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POWERSOURCE

ASK GOD:

1. To help your children follow Jesus as the ultimate hero and role model.
2. To strengthen you to be an example of heroic faith for your family.
3. To guide you as you share news of Jesus' "heroism" with others.

Help Your Kids Be Faith Heroes

Children's heroes can be fictional or real, from cartoon and movie characters to pop singers and fire fighters. The Bible is filled with faith heroes whom God used to fulfill His plan of salvation. But not all of these heroes were adults. David, a shepherd boy, defeated the giant Goliath, and Mary was a teenager who gave birth to our Savior. God doesn't put an age limit on being a faith hero. Kids of all ages are doing—and can do—mighty things for God's kingdom.

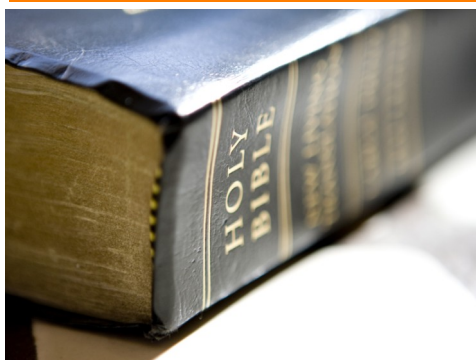
Sometimes children have trouble thinking of people in the Bible as anything more than fictional. They may show more interest in celebrities or athletes and strive to be like them. So it's important to help children put themselves in biblical people's shoes. Together, explore their lives and times, consider their fears and emotions, and try to get inside their skin. Ask children how they would feel and react in similar situations. This is a great way for kids to apply the Bible to their lives—and to show them that as Christians, they themselves figure in the great history God is writing. Read on for more tips about raising young faith heroes.

INSIGHTS

- In a 2010 U.K. poll, children listed their fathers as their top hero. Moms came in at number three. Also making the list were Hannah Montana, their teacher, SpongeBob SquarePants, and Grandpa. (*Children's Mutual*)
- 77 percent of Americans say celebrities and athletes have far too much influence on kids. (*Newsweek*)
- Only 25% of kids report that adults talk with them about their personal values. (*Search Institute*)

Wednesday Night
fall schedule begins 8/24!

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“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

The apostle Paul assured Timothy that even though he was young, God could use Timothy in a big way.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

1. Hero Journal—Help children see how God is using them. First, list the talents and abilities God has given each child. Then write ways that kids can use their talents to honor God. Whenever you or kids notice that God is using them, jot down the date and what happened. In January have a Hero Party (complete with hero sandwiches) and share journal excerpts.

2. Read All About It!—Be alert for stories of young heroes in your neighborhood and beyond. Share the accounts with your children to give them ideas about the incredible things they can accomplish.

3. Big-Screen Heroes—With older kids and preteens, watch movies that feature faith heroes; for example, *Soul Surfer*, about Bethany Hamilton, and *Chariots of Fire*, about Olympian Eric Liddell. Then discuss how the characters faced fears, made decisions, showed heroism, and trusted in God’s plans.



Use these conversation starters to get kids thinking about the ways they can be heroes for God:

1. Who are your heroes, and why? How do you try to be like them?
2. In what ways is God or Jesus your hero? What has He done for you that’s special and unique?
3. What can you do or say to be a hero for God at home? at school? at church? How can God help you with this goal?

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

These activities will help your family members explore what it means to live heroically and confidently for God.

- **Excellent Examples**—Write the words *speech, life, love, faith,* and *purity* on index cards. Then put the cards in a bag or hat. Have family members take turns picking a card and acting out a situation of being a good example of what’s on the card. Keep the cards in a visible location. Throughout the week, encourage family members to share new ways they’ve lived out their faith.
- **Confidence Carryall**—Collect and clean some empty containers, such as tall potato chip cans. Set out construction paper, markers, and stickers and have each family member decorate his or her own can. Ask: “On a scale of one to 10, how bold would you say you are, and why? What are some things that frighten you? Do heroes always have to be bold? Why or why not?”



Read aloud Hebrews 4:16. Say: “When we’re afraid, we can always talk to God, who makes us strong and helps us.” Have family members brainstorm things they’re confident about and write or draw them on slips of paper. (Help younger children.) Ideas can range from riding a bike and tying a shoe to knowing that Jesus loves me and hears my prayers.

Have everyone put the slips in their containers. Say: “Any time you feel shy about talking to God or being a hero for him, open your Confidence Carryall. Then remember what it feels like to be bold, with God’s help.”



ROUND



UP



Sunday,
August 21st
6:30 p.m.

Bring your entire family for a night of old-west fun...
pie eating contest...dessert baking contest...
carnival games... ALL FREE!



Hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork,
chips and drinks will be available.



and NEW this year... A DUNKING BOOTH
the “dunkees” are Mr. Alan and Dustin !!!
Supporting AWANA Adopt-a-Club
and World Changers.

Back by popular demand...

The Rosa String Works Band will be here for your listening enjoyment. They've opened for such acts as Diamond Rio, The Charlie Daniels Band, Jo Dee Messina, Louise Mandrel and others!



ROUND UP SUNDAY August 21, 2011

9:00 a.m. - Children's Bible Study Birth - 5th grade

Wear your old west clothes and meet your NEW teachers.

Pop Tarts for
Age 2 - 5th grade!



10:30 a.m. - GREAT Adventure

- Age 2-Pre-K will visit "The Wonder Room"
- Kindergarten - 3rd grade will begin "The Bible—THE GREATEST BOOK OF ALL"

5:30 p.m. - AWANA *early dismissal for Round Up at 6:30 p.m.

Ages 2 - 5th grade

Pre-Registration online is recommended at www.fbcellisville.org



Walk-ins welcome!

6:30 p.m.- All-Community Round UP!

starting 8/24/10

Music &
Missions
(M & M's)

Wednesday Nights

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

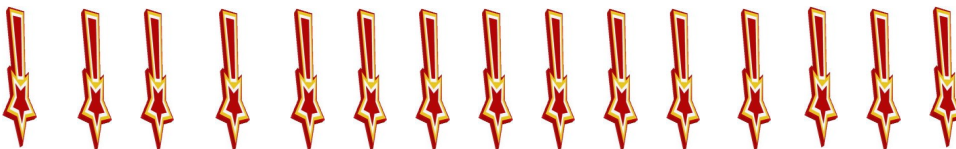
Age 3 - 5th
Grade

SuperStart!



**October
21 & 22**

SUPER START is a weekend for pre-teens to encounter Christ through high-energy worship, interactive teaching, and small groups all designed with their needs in mind.



Watch for more details!