

LEADER'S GUIDE

PRESCHOOL AND TODDLERS

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.

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

1. Which unlikely hero did we learn about today, and what makes them a hero?

Today we learned about Joshua. He was an unlikely hero because he had courage. Joshua, Caleb and the other spies went to check out the land God was going to give them. Everyone, except Joshua and Caleb, said "no way, we can't take that land!" Joshua and Caleb trusted God, showed courage and gave a good report to Moses and the Israelites.

40 years later Joshua became the leader of the Israelites and led God's people into the 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.

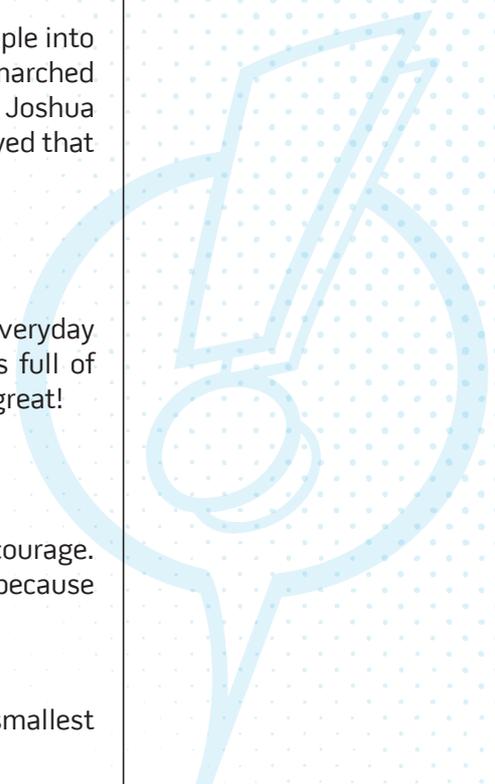
2. Can everyday normal people be heroes?

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!

3. How can we live with courage?

When we face something challenging or scary we can trust God and have courage. We can face any challenge, from the biggest to the smallest, with courage because we have God on our side.

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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: Before the lesson cut out a "Heroes have courage" medal for each child. Give each child their medal to colour in and decorate. Punch a hole at the top of the medal and attach a clip so the children can wear their medal.

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.

PLAYTIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Superhero Freeze

Set aside an area for children to play dress up with superhero capes and masks. Help them to imagine being superheroes while you play a game of superhero freeze. Play some music, and when the music 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. The children will try not to be the last to stand like a superhero, and try not to move, wriggle or giggle while the music has stopped.

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. Crayons, clips, hole punch.

Supplies Needed:

Music and some superhero capes and masks to dress up in.

