Courage isn’t just fearlessness it is overcoming fear in order to do that which is right.

Once there were two little boys. Each wanted to be a part of the neighborhood group of boys. One day the other boys climbed up on the roof of a building in the park. The two new boys were secretly afraid of the height but they wanted to impress the other boys. So they climbed up on the roof. Then the leader challenged the new boys to jump off the roof – one at a time. The first little boy said “No” he wouldn’t and climbed off the roof. The leader and some of the other boys started to call him ‘chicken’ and ‘scaredy pants’. The second boy wanted the other boys to like him and was afraid that they wouldn’t. So he jumped off the roof and hurt his leg. Which of these boys had more courage?

Years later these same boys were faced with a similar but different situation. Instead of jumping off the roof the pressure was toward using drugs. Which of these two boys was more likely to cave in to the pressure to start using drugs – the one who said no or the one who jumped off the roof?

Standing up to negative peer pressure is one of the most courageous things a person can do.