## **Character and Life Skills: Courage Pre-Viewing and Discussion Questions Grade Level: 3-5**



## **Before watching...**

Pre-viewing activities or discussions help focus attention when watching a video and build critical thinking skills. Consider using a simple activity such as defining the character word together or having students draw pictures of courageous characters.

## **After Watching...**

## **Discussion Questions**

- **1.** The kids say that courage is "conquering fears: and "being brave and not being afraid to do what you need to do to be successful." How do you define courage?
- 2. One boy uses a figure of speech when he says that courage is "taking a step up over your fears." A figure of speech helps us create an image in our heads to understand what a person says. What image does this create in your head? Draw a picture of a person stepping over fear and share with a partner. How does your image help create better understanding of the meaning of courage?
- **3.** The kids list all kinds of challenges they had to face with courage: heights, roller coasters, diving, swimming. What events in your life have required you to be courageous?
- **4.** The kids list firefighters and Olympic athletes as examples of people who need to be courageous. What other kinds of people or characters from literature seem courageous to you? Why?

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