

# LEADER'S GUIDE YOUNGER CHILDREN

## BIG PICTURE:

UNLIKELY HEROES - BOYS

## BIG IDEA:

NOBODY TO SOMEBODY

## BIG POINT:

HEROES SEE THE OPPORTUNITY

## 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:
- Learn that Nehemiah was a hero because he saw an opportunity to make a difference, and he did it!
  - Understand that one person can make a big impact.
  - Know that they can look for God opportunities to help others.

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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

If you could choose one superpower what would it be? (E.g. fly, freeze time, run faster than the speed of light)

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

1. What happened in today's story? How did Nehemiah see an opportunity to help?

Nehemiah was very sad that the walls of Jerusalem were crumbled and the people were in trouble. He led God's people and they all worked together to rebuild the walls of the city.

2. Who makes a difference in your life? How does it feel when they help you?

There might be a particular person who has made a big difference in your life. Maybe it's a friend that encourages you, a teacher that has helped you learn something difficult or a grandparent that believes in you and prays for you. It could be your parents or siblings or anyone who has been a help to you in a tough time. These people are heroes to us! We can all help make a difference in the lives of others.

3. What opportunities do you see to help others?

God can help us to see opportunities to help others. We can help others by being a friend, praying, sharing and caring. How can you make a difference; In your school? In your family? In your neighbourhood? We even have opportunities to help people far away from us. We can pray and raise money for organisations that help people in other countries, we might have a sponsor child that our family can commit to helping.

## ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

## THE BIG ACTIVITY

**Purpose:** To make a “heroes see the opportunity” mask to remind us that we can be a hero and make a difference in the lives of others.

**Directions:** (For younger children or larger groups you may prefer to cut out the mask shapes prior to the lesson)

Give each child a mask to decorate. They can colour in the words “Heroes see the opportunity” and add their own designs and star stickers. Attach elastic to the mask using a stapler.

**Explanation:** Unlikely Heroes are everyday people who see the opportunity to make a difference and do something about it. Look for opportunities to help people this week, at school, at home and in your community.

## 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)

Give each child a Big Word Bag Tag to colour in and write their name on. When they're finished decorating laminate each tag and punch a hole to attach a key ring. Children can attach their Big Word bag tag to their school bag to remind them that God is with them wherever they go.

## GAME

Coin shuffle

Divide your group into two teams each with a pile of coins or tokens. One by one players must grip a coin or token between their knees and shuffle across to the mug of water and drop the coin/token into the mug. Players only have one chance if the coin/token misses the mug it doesn't count. The team with the most coins/tokens in the mug are the winners.

## PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you give us opportunities to help others. Show us this week ways that we can make a difference in the lives of people. You are with us wherever we go and You give us boldness and courage to make an impact in the world.

In Jesus name, Amen

### Supplies Needed:

“Heroes see the opportunity” mask for each child printed from the print material files. Scissors, coloured makers, star stickers, elastic, stapler.

### Supplies Needed:

Big word bag tag printed from print material files for each child, coloured markers, key ring, (optional - laminator), hole punch.

### Supplies Needed:

Coins or tokens, 2 mugs of water.