

# MARCH WEEK 1

## Refrigerator DOOR

...Some IMPORTANT things to keep in front of your family this week

We are learning about  
**Courage**  
this month

**BOTTOM LINE**  
for Week 1

God will help you speak out for what's right.

**Memory Verse**

"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"  
*Psalm 27:1, NIV*

**Courage** is being brave enough to do what you should do even when you're afraid

**TALK ABOUT IT**  
Talk about these questions as a family on your way home or during a meal.

**Kid's Question**  
Have you ever spoken out for what's right, even though you were afraid?

**Parent's Question**  
Has watching someone have the courage to speak up for the right thing ever changed your opinion of them?

**Today's Bible Story**  
Esther helps the Jews  
Esther 2:5-7:10

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For a great song about courage, check out the CD *Be Brave You & Me*, available in the online store at [www.reThinkGroup.org](http://www.reThinkGroup.org).

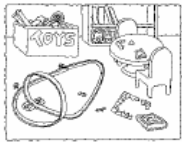
## GodTime

Read: Psalm 27:1

**DAY 1**

Have you ever been scared to speak up for what's right? Your fear is not God's fear. He's with you and He's not scared. Your secret, safe hiding place is the one you can go to for protection. That's what it means for God to be the stronghold of your life. Think about that next time you're afraid to speak up for what's right. The Maker of the entire universe has got your back!

Build a fort using extra sheets, blankets, chairs—whatever you've got in your room. Sit inside the fort and pray that God will give you the courage to say what needs to be said.



252 BASICS THANK God for being your stronghold. ★

## GodTime

Read: Hebrews 4:15-16

**DAY 2**

Sometimes you have to speak up, even when you're tempted not to. God knows about temptation. That thing you want to avoid saying or that person you don't want to confront... believe it or not, Jesus felt stuff like that too. He'll help you through it; all you have to do is ask. So don't just walk by when you see someone in trouble. Go get help. Speak out for what's right!

Think of a time when you did not speak out. Write what you could do better next time. Around the edge of this card, write a prayer for God's help in emergency "speak up" situations.

I didn't speak up when ...

Next time I'll ...

252 BASICS ASK Jesus to help you speak out for what's right. ★ Week 01

## GodTime

Read: Isaiah 48:17 & Colossians 2:2-3

**DAY 3**

Not sure what to say? You might not know the right words, but God does. Jesus is the smartest man to ever walk on the planet. All wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Him. (Wow!) So even if you're unsure, you know where you can go. Jesus can guide you. He can help you know when to speak and what to say.

Figure out the answer to this puzzle. Hang it in your room somewhere to remind yourself of God's ability to help you.

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Hint: A very big being! His - H

But

252 BASICS LISTEN for God's direction when you pray. ★


## GodTime

Read: Psalm 1:6

**DAY 4**

Others may do something you know is wrong. They might even ask you to do it with them. Sometimes speaking up can mean more than just telling the truth to a teacher or parent. Sometimes speaking up can mean going directly to the one who is in charge of all things. He can help you say what needs to be said. He will make you righteous and watch over you.

Make a plan for a path you can walk through or around your house. Walk it today while praying that God will direct you to do what's right. Make a map of the path and walk it when you need God's help.



252 BASICS KNOW that God will direct your path. ★

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