

LEADER'S GUIDE *YOUNGER CHILDREN*

BIG PICTURE:

UNLIKELY HEROES - THE CHURCH

BIG IDEA:

RUN THE RACE

BIG POINT:

HEROES NEVER GIVE UP

BIG WORD:

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MATTHEW 28:19-20 (NCV)



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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture UNLIKELY HEROES - THE CHURCH. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Unlikely Heroes' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Discover that no matter what Paul faced in his life, he didn't give up.
- Know that with Jesus they can run the race and not give up.
- Learn that they can be a hero if they stick to it, even if it takes a long time!

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

Which do you think runs the fastest, an elephant or a mouse?

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. What did we learn about today's unlikely hero, Paul?

Paul was one of the most unlikely heroes. He started off attacking Christians and then because of his encounter with Jesus, became one of the most well known church leaders and writing much of the New Testament. He faced incredible challenges, from being shipwrecked to being thrown in jail. But he was passionate about serving God and didn't give up!

2. Have you ever wanted to give up when you were learning how to do something?

When something is challenging or takes a long time, we can feel like giving up. Even just learning new things takes time, practice and patience. Heroes never give up! Share a quick story of a time you've wanted to give up (e.g. When I was little and learning how to ride my bike. I had to learn on a bumpy road out on a farm, I was a little bit scared and I wanted to give up but I kept going! Each time I fell off I got back on the bike again and soon I could ride so well. Now I love to ride my bike, imagine if I had given up! I wouldn't be able to enjoy riding my bike like I do now.)

3. How can you be a hero that never gives up?

Stick to it, even if it takes a long time. Ask God to help you, He's by your side! Keep trying. Keep doing the right thing. Ask others for help and don't lose hope.

ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that Heroes never give up.

Directions: Give each child a 'heroes never give up shoe' to cut out and colour in. (If you have younger children or a large group, you might prefer to pre-cut and hole punch the shoe shapes prior to the lesson.) Use a hole punch to put holes in the shoe and help the children to thread a shoelace through their page.

Explanation: Just like a runner in a race, we don't want to give up half way! Philippians 3:14 (ESV) "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." We can run our race with Jesus by our side and press on to the finish line. Heroes run the race and never give up.

BIG WORD

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Word Find Race

Give each child a Big Word 'word find' page. Set them the challenge to work in pairs and see who can be the first pair to find all the words listed.

GAME

Kangaroo Relay

Divide the group into two teams or play against another group. Set out the starting and turning lines and ask the children to line up, one behind the other, in their teams. When you say, "Ready, set, go!" The first player from each team races, hopping like a kangaroo, to the turning line and back again. The next player from the team can go when their player is back over the starting line. The first team to have all players hop out and back are the winners.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Help us to run our race and not give up. Thank you that you're with us every step of the way. We want to do our best and never give up when challenges come our way. Thank you for the life of the unlikely hero Paul, who lived a life that can be an example to us as we follow you.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

'Heroes never give up shoe' printed for each child from the print material files. Scissors, hole punch, shoe laces (or string), coloured pencils or markers.

Supplies Needed:

Big Word 'word find' page printed for each child from the print material files. Pencils.

Supplies Needed:

Tape or chairs to set the starting and turning lines.

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YOUR NAME

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UNLIKELYHEROES

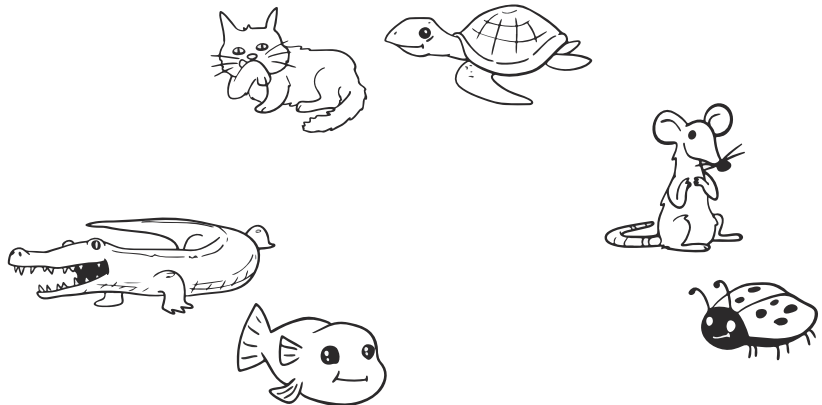
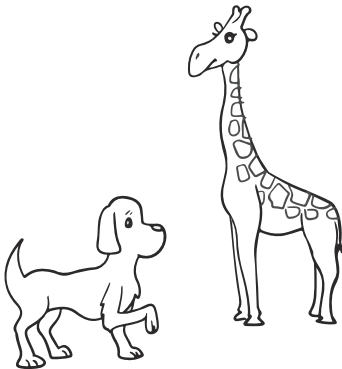
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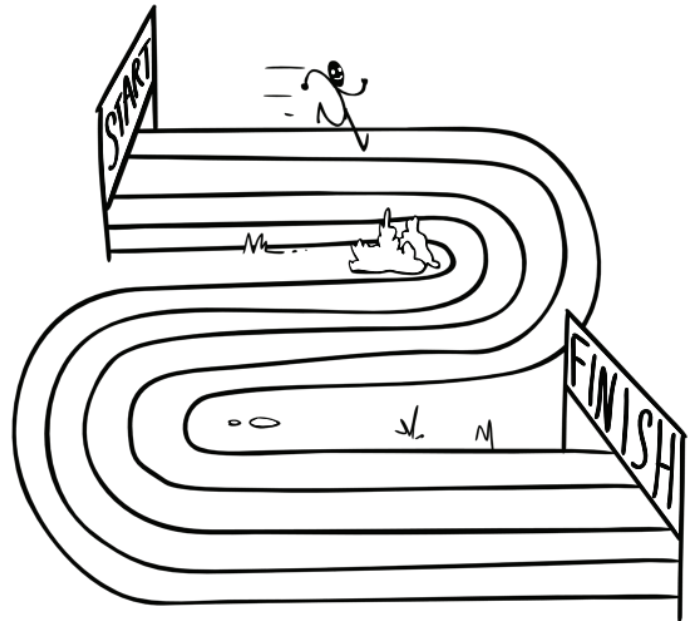
RUNNING RACES!
CIRCLE WHICH ANIMAL IN EACH PAIR
WOULD WIN IN A RACE?



PAUL WROTE LOTS OF THE
BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.



DRAW THE RUNNERS ON THE TRACK.



HEBREWS 12:1 "A HUGE CLOUD OF WITNESSES IS ALL AROUND US. SO LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT STANDS IN OUR WAY. LET US THROW OFF ANY SIN THAT HOLDS ON TO US SO TIGHTLY. AND LET US KEEP ON RUNNING THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US."

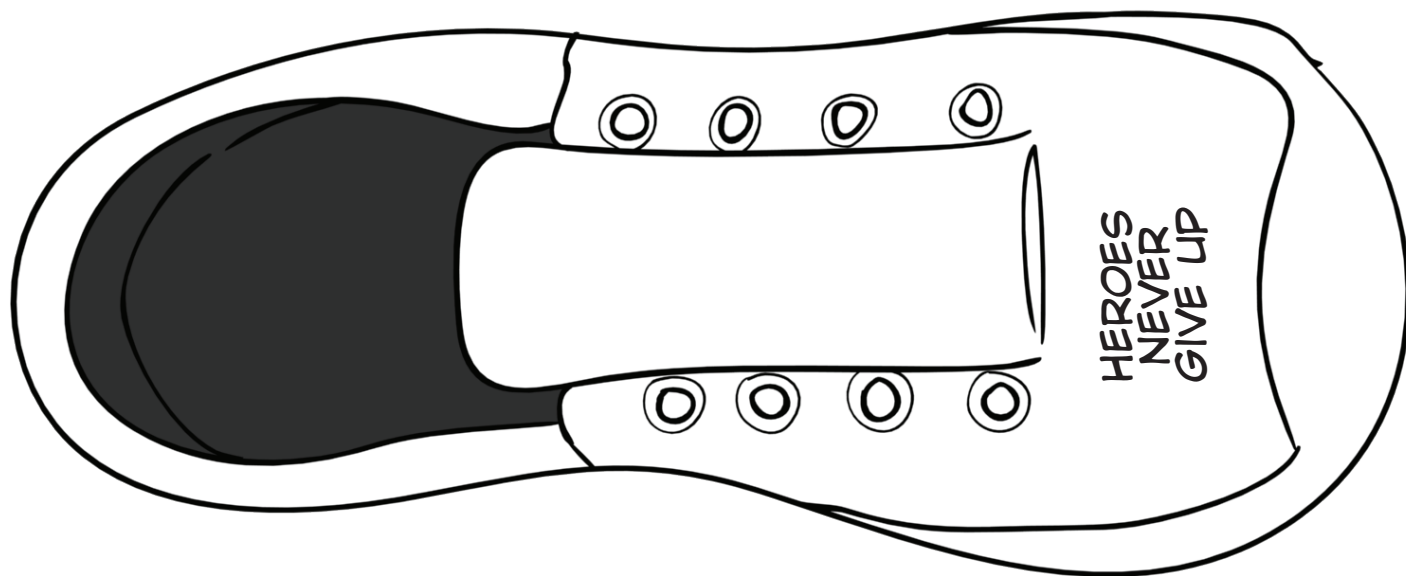
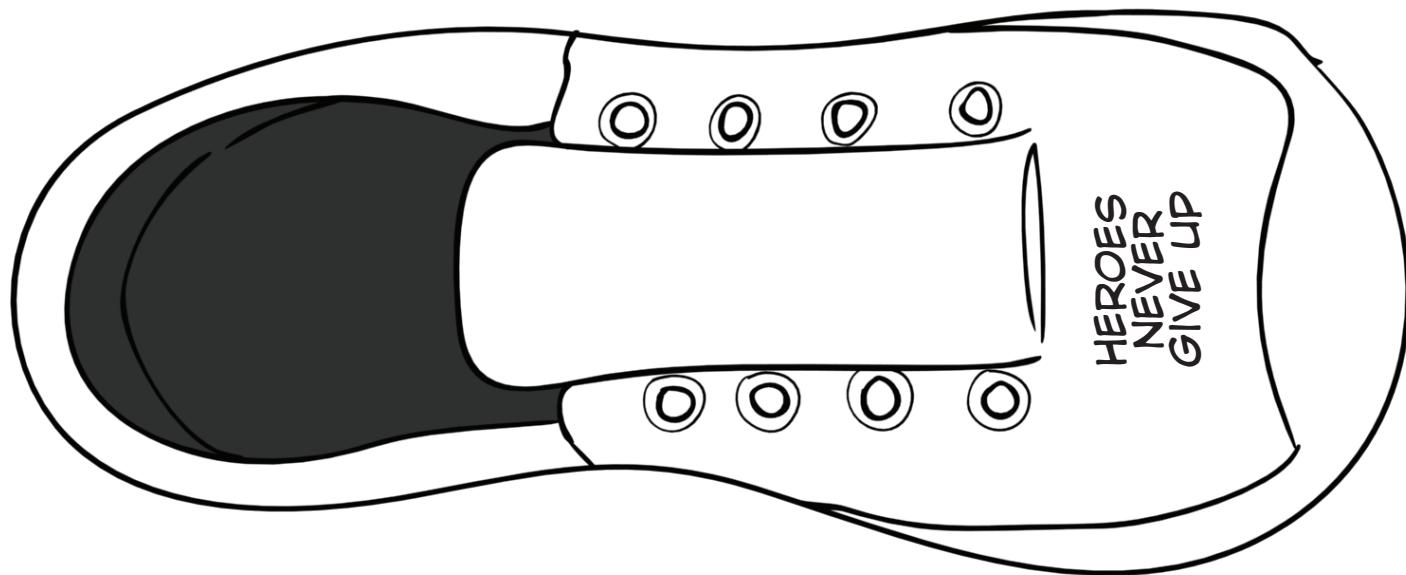
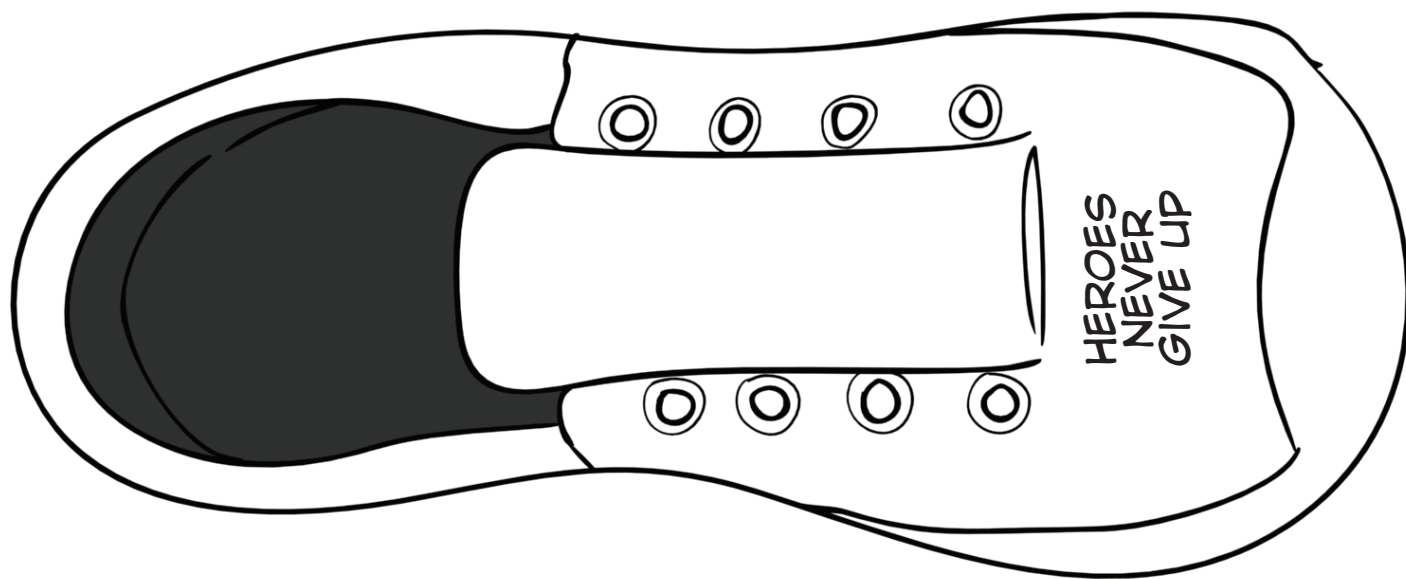
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TODAY I LEARNT THAT...

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PARENTS!

Use these questions to kick start discussion with your children!

1. When have you wanted to give up, but you didn't?
2. What helps us run the race and not give up?
3. Who cheers you on?



BIG WORD WORD FIND

I	N	X	O	D	Z	Y	C	Q	J	J	N	U	V	J
M	W	S	R	X	A	H	S	J	H	T	S	C	X	U
M	U	Y	I	C	P	G	T	V	A	L	S	I	P	V
Q	U	A	U	R	B	V	W	A	M	J	E	Q	F	S
U	G	W	Q	B	D	B	P	B	R	E	H	T	A	F
H	O	L	Y	S	P	I	R	I	T	M	L	O	H	O
F	T	A	O	Q	N	W	P	G	H	H	A	B	C	B
C	O	N	E	G	C	P	D	K	K	L	G	K	B	E
B	A	L	C	X	E	L	I	D	M	J	O	U	E	Y
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T	E	A	C	H	N	N	R	E	E	L	G	N	S	K
X	G	R	C	Z	R	M	P	S	W	D	O	F	N	H

WORK IN A PAIR AND SEE IF YOU CAN BE THE FASTEST TO
FIND ALL THE WORDS IN BOLD FROM THE BIG WORD.

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