

Extra, extra!

11.1 – Overcoming fear

“I’m going to try to be brave from now on!”



One of the biggest obstacles to us doing what God wants is often our fear – fear that we are not good enough, fear of what others might think, fear of what will happen if we fail. Thankfully God understands that people get frightened and he is there to encourage us to overcome our fear. In the Bible, God, Jesus, and the angels often say “Don’t be afraid!”

- Look at the pictures below and see if you can recognise these characters who had to overcome fear:



David



The shepherds



Gideon



Moses



Queen Esther



Jonah

1. _____ had to overcome fear of the Midianites who were much more numerous than him and his army.
2. _____ had to overcome fear of King Xerxes who might have been very angry if she spoke to him without permission.
3. _____ had to overcome fear of Pharaoh who he knew would not want to release the Israelite slaves.
4. _____ had to overcome fear of the angels suddenly appearing to announce to them the birth of Jesus.
5. _____ had to overcome fear of what the people of Nineveh would do when he told them that God was angry with them.
6. _____ had to overcome fear of a famous warrior who was much bigger than him.

Answers:

1. Gideon 2. Queen Esther 3. Moses 4. The shepherds 5. Jonah 6. David