

1. Watch chapter 3 from The Complete Learning System, Christopher Columbus DVD. (Video clip is also provided for viewing online.)

2. Read Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”

3. What is courage?

The dictionary describes courage as the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or being deflected from a chosen course of action.

4. Do you think Christopher Columbus was a man of faith and courage? (Yes.)

“God gave me the faith and afterwards the courage so that I was quite willing to undertake the journey.”
Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus quotation comes from “The life of the Admiral Christopher Columbus by his son Ferdinand” translated by Benjamin Keen, Greenwood Press (1978)

5. “And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles, who was separated from the seed of my brethren by the many waters; and I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and wrought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, who were in the promised land.”
(1 Ne. 13:12.)

“We interpret that to refer to Columbus. It is interesting to note that the Spirit of God wrought upon him.... I have no doubt that Christopher Columbus was a man of faith....” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Nov. 1992*
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6. Did Christopher Columbus show courage when he was faced with ridicule for doing what the Lord wanted him to do?

“His [Christopher Columbus’] chief concern, as ours should be, was not what people would think of him, but what God would think of him.” *De Lamar Jensen, Ensign, Oct. 1992* © 2007 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

7. Have you ever shown courage?

When you are tempted to do something wrong and you choose the right instead, or when you defend what you know is true, you are showing courage. There will be many times in your life when you will need courage to live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

8. Where can you find the courage to be strong?

When you are tempted to do something wrong, remember that Heavenly Father will always be with you if you keep his commandments and will give you courage to choose the right.

“Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.” (1 Chr. 28: 20)