



4-5th grade children

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FAMILY TAKE-IT-HOME by Mary Collins Children's Program
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TOPIC: **Courage & Heart: Courage in the face of
uncertainty & Sukkot** Unitarian Universalist Source: Jewish Teachings

Activities on Sunday morning:

- "Have you ever... Continuum, Reflection questions on the Meaning of Courage
- VIDEO: Sukkot in Israel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZ8WLRNEDWg>
- Build a Sukkah outside, Eat apples, & Hear a story in it
- STORY: "House on the Roof" by David Adler (from The Family Treasury of Jewish Holidays by

Malka Drucker



Summary: A grandfather who lives in an apartment building walks by his landlord with an assortment of wood, crates, autumn leaves & acorns and the landlord grumbles at him, sometimes yelling, as he goes by with each thing. Eventually, the grandfather and his grandchildren go up on the roof and we see he has prepared a Sukkah (a ceremonial –and TEMPORARY house, to celebrate the harvest and the earth) But the landlord takes the grandfather to court – Get that thing down! The judge comes up with a clever solution.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- Why do you think that the owner of the apartment might be so angry? Would you have the courage to talk to him about something important to you? What might you say?
- Sukkot holiday was remembered and celebrated by the Jewish people during times of uncertainty, when they had to leave a country, faced hatred. How do you find courage when things are tough or you have to speak up against the crowd with what is true for you?
- **Service: Sukkot also reminds us of those without a home. Do you have any ideas about helping the homeless, or people impacted by natural disasters, or refugees- talk about it with your families.**
- "Sunshine"(connection with nature and our bodies)

Find a tree, lie down underneath and look up through the branches at the sky. What is the voice of the heart of the tree? What messages do you hear from your inner voice when you gaze at the sky through the branches?