

LEADER'S GUIDE YOUNGER CHILDREN

BIG PICTURE:

UNLIKELY HEROES - BOYS

BIG IDEA:

MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS

BIG POINT:

HEROES RELY ON GOD IN THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD

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 the life of Elijah, a man that relied on God.
- Learn that God is with us no matter what season we are in.
- Know that we can rely on God always, in the good times and the bad.

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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

Would you rather climb a mountain or go skydiving someday?

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

1. Who was today's unlikely hero and what did we learn about him?

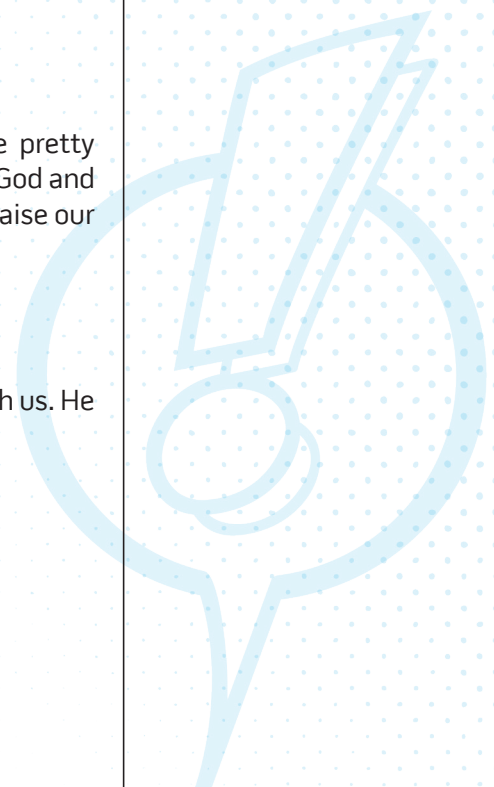
Today's unlikely hero was Elijah. We learned that Elijah relied on God in the good times and the bad. Elijah trusted God to provide in the drought and He relied on God to show up on mount carmel to prove who the one true God is.

2. How can we rely on God in the good times?

Heroes rely on God in the good times and the bad. God gives us some pretty fantastic moments and seasons in our life, we need to remember to praise God and thank Him! No matter what's happening in our lives, good or bad, we can praise our father in heaven

3. How can we rely on God in the valleys/bad times?

We can rely on God in the valleys because no matter what, God is always with us. He provides for us, cares for us and protects us.



ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that heroes rely on God in the good times (mountaintops) and the bad times (valleys).

Directions: Give each child both the card page printed on white paper and the mountain page printed onto green paper. Fold the green card paper along the dotted lines and cut along the solid lines. Fold the white card paper in half along the dotted lines and open up again, next stick the green card paper into the centre. Your card will open up and show the green mountain to remind us that we can rely on God in the good times and the bad.

Explanation: In the good times we can feel like we're on top of a mountain. High above troubles and bad times, like floating on the clouds. Then there's times we can feel like we're in a deep valley, shadows all around and we can't see a way out. You could be on the highest mountain or in the deepest valley, no matter where you are, you're not alone.

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)

Lay out all the cards in the memory challenge game face down in a square, 4 cards by 4 cards. One by one children take turns to choose two cards, flip them over and see if they match. If they don't match, turn them back face down in their original position. If the cards do match, they can stay face up. Once all the cards have been matched, you'll have two sets of the verse. Help children to arrange them in the right order and repeat the verse, as a group, a few times over.

GAME

Ten Pin Bowling

Divide your group into two teams. Use masking tape to put marks on the ground where the bowling pin bottles will be placed. Set up the bowling pin bottles at one end of your play area and have the children line up in their teams at the other end. Allow the children to roll the ball along the ground and see how many pins they can knock down. Keep each teams score and after all the children have had a turn tally up the scores. The team who has knocked down the most pins is the winner.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Help us to rely on you in the good times and the bad. Thank you that you're always with us no matter what season we are in. We love you!

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Card and Mountain templates printed from print material files onto white card paper and green card paper, scissors, glue.

Supplies Needed:

Memory game printed from print material files onto card paper and cut out.

Supplies Needed:

10 bottles to use as bowling pins, a medium sized ball and masking tape.