

Courage, Character & Caring

A Christian Character Education

And Violence Prevention Presentation

Notes and Content Outline

Introduction:

Although most of us know right from wrong, it remains a puzzle that many of us often choose to do what is wrong rather than what is right. Some of us have great difficulty showing courage, character and caring in our behavior. The Bible says, "The human heart is most deceitful and desperately wicked." **Jeremiah 17:9**. This means that it is easier to do what is wrong than it is to do what is right. This presentation is designed to challenge all of us to choose God's way the right way, rather than our own way.

- Pom Pom Puzzle Trick
- Unicycle Demonstration

Dare To Be Decent

Numbers 32:23b "You may be sure that your sin will find you out.":

Christian "CHARACTER" is the opposite of sinfulness. Don't just "try" but "train".

C is for Caring **H** - Honesty **A** - Acceptance **R** - Responsibility **A** - Authenticity

C - Courage **T** - Thankfulness **E** - Encouragement **R** - Respect

- Spelling Trick
- 10 Boxes Balance

Dare To Believe In Yourself

2 Corinthians 5:17 "What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun.":

The Building Blocks or the "A, B, C's" of Self Esteem are

A - Accept yourself -you can't change eye color, height or heritage

B - Believe in yourself -you must believe that you can learn with work

C - Challenge yourself -when you challenge yourself to learn a new skill and achieve it, your self-esteem rises

- ABC Blocks Trick

Dare To Take a Stand

Romans 12:2a "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.":

Know that you are a "Super Kid" just because you are created by God. You are "Super Special", "Super Capable" and "Super Loveable"

- Bunny Trick

Dare To Be Different

Samuel 16:7b “People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at a persons thoughts and intentions.”:

People judge by outward appearances. Even though they may be pretty and cool on the outside they may be kind of foul on the inside. And people that look ordinary or different on the outside might be really beautiful on the inside.

-Game Show Trick

Dare To Be Courageous

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 “Be on guard. Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous. Be strong. And everything you do must be done with love.”:

Courage means to “Do what’s right when the wrong is popular.” We often choose the “popular way” or the “easy way” to find happiness only to discover that these ways are just illusions. When we choose the right way, God’s way, we will ultimately discover peace.

-Sword Box Trick

Dare To Be a Friend

Daniel 6:4 “But they couldn’t find anything to criticize. He was faithful and honest and always responsible.”:

The Special Olympics story reminds us that maybe just maybe, caring is more important than winning. Do we show purity, innocence and love like these young people?

-Newspaper to Dove Trick

A Final Challenge:

Are you going to tear others up with mean words and mean actions? Or are you going to show God’s love, kindness, courage, character and caring? When you show courage, character and caring, you also help others discover that they have wings to fly and make a difference in this school, in this community and even change the world?