Being Brave: assembly script

At a glance

Story: Pip and the Windy Day **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins

You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.

Links: Relationships and health education (primary): general wellbeing; caring friendships. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Self-Regulation.

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about being brave. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "Pip and the Windy Day".
2. Think about it	Ask: What does being brave mean? Take a few answers. Children often say it means not being scared. Say: let's see what Pip finds out.
3. The story, part 1	Read: It was a very windy day on Thistledown Lane. The leaves were falling from the trees. Then a big gust blew Lilly's red beret right off her head!
4. The story, part 2	Read: Bramble, Moss and Lilly ran after it. They ran across the big field. The wind dropped the beret into a big pile of leaves by a bank.
5. The story, part 3	Read: In the bank there was a little door. A shy rabbit called Pip lived there. Pip was scared of the falling leaves. She had not been outside all day.
6. The story, part 4	Read: Old Wren came to help. "The trees are getting ready for bed," he said. A tree going to bed did not sound scary at all.
7. The story, part 5	Read: "How about just one little hop?" said Bramble. So Pip did one little hop. Then another, and another! They all hopped together to the pile of leaves.
8. The story, part 6	Read: Pip jumped right into the leaves. Up she popped with the red beret on her head! Then everyone jumped in the leaves, even Old Wren.

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. Why didn't Pip want to come outside? Listen for: she was scared of the falling leaves. 2. How did her friends help? Listen for: they hopped with her, one little hop at a time. 3. When have you been a bit scared and done it anyway? Listen for: starting school, swimming, trying a new food.
10. Have a go	Stand up. Say it together and do one tiny hop on the spot each time: "One little hop... and another little hop!" Then sit down quietly.
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Try one little hop: do one small thing that feels a bit tricky. You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-pip-and-the-windy-day (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

Being brave doesn't mean you're not scared. It means you're a bit scared, and you do one little hop anyway.

If you have longer

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