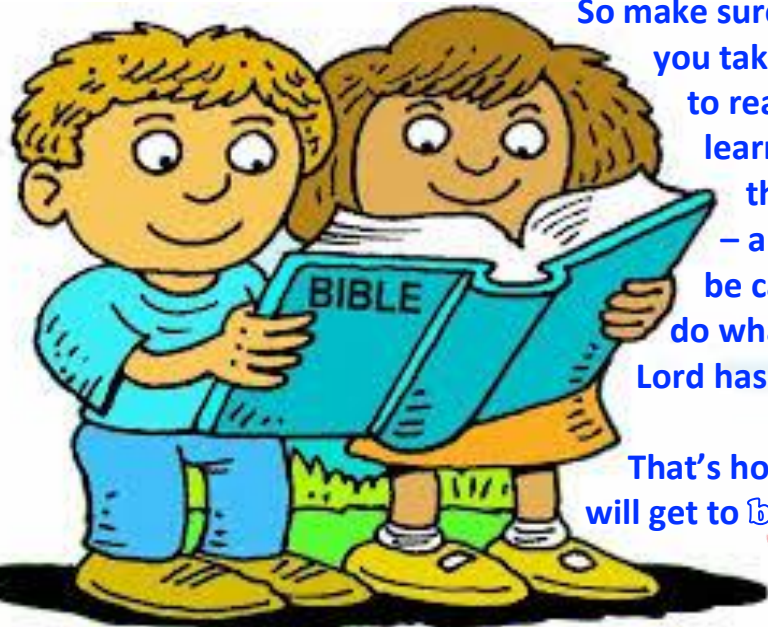
**in it**

**Learn what the Lord is like and then trust Him always!**

The Lord means *you* to be courageous!

So make sure that you take time to read and learn from the Bible – and then be careful to do what the Lord has said!

That's how you will get to be bold





Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet. Speak to God about what you've learned.

Lord Jesus, it's exciting to learn about people like Joshua and how You called them to serve You.

Quite scary, too!

Sometimes I'm scared of what other people will think of me if I tell them that I'm trusting You and following You.

I get scared, as well, of what they might say to me or what they might do to me: I'm not really very brave at all!

Help me to remember that You have promised always to be with Your people to help us.

Help me to remember, too, that You are so strong that because You're with me no one will be able to stand against me!



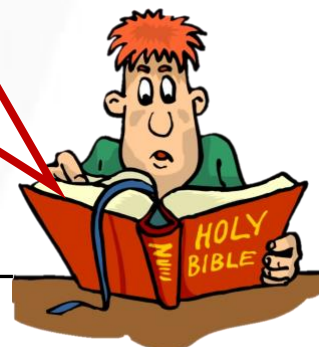
I'm glad to be Your servant. Help me always to be bold!

# Today's verse for you to try and remember!

PROMISE!

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1.<sup>9</sup>



# A WORDSEARCH ..

Here's a wordsearch taken from Joshua 1.9

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W C G A J A O K X J L I S B V W D  
M O K B J O C P K X K R U L O R D  
B I F L P Y S F I L G G O E Y D L  
D E M O Q D Z H U O O B E Y R E H  
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F H C Z O I M A T N S A C J V I E  
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D X L P M N O J L F H A Y Z T F M  
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M I F O G E X H Q B O C G R G N H  
W T I P U L O X Y H A I P T M T T  
P A P W G E V G I C U J G K Y L K

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Near  
Worry  
Lord  
God

Courageous  
Problem  
Joshua

Strong  
Mercy  
Frightened

Promise  
Goodness  
Dismayed

# COLOUR in the picture

The walls of Jericho collapsed as Joshua led the people round the city's big walls: you can read the story in Joshua 6.

