



LEADER'S GUIDE

PRESCHOOL AND TODDLERS

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.

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

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

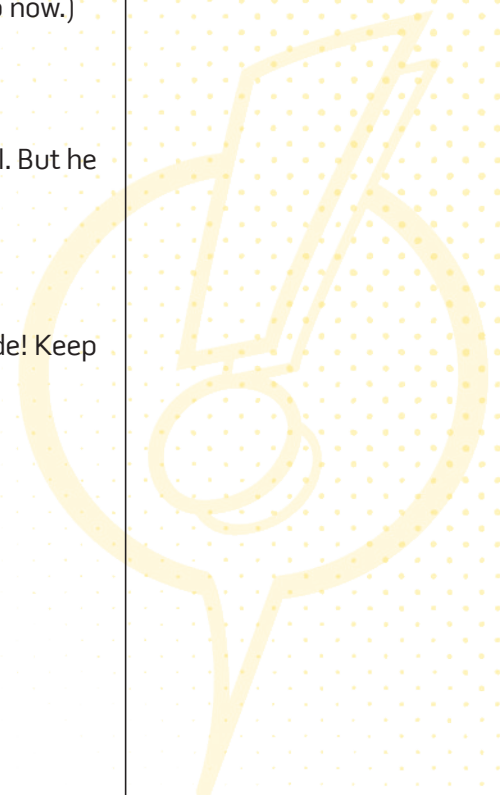
When something is challenging or takes a long time, we can feel like giving up. Even just learning new things takes time, practice and patience. Heroes never give up! Share a quick story of a time you've wanted to give up (e.g. When I was little and learning how to ride my bike. I had to learn on a bumpy 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.)

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

Paul faced lots of challenges, from being shipwrecked to being thrown in jail. But he was passionate about serving God and no matter what, he didn't give up!

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 and ask others for help.





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THE BIG ACTIVITY

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

Directions: (You may like to pre-cut and hole punch the shoe shapes prior to the lesson.) Give each child a 'heroes never give up shoe' to cut out and colour in. 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.

PLAYTIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Using masking tape, set out a running track with a few lanes. Children can take turns at running races around the track, staying in their lane. Make sure everyone feels celebrated no matter who comes first or last.

Talk about how when runners are in a race, they want to keep running to the finish line and not give up. The unlikely hero we learn about today is Paul. Paul faced lots of challenges but no matter what, he didn't give up.

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

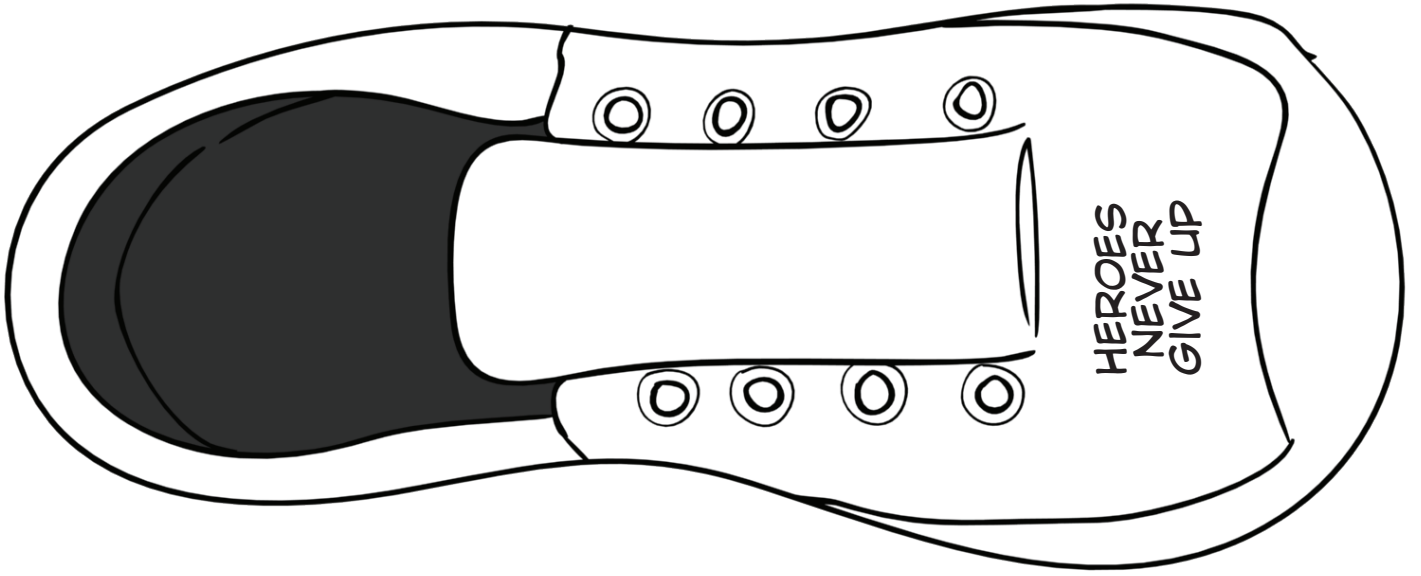
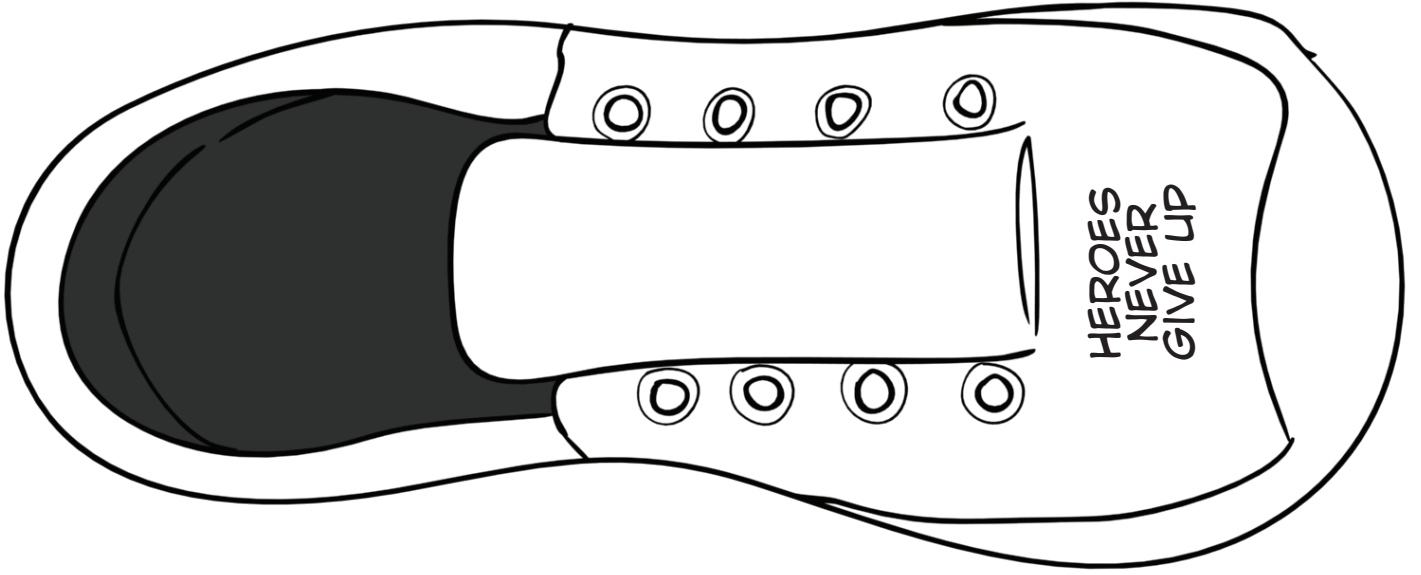
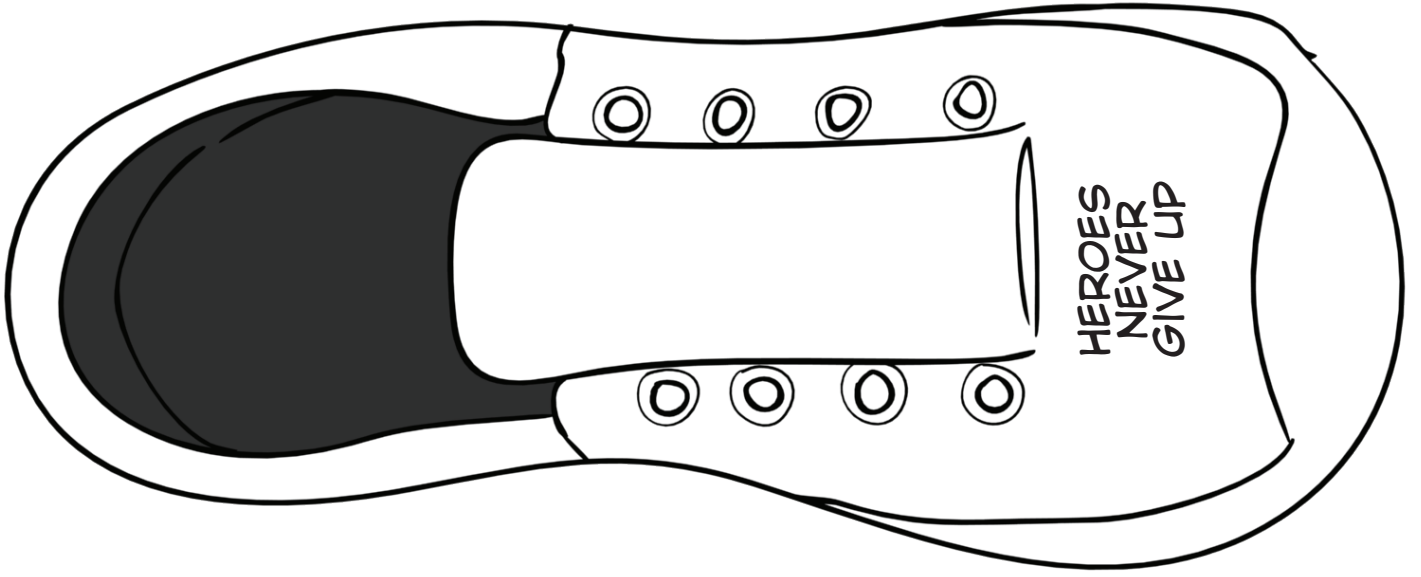
Supplies Needed:

'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.

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Masking tape.





PAUL - HEROES NEVER GIVE UP



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