

SERIES OVERVIEW

Tagline: God Gets The Glory

Synopsis: We all know about Abraham, Moses, David, and Esther. The heroes of the faith. But the Bible is filled with stories of men and women who – although you may not know their names – served God in big ways.

Objective: Kids will learn that you don't have to be famous to do big things for God.

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

Lessons:

Caleb

Scripture: Numbers 13:26-32 and 14:6-10

Twelve men spied out the Promised Land. 10 of them came back with reports that there was no hope. Joshua – who would later become the leader of the Israelites – had no fear and encouraged Israel to trust God. Joshua was not alone, Caleb also boldly stood with Joshua and encouraged Israel to believe in the power of God. Caleb is also the first person the Bible says spoke up and encouraged the people to believe in God's power.

Objective: Kids will learn that a hero believes in God's power.

Micaiah

Scripture: 1 Kings 22:6-28, Micaiah

King Ahab wanted to go to war. He surrounded himself with false prophets who all told him that he would be successful in battle. Only the prophet Micaiah understood the truth and had the courage to speak it: King Ahab would fail.

Objective: Kids will learn that a hero has to do what's right even when no one else will.

Naaman's Servant

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-2, 9-15

Naaman was a powerful man who was not one of God's people. His men had captured a young Israelite girl and she was made to become a servant in Naaman's house. This young girl could have hated Naaman. She could have been angry and disrespectful. But instead, this girl chose to be kind. When she found out Naaman was sick, she told him about a prophet of God who could help heal him. Because of her kindness, Naaman learned that God is the one, true God.

Objective: Kids will learn that a hero for God shows kindness to others even when they

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don't deserve it.

Josiah

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:1-4, 8-11, 22:1-5, 21-23, Josiah

The people had forgotten God and his commandments. They made idols and began worshipping false gods. When the Book of God's Law was found, King Josiah lead the people back to following the one true God and celebrating Him.

Objective: Kids will learn that heroes study and obey God's Word.

Mordecai

Scripture: Esther 2:19-23, 4:1-17, Mordecai

First Mordecai acted to save the life of the king. Next Mordecai worked with Esther to save the lives of all the Jewish people.

Objective: Kids will learn that a hero serves and helps other people.

Nehemiah

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:1-8

Nehemiah was an exile in a strange land. When he learned that the wall around Jerusalem had been destroyed, he boldly asked the king for permission to go and rebuild it.

Objective: Kids will learn that a hero is bold for God.

Cornelius

Scripture: Acts 10:23-35, 44-48, Cornelius

All of the first followers of Jesus had been Jewish people. Some of them believed that only certain people could believe in Jesus. But God called Cornelius to seek out Peter to prove that God's love and salvation was for everyone.

Objective: Kids will learn that a hero listens to and obeys God.

Lois

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-5

We've all heard of Paul, his incredible conversion and great missionary journeys. Many of us have heard of Timothy who also travelled with Paul. But what about Lois? That's not a name that you hear in a lot of sermons. Lois was Timothy's grandmother and in this letter Paul makes a point to mention that the faith Timothy had to serve God alongside Paul came from his grandmother Lois.

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