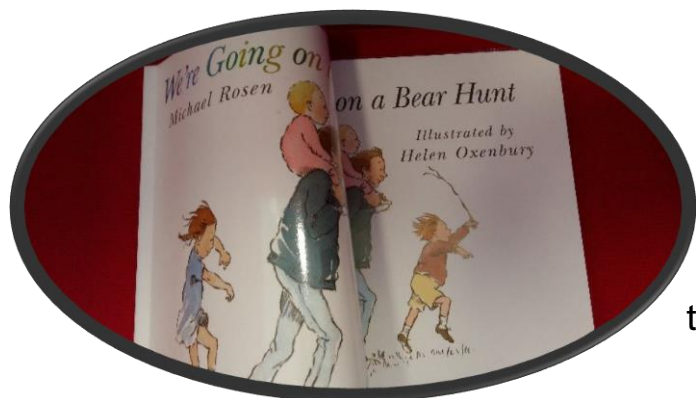


"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go"  
(Joshua 1:9).



Follow a father and his family as they go out in search of a bear. They waded through the grass, splash through the river, squelch through the mud and even negotiate a snowstorm on their way. But what will await them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest?

The Bible tells us that God goes before us. Being a Christian doesn't mean everything will be easy; we will all have obstacles in life to overcome. Knowing God is with us helps us in those tricky times of life, so that we can be strong and courageous.

To be courageous we need someone to trust. Your child will trust in you as we as Christians trust in God.

Read an amazing story about trust in the Bible at **Matthew 14:22-32**.

Things you could try and do as a family:

- Make up actions to go along with the stories.
- Hide a bear for the children to find.
- Go and find some long grass or mud to walk through.
- Talk about when you have had to be brave and/or courageous.

**We believe in the power of prayer**

A prayer to pray for your little one(s):

Dear God go before our child(ren) and help them to be strong and courageous when they meet obstacles in life. Amen.

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

Loving Heavenly Father, bless all parents as they care for their precious children, give them strength to overcome the obstacles in their lives and enable them to know you are with them always. Amen.

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

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