Brave Enough to Say No

GOD'S WORD

"My son, if sinners entice you, don't consent."

Proverbs 1:10 (WEB)



THE STORY

Tyler grabs candy from Ms Harper's prize jar and dares LJ to take one. LJ doesn't take any, but he doesn't say no either. Mom says saying no takes courage (Proverbs 1:10). Dad tells how he once said "No, that's wrong" to big kids who dared him to pull up Mrs Lee's flowers (1 Timothy 4:12), and Nykira helps LJ practise. The next day LJ says no, and Tyler puts the candy back!

Grandma tells how Daniel and his three friends politely said no to the king's food and were healthier and stronger after ten days (Daniel 1:1–21).

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. Why didn't LJ say no to Tyler the first time? Have you ever felt scared to say no?
2. Little Dad said "No, that's wrong" to the big kids, and Kevin walked home with him. What did Nykira teach LJ to do?
3. Daniel said no to the king kindly and bravely. What is one wrong thing you can be brave enough to say no to?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, sometimes it is hard to say no when others want me to do wrong. Please make me brave, like Daniel. Help me stand tall, say no kindly, and do what is right, even when I am little. Amen.

TRY THIS WEEK

Practise Nykira's four steps together: stand tall, look them in the eye, say "No thanks, that's wrong," and walk away. Act out a few pretend dares, and talk about who can stand beside you like Marcus.

DRAW IT

Draw LJ standing tall by the candy jar, or draw yourself being brave enough to say no.

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