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SCHOOL VALUES





Grace means to get something that you do not deserve. Jesus' greatest act of **grace** is the gift of salvation, which means we are still loved and can live forever in heaven with God, even though sometimes we get things wrong.

When the Israelites were led out of Egypt they spent years walking through the desert. They started to grumble against God but God in his love provided food and water and they finally entered the promise land.

“The Lord answered Moses, ‘Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock and water will come out of it for the people to drink.’ So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’” Ex 16/17





Courage is the ability to do something that frightens us. There is a direct link between faith and **courage**. If our faith is strong, we'll be **courageous**. But if our faith is weak, we'll lack the **courage** we need to stand strong as God's children.

Jesus' disciples were in a boat during a storm and Jesus passed by them while walking on the water. The disciples were afraid and Jesus commanded them to take **courage**.

"When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take **courage**, it is I; **do not be afraid**'" ([Matt. 14:26-27](#)).

Then, Peter walked on the water with Jesus. Everything was fine until he was frightened by the wind, then he began to sink. Peter said to Him, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.' And He said, 'Come!' And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind stopped" ([Matt. 14:28-32](#))

As Christians, God is first in our lives because of our strong faith (**courage**) based on God's promises.



Friendship

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you’.

John 15:12.

Jesus calls us his **friend** and He wants to live in a relationship with us. He wants us to get to know Him and share our lives with Him – every joy, every care, every hurt, every triumph. As we grow in **friendship** with Jesus, we will better understand how to grow in **friendship** with others and love them the way He loves us.

God uses our **friendships** to make us stronger. Sometimes we have a family member or **friend** who is super special. Our hearts feel close to this person. We look up to them and want to be like them. This is how it was between David and Jonathan. Jonathan was King Saul’s son. Even though a son would normally be in line to become king, Jonathan knew David was chosen by God to be king after Saul. Jonathan could have been jealous of David but he trusted God and loved David. The Bible shows their deep **friendship** that grew in difficult times.

The Bible is full of many stories showing Grace, Courage & Friendship

