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Let's make a courage catcher. This is an idea from a website called withloveima.com. You need two sheets of strong paper, some string or wool, a hole-punch, some paper to write on, and things to decorate your courage catcher when you've finished.

Cut out two identical heart shapes from the paper. Hold them together and use the hole punch to make holes all round the edge – not too close. Use your wool or string to sew the two hearts together through the holes round the edge, leaving a gap. Now, on some strips of writing paper, write words that will help you be brave such as "God is with me", "God loves me", "I can do it" etc. Slip them between the two paper hearts then finish sewing it up. Now decorate your courage catcher and carry it with you when you need to be brave.



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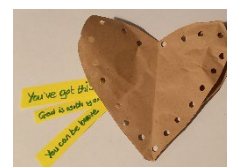


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Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.

“Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for *them*! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that’s charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

“I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You’ll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we’re at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

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