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“Pfc. Desmond Doss”

Grades K-2

Objective: The student will create a describe acts of bravery Doss accomplished that earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Materials:

- Website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medal_of_Honor
 - Provides a description of the Congressional Medal of Honor
- Website: <http://history.amedd.army.mil/moh/dossd.htm>
 - Provides in detail the brave acts of Pfc. Desmond Doss
 - Provide one copy of this page per student
- Board/chart paper
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Coloring pages
 - <http://www.homeofheroes.com/coloringbook/index.html>
 - This is a really neat site that offers several coloring pages devoted to the Medal of Honor, and it shows many soldiers receiving the medals, in addition to a few of the presidents who gave them.

Procedure:

1. Begin by giving a brief description of the Congressional Medal of Honor. (See website listed above.)
2. Ask students to list acts that a person would have to do to receive one of these medals. If desired, record student responses on the board/chart paper.
3. Introduce students to Private First Class Desmond Doss. Inform students that he was a marine, but because of his religious background, he refused to carry a weapon, or kill another person, including an enemy. Because of this, he was a medic. He was the first person of this kind to receive the Medal of Honor.
4. Read the description of the acts of bravery Doss did that earned him the medal.
5. Allow students to color pages of your choosing. While students are coloring, circulate the room asking students to orally describe some of the things Pfc. Doss did that earned him the medal.
6. In conclusion, have students reflect on their acts and ask if they would receive a medal for the choices they make in life. If desired, encourage students to continue

reflecting by drawing a picture, or writing a few sentences about acts they make, or could make, that would earn them a medal.

Assessment:

Evaluate students on the accuracy of their oral descriptions of Doss.