

LEADER'S GUIDE YOUNGER CHILDREN

BIG PICTURE:

UNLIKELY HEROES - BOYS

BIG IDEA:

A GOOD REPORT

BIG POINT:

HEROES HAVE COURAGE

BIG WORD:

"HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU? BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO." JOSHUA 1:9 (NIV)



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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture UNLIKELY HEROES - BOYS. 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 Heroes are everyday people just like them.
- Understand that Joshua was a normal guy, with courage and God on his side, he became a hero.
- Know that with God they can have courage too.

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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

Go around the group and each person can say what their superhero name could be e.g. Super Sarah, Mighty Michael, Excellent Ethan, Courageous Catherine.

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

1. Can everyday, normal people be heroes?

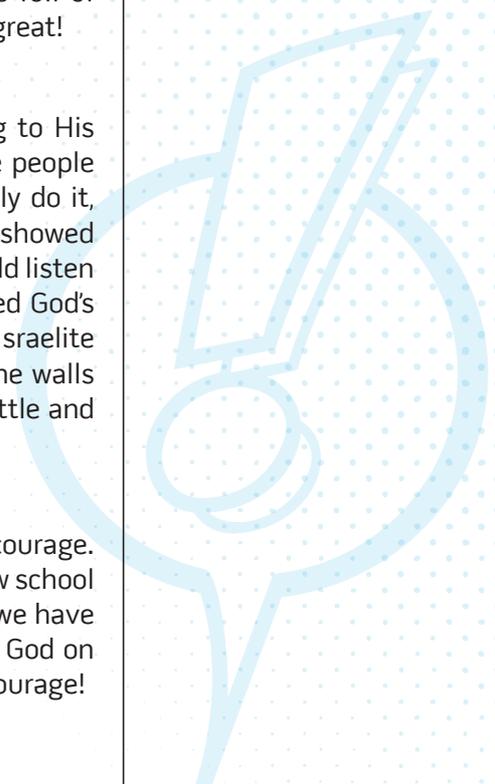
YES! Heroes don't need to have superpowers like superman or spiderman. Everyday normal people just like you and just like me can be heroes! The Bible is full of examples where the most unlikely person is used by God to do something great!

2. How did Joshua show courage?

Joshua, Caleb and 10 other spies explored the land that God was giving to His people, the Israelites. 10 of the spies said "no way, we can't go there, the people are giants and we won't win!" But Caleb and Joshua said "we can certainly do it, The land is Good and we can take it over". Caleb and Joshua trusted God, showed courage and gave a good report to Moses and the Israelites, but no one would listen to them. 40 years later Joshua became the leader of the Israelites and led God's people into that promised land. Joshua showed courage when he and the Israelite army marched around the walls of Jericho, sounded their trumpets and the walls fell down. Joshua showed courage when he and his army were in a big battle and Joshua prayed that God would make the sun stand still, God did just that.

3. How can we live with courage?

When we face something challenging or scary we can trust God and have courage. Think about some situations where we can live with courage: Going to a new school where we don't know anyone, when we or someone we know is sick, when we have to do something that we have never done before. We know that we have God on our side so we can face challenges, from the biggest to the smallest with courage!



ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To make a "Heroes have courage" medal to remind us that with God we can live with courage and be a hero.

Directions: Give each child a "Heroes have courage" medal to colour in and decorate. Punch a hole at the top of the medal and thread through some ribbon so that children can hang it around their neck.

Explanation: With God on our side, we can live with courage and be heroes. God uses everyday people, just like you and me, to be heroes and do great things for Him. Remember that no matter what challenge you face, God is with you and you can have courage.

BIG WORD

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

Practice the actions together for the Big Word song. Go through the song a few times until everyone is able to remember it.

GAME

Superhero Freeze

Play a game of superhero freeze. Play some music and when it stops everyone must jump into a superhero pose (e.g. hands on hips, muscles flexed or one fist in the air like superman flying) and freeze. If anyone moves, wriggles, giggles or is the last to stand like a superhero, they are out and can sit to the side until there is only one winner!

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you are always with us and we can live our lives with courage. Lord, you can use the most unlikely among us to be a hero and do great things for you. We ask that you give each one of us courage to do amazing things for you.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

"Heroes have courage" medals printed from the supplied file. Scissors, markers or pencils, ribbon, hole punch.

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Music

