Courage
Story by Andrew Frinkle

Courage is being brave and heroic. Courage is about doing the right thing even when it isn’t easy. There are many ways to show courage.

There was one boy in Karl’s class that picked on people when teachers weren’t around. Sometimes it was at the bus stop or in the hall. One day, Karl had heard too much. Karl asked him to stop. No one had ever said that to the boy before. The boy was embarrassed and stopped picking on people. Karl showed courage when he asked the boy to stop.

Kelly’s friend took things from other kids. Sometimes it was just little stuff, but it started to get worse! Kelly decided to give her friend a choice: she had to stop stealing, or stop being her friend. Her friend didn’t like it at first, but she chose friendship in the end. Kelly showed courage when she talked to her friend about stealing.

How do you show courage?
**Character Stories**

**NAME:**

**Courage**

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   - C Chris  
   - D Dan

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   - B cheating  
   - C stealing  
   - D lying

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