

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Our actions today can have a lasting impact for years to come.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that what a hero does for God can have a BIG impact for years to come.

KEY PASSAGE:

2 Timothy 1:1-5

MEMORY VERSE:

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16 (NIV)

SUMMARY:

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SIMPLE PRAYER:

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Use our actions to make an impact on our friends and family.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

"So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last." Matthew 20:16 (NirV)

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16 (NIV)

"So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last." Matthew 20:16 (NLT)

"So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen." Matthew 20:16 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

See which group can recite the memory verse from memory the loudest - the boys or the girls.

SMALL GROUP:

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SKIT

MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

ITEMS NEEDED:

A "BibleCon" sign (see description below)
A table and chair set up for autographs
An autograph book
A plate of cookies
A pitcher of lemonade and some cups

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Ernie - A Bible fan
Cornelius - A Roman soldier

Lois sits at the autograph table with the sign reading, "BibleCon Welcomes Lois." In addition to the usual props, she has a pitcher of lemonade and some glasses as well as a plate of cookies. Ernie enters with his autograph book. He is tired.

ERNIE: Boy, are my feet tired.

Lois gets up and brings a chair around.

LOIS: Oh, you poor dear. Here, have a seat.

ERNIE: *(sits)* Thank you.

LOIS: Long day?

ERNIE: Yes it was.

Lois pours a glass of lemonade.

LOIS: Here, have some lemonade.

ERNIE: Thank you.

SKIT

LOIS: Would you like a cookie too?

ERNIE: No, thanks, the lemonade is great.

LOIS: Are you sure?

ERNIE: Well, maybe one.

Ernie takes a cookie. Lois sets the plate on the table.

LOIS: You look like you've had a busy day.

ERNIE: I have. I know it's only been a day, but it feels more like... eight weeks.

LOIS: I see you've picked up a lot of autographs. Mind if I have a look?

ERNIE: Go ahead.

Lois flips through the book.

LOIS: Wow. Usually people come here to get the big names like Moses and Peter and David and Paul. These are all the little people. Like me.

ERNIE: I was going to ask if you'd mind signing it too. After all, you were the grandmother who taught Timothy to love the Lord.

LOIS: Oh, I'm no hero, really!

ERNIE: You are! You shared your faith with your grandson, and look what happened. You made a huge impact on him and the church.

LOIS: I can't take credit for that. It's all God.

ERNIE: I can't argue with that. But you have to admit, the little things we do for God can have a BIG impact for years to come.

LOIS: You're right. I mean look at the names in this book. Because of Cornelius, Peter took the gospel to the gentiles and grew the church even more. Because of Mordecai, the Jewish people were saved from a terrible disaster. Because of Nehemiah, the people of Israel were able to return home and live in Jerusalem for generations after him.

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

An heirloom quilt (or something handed down from a past relative)

Have one of your adult leaders bring in an heirloom quilt, or some heirloom that came from a grandparent or great grandparent. Let the person who brought it in explain what it is, who it came from, and what it means to them.

If you asked your parents, you'd probably find heirlooms like these in your home, sentimental items that were handed down from one generation to the next. These memories have special meaning to us. They remind us where we came from and who we came from, and we can look back and see how those who came before us made a trail for us to follow.

I don't know if Timothy had any heirlooms from Lois, but she passed on the greatest thing she could ever share with her grandson – her faith in God. The work she did for the Lord impacted not only Timothy, but the men, women, and children he served as a pastor and missionary. Her work continues to this day, every time we read the books of 1 and 2 Timothy. Her story teaches us that heroes have an impact for years to come.

Let's ask God to bless the work of our hands so the service we do for the Lord can impact others for many years to come!

LARGE GROUP GAME

HULA FOREVER!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Hula hoops

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose as many kids for this game as you have hoops. Have everyone start together and see who can hula hoop the longest.

VARIATION:

For a game with a smaller number of kids, have 2-3 kids compete to see who can get the most hoops going at one time.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Our actions for God today can have an impact that lasts a long time, even years!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

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KEY PASSAGE:

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INTRO:

I know this is going to be hard to believe, but the super hero Shazam, who finally got his own movie in 2019, was first created back in 1939. Can you believe that? 80 years after he was first drawn onto a page, he's still fighting crime. He looks good for an 80 year old hero, doesn't he? Not a day over 30. Or 12, when he's in Billy Batson's form. The character who first appeared in Fawcett Comics has certainly left a legacy. He's not only entertained generations of comic book fans, but he's inspired many other super heroes along the way. Many of the super powers that Superman has were actually borrowed from Shazam. And there's even a Marvel super hero who now has his old name, Captain Marvel. Perhaps you heard of her too.

What's interesting about Shazam is that until a few years ago, he was all but forgotten. Shazam has been the subject of movies and even TV cartoons in the past, but it's been decades since kids ran around the backyard yelling out "Shazam!" Yet Shazam was never forgotten by true comics fans, and when they revived him for the movie, his story inspired a whole new generation of fans. Eight decades after his creation, Shazam is still making an impact on lovers of super heroes, inspiring us to be great and do good for others.

Over the last 20 years, many largely unknown heroes have become household names thanks to the movies. How many of you can honestly say you knew who Black Widow was before the Marvel movies? Or Hawkeye? Or Falcon? Or how about Ant-Man and the Wasp?

We've seen throughout this series that you don't have to be someone big, someone important, someone in leadership, or even a grown up to be a hero. It takes a heart that desires to serve God to be a hero. It takes a willingness to listen to God and study His Word.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

It takes boldness to do what is right and serve others, no matter who, with the love of Jesus. Every person we've met in this series is a hero. They're not big names, but their stories continue to inspire us thousands of years after they were written down.

A hero is someone who leaves a legacy, whose impact can be seen and felt for years. That's the story of today's final unknown hero, a woman by the name of Lois.

READ 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-5

MAIN POINT:

Lois is barely mentioned in the Bible, but the few things we know about her show us how important it is to serve God and share His love. Lois was the grandmother of Timothy, a young believer who became a student of Paul's and later a pastor. Lois loved the Lord and shared her faith with her daughter and her grandson. She probably never left her hometown, never went on any missionary journeys, never did anything "big" in her life. Yet her faithful service had a big impact on the Christian world.

Lois passed her faith to Timothy. Timothy passed his faith on to the people he pastored. From one generation to the next, the name of the Lord Jesus was spread, and it all goes back to Lois. What's more, Lois is still inspiring us today. We've dedicated an entire morning to this faithful woman of God. This brief passage in 2 Timothy has inspired generations of parents and grandparents and even great grandparents to boldly share their faith. We want each of you to take up that challenge as well, to serve in such a way that your acts of love and kindness make an impact for years to come.

DRIVE IT HOME:

It's easy to think that God only moves in big moments. We love to look at the big stories of the Bible, like Jesus feeding the 5000, and we see the power of God in action. But as Lois shows us, the power of God moves in small ways every day.

Your act of kindness to a hard-to-love classmate could plant the seed for them to know Jesus. The prayer you say with someone who is hurting could turn them to Christ and change the direction of their life. You never know what moment, what action is going to make that deep impact. We need to live every moment for the Lord, listening for His guidance and obeying His Word.

It all starts when we make our commitment to Christ. If you've never made that commitment to follow Jesus, you can do that today. We'd love to share the faith Lois passed on to Timothy with you and help you get started on your walk with Jesus. This could be a moment that changes your life for years to come, and in turn, changes the lives of the people around you. You can make a difference. You can change the world in small but powerful ways for years to come. If you're ready to start your hero's journey, this is your invitation!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Use our actions to make an impact on our friends and family.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Is there a super hero or a book character you would love to see in a movie who has never had one?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Matthew 20:16

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Go around the group, have everyone introduce themselves, and have them tell something interesting about a grandparent or great grandparent or another older relative in their family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-5

Who was Lois?

What did Lois teach her grandson Timothy?

How did Lois's actions have an impact for years to come?

Has someone from way back in your family had a positive influence on you?

Can our actions today make a difference years later?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to serve you so we can change our world for the better.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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How did Lois's actions make her a hero?

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Can our actions today make a difference years later?

How can we begin a lifetime of following Jesus and make a difference in the lives of others?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

REVIEW

_____ was a Roman centurion who obeyed God.

CORNELIUS

_____ was a spy who had faith God would help his people conquer the promised land.

CALEB

_____ taught her grandson Timothy to follow Jesus.

LOIS

_____ was a prophet who refused to follow the crowd and told a wicked king he was doomed.

MICAIAH

_____ was only eight when he became king, but he led his people back to God.

JOSIAH

_____ was a slave girl who urged her sick master to seek help from a prophet of God.

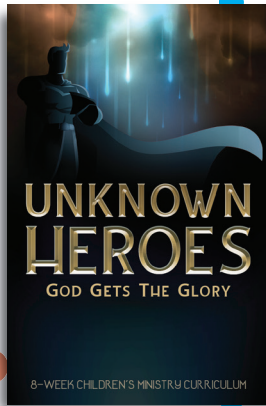
NAAMAN'S SERVANT

_____ was a bold hero who helped his people rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

NEHEMIAH

_____ was the uncle to a queen who always helped others, whether it was the king or his people.

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MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Unknown Heroes Lesson 8

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: LOIS



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Look through some old family photos this week. Show your kids some of your ancestors, and tell them stories. If anyone in particular made a lasting impact on you or the family, share that story.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Who was Lois?
- Why is Lois a hero?
- How can our actions have a lasting impact on this world?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Matthew 20:16 NIV



PARENT TIME:

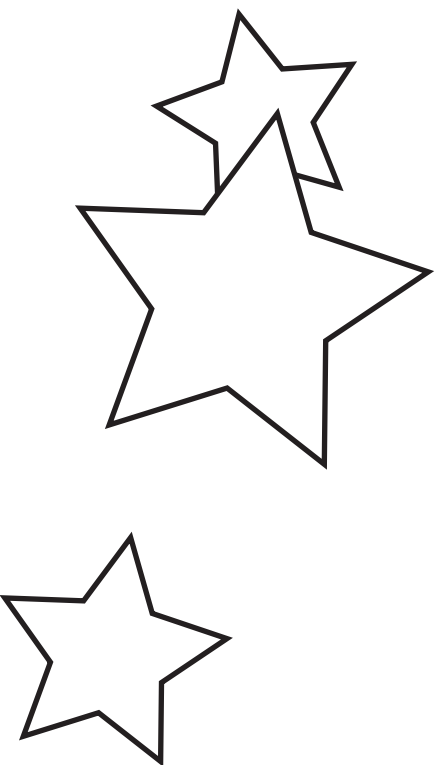
What you need to know:

As parents, no one will have a deeper or more lasting impact on your kids than you. Pray that your legacy is a godly one, one that instills a deeper faith in your children and ultimately their children and grandchildren.

CRAFT ACTIVITY

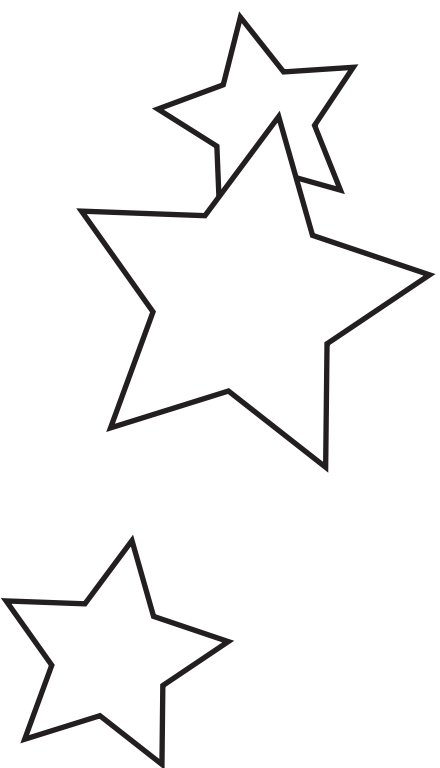
Have the kids draw and color Lois as a super hero. You can give them templates of a human shape to start with, or let them do it freehanded.

If you've had the kids create a single piece of art during this series, let them take their artwork home this week to show off their Unknown Heroes.



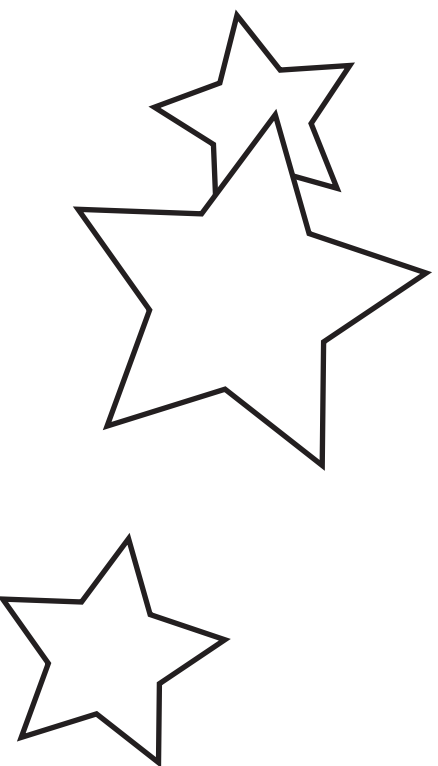
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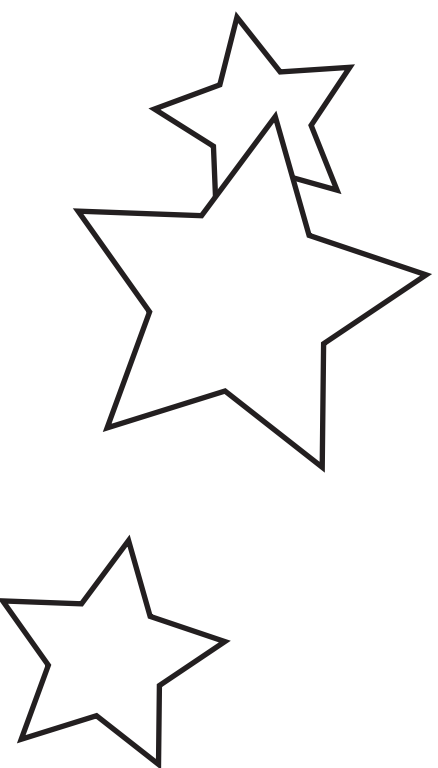
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