



# LEADER'S GUIDE

## OLDER CHILDREN AND PRETEENS

### BIG PICTURE:

UNLIKELY HEROES - GIRLS

### BIG IDEA:

OUT ON A LIMB

### BIG POINT:

HEROES STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

### BIG WORD:

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### DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture UNLIKELY HEROES - GIRLS. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Unlikely Heroes' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.

## Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Know that like Esther we can be heroes who stand up for what is right.
- Discover that God's word shows us right from wrong.
- Learn that we honour God when we stand for what is right.

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## KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

### CONNECT TIME

Everyone stand up and as quickly as you can arrange yourselves in order of your birthdate, from January to December.

### THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. How did Esther stand up for what was right?

Esther was a Jewish woman who became queen and when she heard Haman's plan to kill all the Jewish people, she stood up for what was right. She spoke to the king even though she wasn't allowed to speak to him without being invited, and it saved the Jewish people. It wouldn't have been easy but she knew it was the right thing to do and that God had positioned her.

2. Is it always easy to stand up for what is right?

It's not always easy to stand up for what is right. Sometimes it seems everyone is doing the wrong thing and it would be easier just to go along with them. We might worry that standing up for what is right might make us unpopular. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it and right is right even if no one is doing it. When you follow Jesus you're going to stand out from the crowd because you're choosing to live differently. Standing up for what is right can be challenging sometimes, but that's just the kind of unlikely hero God wants us to be.

3. How does standing up for what is right honour God? (Read Mark 12:28-31)

When we live as a Christian, part of God's Kingdom, we have His word to show us what is right. Mark 12:28-31 (NIV) "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." When we stand up for what is right, we honour God and show people His love.

## ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

## THE BIG ACTIVITY

**Purpose:** Make stand up people, to help us remember to stand up for what is right.

**Directions:** Give each child a stand up person shape to cut out along the dotted lines (if you have a large group you may like to pre-cut the shapes before the lesson). Children can colour in the person shape before you help them to bend the strip into a ring shape and tape or staple the two ends together. Cut two slits into the bottom of the person shape and slide it onto the circle so that the person shape can stand up.

**Explanation:** Unlikely heroes stand up for what is right. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it and right is right even if no one is doing it. When you follow Jesus you're going to stand out from the crowd because you're choosing to live differently.

## BIG WORD

"God has said, "I will never leave you; I will never abandon you." So we can be sure when we say, "I will not be afraid, because the Lord is my helper. People can't do anything to me." Hebrews 13:5b-6 (NCV)

Give each child a Big Word word card and instruct them not to show it to anyone else in the group. They can look at their card as they stay seated and when you say the verse, they will listen out for that word and each time they hear it, stand up then sit or crouch down again. Others in the group may have the same word and stand up at the same time as one another. Say the verse a few times over as the children stand up only when they hear their word.

## GAME

Sock Siege.

Have the children stand in a large circle and select two players to be blindfolded. They will be given a pair of rolled up socks which they will try to throw at the other blindfolded player. Each player will be allocated a helper who will retrieve the sock ball and give it back to them to keep throwing. Before the siege begins spin the blindfolded players to disorient them. The rest of the group cannot touch or guide the players, but they can cheer them on. The first player to hit their opponent is the winner. Play more rounds with new players and helpers each time.

## PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you show us in your word what is right. Help us to stand up for what is right even when it's hard to. We want to honour you and show your love to others.

In Jesus name, Amen

### Supplies Needed:

Stand up people template printed from print material files for each child, scissors, coloured pencils or markers, tape or stapler.

### Supplies Needed:

Big Word cards supplied in print material files.

### Supplies Needed:

Two pairs of clean socks rolled into a ball and two blindfolds.