

## Responding to Collective Worship at Home

The Theme for Collective Worship this half term is:

### Courage & Advent

Reflecting on the symbol of fruit.

This half term we will be thinking about Courage, reflecting on the symbol of fruit. The Christian faith believes that God is always present in every situation. This belief has led to great acts of courage that have included facing danger and opposition, overcoming fear, making a stand for what is right and encouraging others to persevere. Through prayer people have found the strength to help them to be courageous.

Courage is...

- C**arrying on when things are difficult
- O**vercoming fear
- U**nderstanding and facing a challenge
- R**isking being out of your comfort zone
- A**lways believing in God's promises
- G**oing for a goal
- E**mpowered by encouragement

**Key Verse** – 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 1:9



**Where can I find the story of courage?**

Perfect love casts out fear

1 John 4:18

**To think about:**

What are you scared of?

Who do you know who helps you face your fears?

How does courage make you stronger?

What did the bowl of fruit represent to you? Try and say why.

What did the apple alone represent to you? Try and explain why.

**Challenge** – Talk about your fears with someone who will encourage you. How do you feel afterwards?

**To do at home...**

Why not make your own Advent wreath or calendar to help you count down to Christmas?



**Where can I find the story of the birth of Jesus?**

Luke 2:1-20



Traditions of Advent

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1<sup>st</sup> December to Christmas Day!) Christians use this to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.