

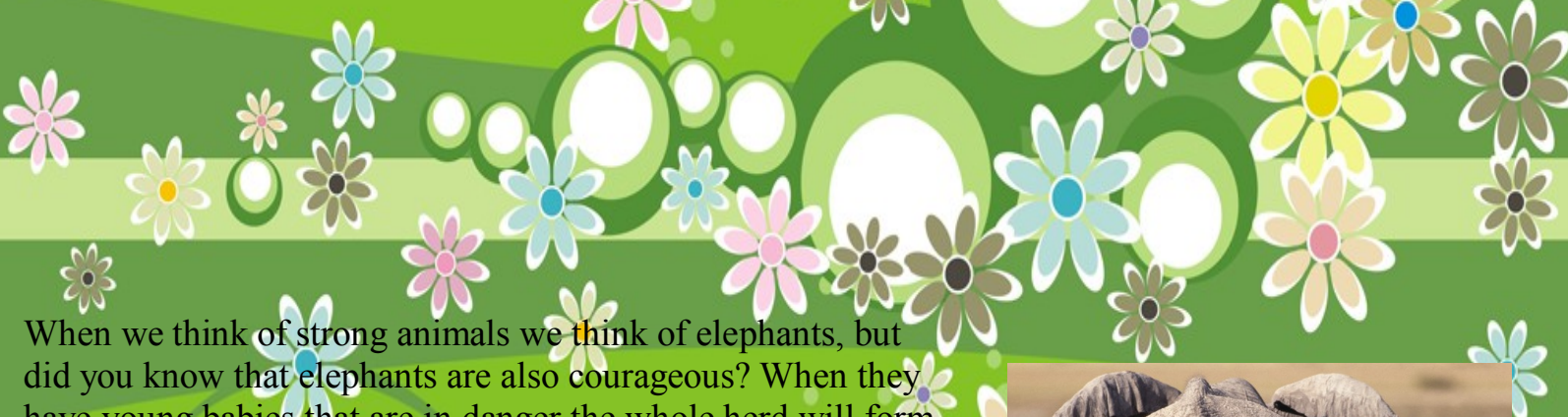
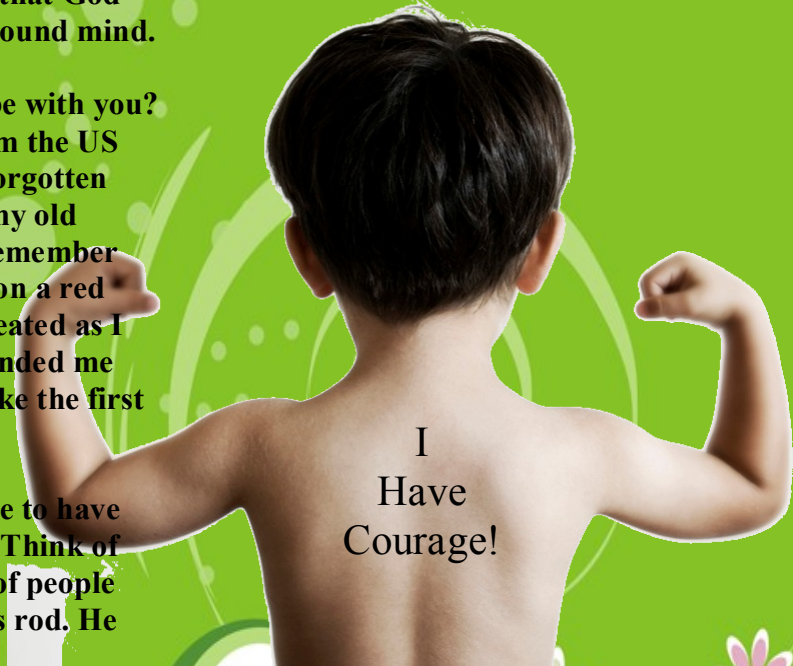
# Character Quest.. Courage

Are you courageous? That is a big word that means do you have courage! Courage is the opposite of fear. The Bible tells us that God has not given us a spirit of fear– but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Did you know that no matter what you face that God will be with you? I remember when I was in the 5th grade and returning from the US back to St. Croix. I was so afraid that my old friends had forgotten about me and had moved on. I did not want to go back to my old school or church. I did not want to be rejected. I can still remember getting ready to go back to church for the first time. I had on a red and white striped dress with red shoes. I felt kind of nauseated as I got out of the car. That quickly faded as my friends surrounded me give me hugs and high fives. I had to take the courage to take the first step– and my friends did the rest.

That is what our relationship is like with the Lord– we have to have the courage to take the first step and he will meet us there. Think of how Moses felt the Red Sea in front of him and thousands of people behind him. The Lord told him to stand still and stretch his rod. He had the courage to do what was asked of him and then.....

God stepped in!



When we think of strong animals we think of elephants, but did you know that elephants are also courageous? When they have young babies that are in danger the whole herd will form a circle around the young to prevent any harm to come to them.

They also love their friends deeply. There was a story of a fire that broke out in the tents of the circus. The male elephant broke free and ran out of his stall but soon realized that his mate was not outside. He ran back into the fire and broke down her stall with his body so that she could run free from the fire. He sustained serious burns to his ears but stayed with her until she was out of danger. Elephants have courage. Did you know that the Lord made you courageous? In our quest for Godly Character today put on courage!

