

# Adventures with GOD!

## INTRODUCTION – THE FRIENDS OF GOD (B.2.FALL)

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-8

**GOAL FOR THE TRIMESTER:** Grow closer to God. Study the lives of people who chose to be followers of God in the Old Testament. Learn to identify and assess ethical and moral qualities of brave followers of God to imitate those examples in their lives. Acknowledge that living with God and for God is not easy. We may struggle and become frustrated at times but assure children that God loves them and struggling is part of growing as one of God's brave followers.

**MESSAGE FOR THE TEACHER:**

The word "hero" brings to mind many images of children, especially of fantasy heroes, which are not real. Children always have in their real or imaginary heroes minds that are very important in their lives. Perhaps will appoint heroes like Superman, Batman and other imaginary heroes. Children usually think that heroes are characters that have some extraordinary ability. They learn values and ethics from their heroes. This quarter's lessons emphasize that we all have skills that God has given us. We can't do extraordinary things like fly or bend metal but we can use the skills God has given us to love God and others. The goal this quarter will be to teach children the qualities and struggles of a Biblical Heroes, and challenge children to use the skills that God has given them to fulfill Gods plan. Remind children they don't have to be perfect and at times they will struggle and may become frustrated just like Biblical Heroes. It takes hard work and concentration to know the voice of God, trust and obey God, help others in need and admit we struggle and need forgiveness.

Christians can recognize someone as a hero by their example of life and Christian character. A brave follower of God is a true hero and can be a man or woman, a child or youth. Remember to always allow children the opportunity to respond to the story prior to moving into exploration. In this way we can encourage them to share their ideas – struggles and our thoughts.

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Note: Session two and four calls for the use of cardboard toilet paper rolls. You may want to collect some in preparation for these sessions. Session three calls for an Ark. You will need a cardboard box and two long poles. Attach the poles to either side of the box – so 4 children can carry it.