



Family Guide

Leading your family to be strong
and courageous



Courage Memory Verse

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Proverbs 9:10

Basic Truth

Living like Jesus starts with listening to God.

Life Application

Play a quick game with your kids to help them learn why it's important to listen to God.

Wrap a blindfold around the eyes of one family member or have them close their eyes. Have another family member take the "blind" person across the room. Tell the "blind" person that he or she has one minute to get back to rest of family with their eyes closed and that the remaining family members will be his or her guide. The "blind" people can't be led by the hand; they must follow only the instructions they hear from the rest of family. Let each family member have a turn being the blind one.

Follow the game by asking these questions:

- How easy or difficult was it to listen to our voices?
- What techniques did you use to listen well?
- What would happen if you didn't listen to our voices?

Read the memory verse aloud and then explain that living like Jesus starts with listening to God. We must listen to God if we want to follow Jesus. It's just like the game when we had to listen to each other if we wanted to make it across the room safely.

How can we listen to God? Brainstorm with your family a few ways that we can hear from God. You might include reading the Bible, listening to parents and Bible class teachers, and prayer.

Finish by praying that everyone in your family will have the courage to listen to God.