

Lighting of the Candles

Peace of the Lord be with you



And also with you

Welcome Words

We have gathered in the name of
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
to worship together and think about
our value of
COURAGE



COURAGE



Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1.9

And whoever is patient and forgiving, those most surely are actions due to courage.

Quran 42:43

Courage is...



Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

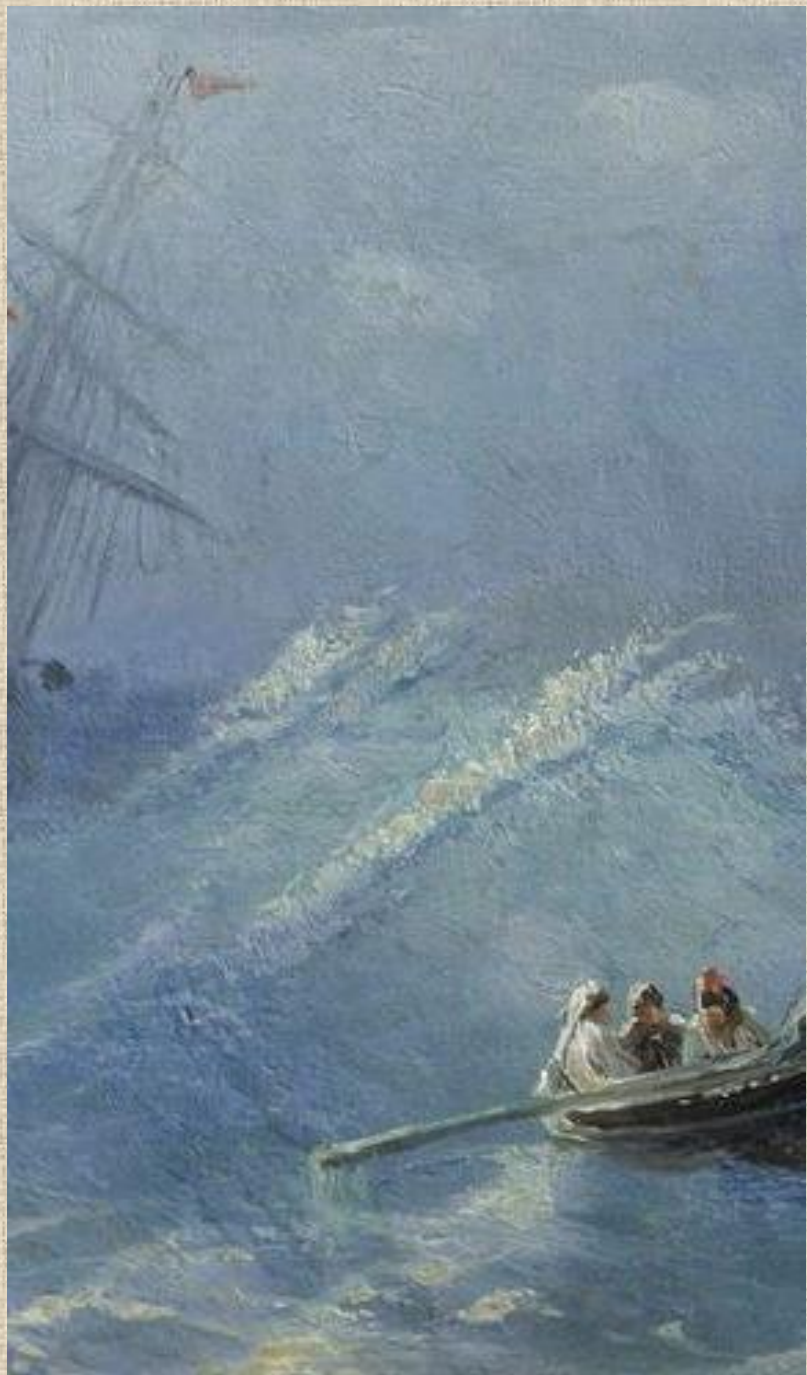
Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement



'Encouragement'



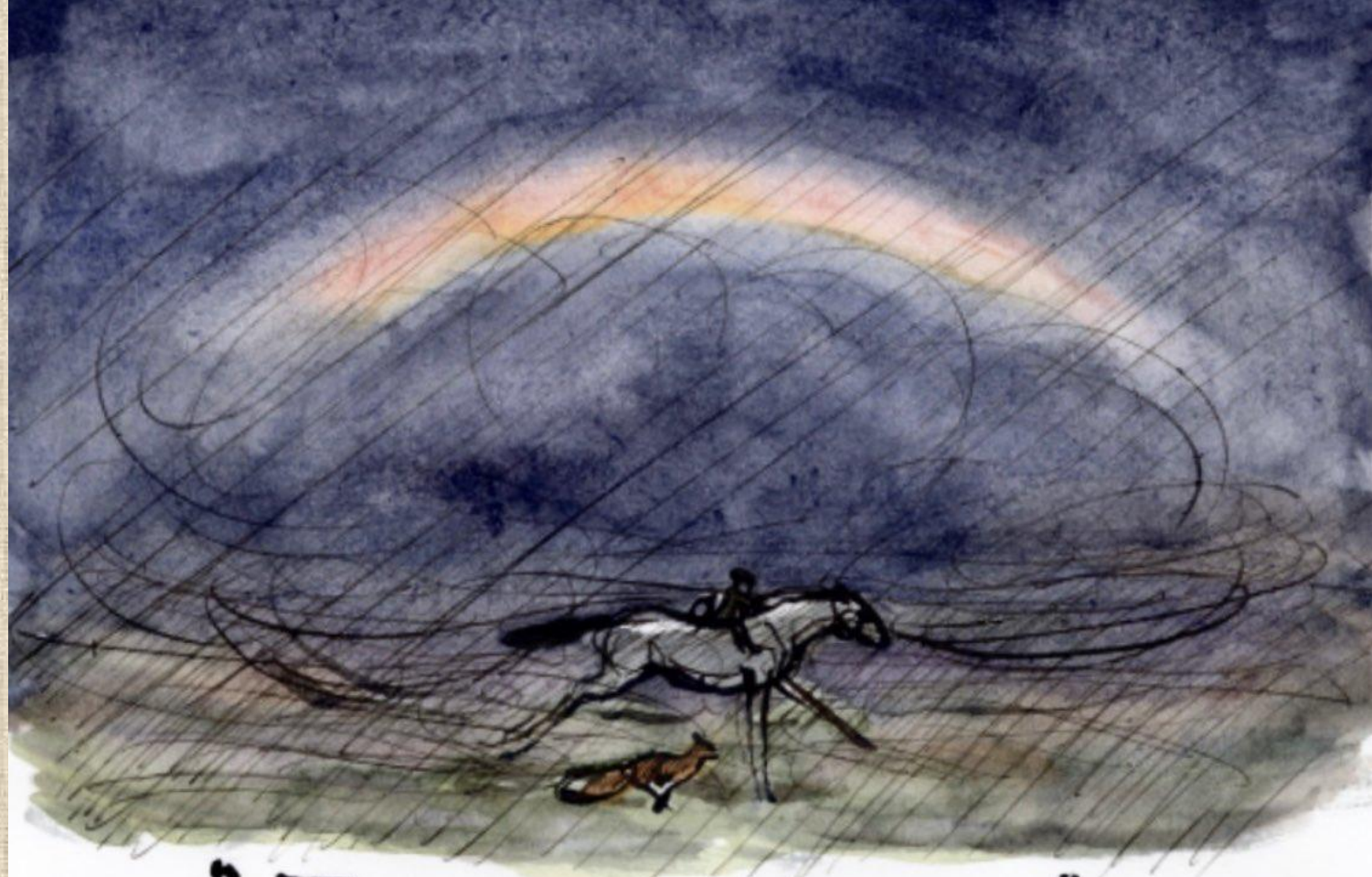
A group of people are sitting around a wooden table, their hands clasped together in prayer. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light illuminating the table and the hands. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the act of prayer.

Let us pray

Dear God,

Help us when we face problems and difficulties to be determined and courageous. When people we know are struggling, may we be ready to encourage them to help them in any way we can. And when people give us encouragement, let us be ready to accept their help.

In Jesus' name,
Amen



"This storm is strong"
cried the boy
"Love is stronger"
said the horse



"What's the best thing you've learned about storms?"
"That they end," said the horse.

"When the dark clouds come.."



Charlie Mackery

...keep going."



"This storm will pass"

Courage: Reflection



However afraid we are, God is always there to help and comfort us.



The Bible says 'He holds us in his hands'

Response and Challenge



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Who would you give your courage award to?

Find a character in a story, a person from History or someone you know who has shown courage.

Say why you have chosen this person for your courage award - what have they done to show courage?

Can you be courageous this week? Can you give yourself the courageous award? What would it be for?

Can you encourage someone else who may be finding something difficult? Give them a courage award if they can accept your encouragement.



Blowing out the Candles

Peace be with you



And also with you

**May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ** *(hold out hands to receive)*

And the love of God *(cross arms on chest)*

**And the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit** *(hold hands with neighbours)*

Be with us all, evermore. Amen
(raise hands in the air together)