

Discussion Ideas



Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

Connecting Activity

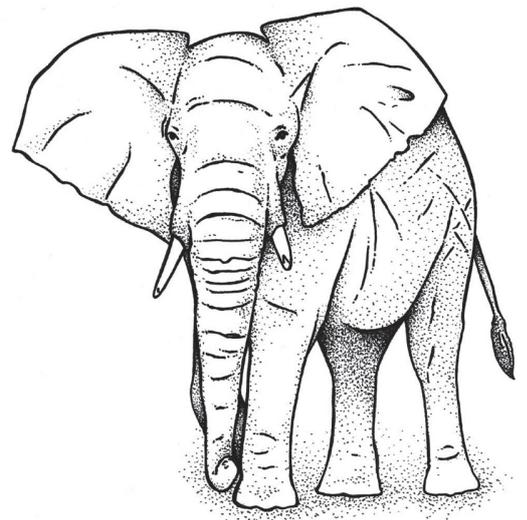
Ask each group member to share about a time they saw someone act with courage.

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways is Chokoza like a lion?
 - *He is aggressive, hurts others.*
2. In what ways was Bahati like a rabbit in this story? In what ways was he like an elephant?
 - *He is timid; he is assertive.*
3. Who shows courage in this story? How are they courageous?
 - *Bahati tells the truth; Juma confronts Chokoza.*
4. ►Based on what you learn from Bahati in this story, what can you do when you're in a situation and you're not able to protect yourself?
 - *Ask an adult you trust for help, protection.*
5. ►How do you usually communicate with others? Do you tend to be a lion, a rabbit, or an elephant?
 - *Share an example of this communication style from your own experience.*
6. ►Think of a situation in your life right now that feels difficult or overwhelming. How can you communicate assertively, like an elephant, in this situation? What else can you do to take care of yourself in this situation?
 - *Be respectful but firm; be honest, direct; make actions consistent with words; ask for help.*

Personal Growth Activity

Look for examples of the lion, rabbit, and elephant communication styles in the coming week. Note how people react to these different styles. Write about what you observe.



☞ Spiritual Application

Read John 8:3-11. Then ask: What do you notice about how Jesus communicates with the religious leaders? How does he communicate with the woman? What do you learn from his example?

☞ Prayer Point

Lead the group in a prayer asking God to protect and help them in difficult situations. Ask God to help them speak with love, respect, and strength.

☞ Encouragement

Jesus is our role model for character! Encourage the group to study the life of Jesus, to notice the words that he chose and the way that he spoke to people. Find examples in the Bible of times when Jesus courageously stood up for what was right and when he demonstrated empathy to others.

Grandma's Wisdom

It takes courage, dear child, to communicate clearly and respectfully in difficult situations. Have you ever had a bigger, stronger, louder person have his way with you—make you do things you didn't want to do? Be like the elephant, and stand up for yourself. Speak clearly and respectfully to the person who is trying to get you to do a bad thing. If you find that you are just too small to protect yourself, find a kind, strong person like Mr. Juma to help you. And of course, you can always talk to God. Pray to him when you need help. He loves and cares for you, and can protect you in ways that you can't imagine. He is always listening. Let's trust him together, shall we?

