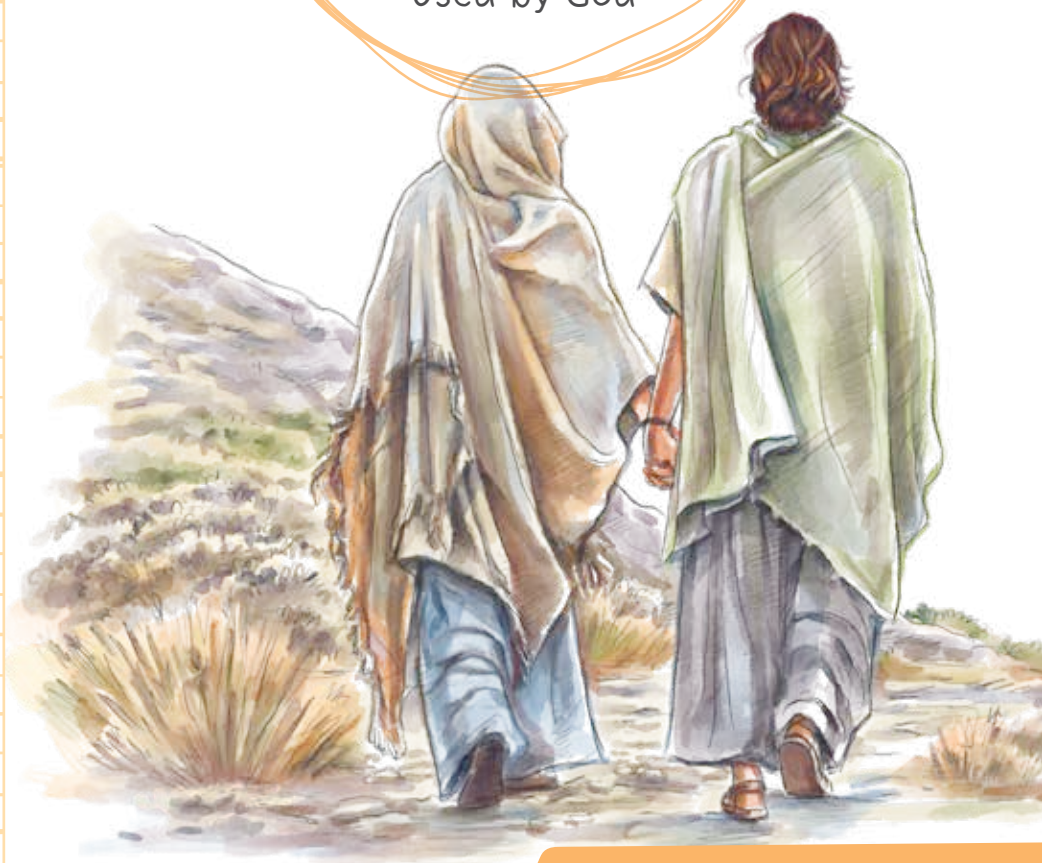


HEROES

Ordinary People
Used by God



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What is
a hero?

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WHAT'S IN THIS Study?

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DAY 6: Moses

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DAY 10: Barak and Deborah

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DAY 15: Jeremiah

DAY 16: Daniel

DAY 17: Mary and Joseph

DAY 18: John the Baptist

DAY 19: Stephen and Paul

DAY 20: God Can Use You!

Primary Level

What Makes a Hero?

For you a hero might be your parents or a good and kind friend. Maybe you think of a hero as missionaries risking their lives to spread the gospel.

A hero is a person who is admired, or looked up to, because of their courage or the things that they did.

Read  **Hebrews 11:1-2.**

What made the people we read about in the Bible worthy of being praised?

Heroes like Noah, Abraham, Joseph, David, and Daniel receive praise in God's Word because they lived by FAITH.

Read **Romans 3:10**. Can we do good and right things on our own?

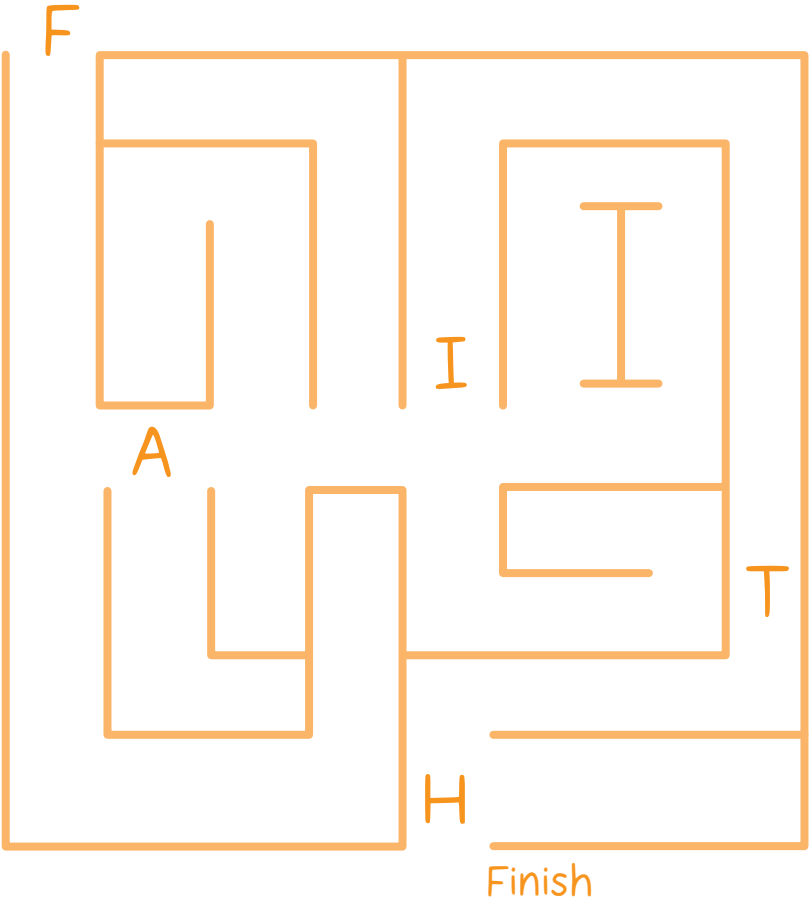
Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, all people have been born sinners. We can't do the right thing on our own. When we place our faith in Jesus for salvation, God can work through us to do good works.

We don't look up to the "heroes" in the Bible because they were brave or strong themselves! We do this because they placed their faith in God and HE made them strong and brave.

**Biblical heroes are people
who place their faith in God, allowing Him
to work through their lives.**



Follow the path that says FAITH to get through the maze. Faith helps a hero know where God wants them to go!



Today, thank God that you can learn from the examples of people who put their trust in Him. Ask God to help you learn much about Him and His work in this study.

Junior Level

What Makes a Hero?

When someone says the word “hero,” what ideas or images pop into your head? Maybe you think of missionaries who risked their lives to spread the gospel. Perhaps images of police officers, firefighters, nurses, paramedics, and doctors saving people from life-threatening danger flash through your mind. For you, a hero might just be your parents or a friend who sticks by you no matter what.



Who is a “hero” in
your mind?



The dictionary says that a **hero** is “a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.”

When it comes to people we admire because of what they did for God, it’s important that we understand how they were able to do those things in the first place.

Read  **Hebrews 11:1-3**. What made the people we read about in God’s Word worthy of being praised?

Verse 2 refers to the people we often think of when we're asked which heroes from the Bible we know of: Noah, Abraham, Joseph, David, Daniel, and so on. These people receive recognition and praise in God's Word, but it's not because they were perfect people who never messed up. They received praise because they lived by **FAITH**.

Verse 3 describes what faith looks like. Faith is absolute trust in and dependence on God and what He has revealed to us in His Word.

Read **Romans 3:10-12**. Can any of us do right on our own?



Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, all people have been born sinners, meaning we do not have the ability to do good or right things on our own. We are weak and sinful! However, when we place our faith in Jesus for salvation, God can then work through us to do good works.

We study and look up to the “heroes” in the Bible, not because they were courageous or strong themselves, but because the God in whom they placed their faith made them strong and courageous. This is what Hebrews 11 teaches us, and this will be our focus throughout our study.

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What people from the Bible do you usually think of as heroes?

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Youth Level

What Makes a Hero?

When someone says the word “hero,” what ideas or images pop into your head? Maybe you think of people who hid Jews from German soldiers during World War II or missionaries who risked their lives to spread the gospel. Perhaps images of police, firefighters, nurses, paramedics, and doctors saving people from life-threatening danger flash through your mind. For you, a hero might just be your parents or a friend who sticks by you no matter what.

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Read ^{KEY VERSES} *Hebrews 11:1-3*. What made the people we read about in God’s Word worthy of being commended or praised?

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Read *Romans 3:10-12*. What words do these verses use to describe all people?

Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, all people have been born sinners, meaning we do not have the ability to do good or right things on our own. We are weak, sinful people! However, when we place our faith in Jesus for salvation, God can then work through us to do good works.

Imagine that you got to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. While you wandered around, looking at the amazing works of art, you heard someone exclaim, “Wow, that must have been a talented paintbrush!”

What would you think about that statement?



It’s ridiculous to praise the brush used by a great artist! In the same way, praising the people in God’s Word for the work God did through them does not make sense. We study and look up to these people, not because they were courageous or strong themselves, but because the God in whom they placed their faith made them strong and courageous. This is what Hebrews 11 teaches us, and this will be our focus throughout our study.

Biblical *heroes* are people who place their faith in God, allowing Him to work through their lives.

In the chart below, list three people from the Bible that you usually think of as heroes. Why is that? Do they qualify as heroes based on what we learned today about what a biblical hero is?

PERSON	WHAT THEY DID	TRUE BIBLICAL HERO?
		☐ YES ☐ NO
		☐ YES ☐ NO
		☐ YES ☐ NO

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Parent Guide

What Makes a Hero?

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As a parent, you have the opportunity to help your children learn that God is the One who does great things and not us. When you talk about Bible stories, emphasize God as the true hero instead of the person. Help your children understand that God is the source of strength and courage, not ourselves.

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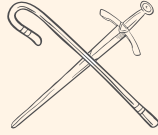
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Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3

Key Truth: Biblical heroes are people who place their faith in God, allowing Him to work through their lives.

Discussion: What would have happened if the heroes in the Bible did not have faith? Why do you think God chose to work through people instead of just doing things Himself?



HEROES

What makes someone a hero?

Who is a true hero? Could you be a hero?

Get ready to answer these questions and more in

Heroes: Ordinary People Used by God! In this study, we'll take a look at some of the people Hebrews 11 commends for their faith, as well as others God used in great ways. Through studying what these people did, said, and believed, we will learn what made each of them a hero whose life points us to the power of our God!

