

Read some of the following extracts from The Wizard of Oz

1)

The Scarecrow: I've got a plan how to get in there.

The Cowardly Lion: Fine. He's got a plan.

The Scarecrow: And you're going to lead us.

The Cowardly Lion: Yeah... me?

The Scarecrow: Yes, you.

The Cowardly Lion: I... I gotta get her out of there?

The Tin Man: That's right.

The Cowardly Lion: [*determined*] All right. I'll go in there for Dorothy. Wicked Witch or no Wicked Witch, guards or no guards, I'll tear them apart. I may not come out alive, but I'm going in there. There's only one thing I want you fellas to do.

The Scarecrow, The Tin Man: What's that?

The Cowardly Lion: Talk me out of it.

2)

Dorothy: Your Majesty, if you were king, you wouldn't be afraid of anything?

The Cowardly Lion: Not nobody! Not nohow!

The Tin Man: Not even a rhinoceros?

The Cowardly Lion: Imposeraus!

Dorothy: How about a hippopotamus?

The Cowardly Lion: Why, I'd thrash him from top to bottomus!

Dorothy: Supposing you met an elephant?

The Cowardly Lion: I'd wrap him up in cellophant!

The Scarecrow: What if it were a brontosaurus?

The Cowardly Lion: I'd show him who was king of the forest!

3)

The Cowardly Lion: Courage! What makes a king out of a slave? Courage! What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage! What makes the elephant charge his tusk in the misty mist, or the dusky dusk? What makes the muskrat guard his musk? Courage! What makes the sphinx the seventh wonder? Courage! What makes the dawn come up like thunder? Courage! What makes the Hottentot so hot? What puts the "ape" in apricot? What have they got that I ain't got?

Dorothy, The Scarecrow, The Tin Man: Courage!

The Cowardly Lion: You can say that again! Huh?

4)

The Cowardly Lion: [*singing*] If I were king of the fore-e-e-est / Not queen, not duke, not prince / My regal robes of the fore-e-e-est / Would be satin, not cotton, not chintz / I'd command each thing, whether fish or fowl / With a r-r-ruff and a r-r-ruff, and a royal growl - R-R-Ruff! / As I click my heels / All the trees would kneel / And the mountains bow / And the bulls kowtow / And the sparrow would take wing / If I, if I were ki-i-i-i-ng! / The rabbits would show respect to me / The chipmunks genuflect to me / Though my tail would lash / I would show compash / For every underling / If I, if I were king / Just ki-i-i-i-ing!

Now, discuss these questions with your families, you can write your ideas down in your blue book.

1. What was the main theme linking all of these extracts?
2. Do you need big muscles to be brave?
3. Can you have a brave thought?
4. Can anyone be a hero?
5. Is a king a powerful person? If so, why?
6. Is being powerful the same as being strong/brave?
7. Do you have to be strong to be powerful? Powerful to be strong?
8. Do we need courage to be able to love?
9. Does courage help us do well at school?
10. Do babies have courage or does it develop as we get older?
11. Is there an age when we have most courage? Does everyone have courage?