



Week 3: “Be Strong and Courageous... The Jesus Way”

Home Plate - Team Huddle Chat / Prayer About Hopes and Fears

What are you excited about and looking forward to this week?

What are you nervous and anxious about this week?

Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are able to talk to God about what’s going on in our lives on and off the baseball/softball diamond. In God’s Word, Jesus teaches us that we can **pray in his name** anytime, anywhere, and about anything to our Heavenly Father.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that you give us strength and courage to/for... (allow ballplayers/coaches to speak any prayer requests they would like to share with the team)... in the name of Jesus... Amen.

1st Base - Jesus Gives Us Strength and Courage

In what ways does Jesus give us strength and courage... every day of the week... 24 hours 7 days a week... on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays?

In what ways does Jesus give us strength and courage... at our churches and in the community?

2nd Base - Bible Verse: Word for The Week

Ephesians 6:10 - “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.”

What is something you/your team can do to “be strong and courageous... the Jesus way” this week?

3rd Base - The Life (Works & Words) of Jesus Christ The Savior of the World

Jesus demonstrated strength and courage in the most perfect way for us to learn from and live out.

Jesus as the God-Man shows us how to be strong and courageous by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Jesus taught parables - earthly stories with heavenly meanings.
- Jesus performed miracles (healing miracles, nature miracles, casting out demons, raising the dead) to prove that He is the Son of God.
- Jesus demonstrated his might and mercy, and his power and compassion.
- Jesus equips us with the full armor of God - the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the readiness of the Gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of spirit.
- Jesus empowers us to fight the “good fight” of the faith, and to endure to the end.

Circling the Bases - People in the Bible of Strength and Courage Whose Lives/Legacies Connect to Jesus

Deborah (Judges 4–5) - What can we learn from Deborah in the Bible about seeking God’s wisdom toward building up, encouraging, and rallying others on the baseball/softball diamond to be strong and courageous?

Samson (Judges 13–16) - What can we learn from Samson in the Bible about how God’s mercy is greater than our failures, that our strength and courage to overcome our weaknesses comes from God?