

Let's Be Heroes for Jesus!



There are a lot of different kinds of superheroes, aren't there? Some can fly, others have super strength. Some can move at the speed of light, others can turn invisible. No matter what their special power is, all superheroes have some unique power that makes them super!

Did you know that there are superheroes in the Bible too? Well, maybe not superheroes like you're thinking (though Samson was super strong!), but there are definitely heroes. You might think of stories like David and Goliath, or even Moses parting the Red Sea. After all, those were big, extraordinary acts of power! But there are actually a lot of heroes that you might not think of. You could call these people "unlikely heroes." After all, they didn't have super strength or invisibility, but God was able to use them in big ways — even without any super powers!

Here are stories of three different people from the Bible who Mack and I think are heroes, but especially *unlikely* heroes. Read their stories and see if you can understand why Mack and I think they are heroes.



Sarah

Sarah was 90 years old when she gave birth to her one and only son, Isaac. Ninety years old! Back in Bible times, it was important for a woman to have kids so that her husband's family line would continue. But Sarah wasn't able to have any kids. Finally, when she should have been watching her great-grandchildren run around her, God made Abraham a promise: He would become the father of a great nation — through Sarah. Can you believe it? Sarah even laughed when she heard the angel promise Abraham this! Yet despite her doubt and her old age, God chose to use Sarah to be the mother of Isaac. And with the birth of her son, God began to fulfill his promise to Abraham that his descendants would outnumber the grains of sand on the seashore or the stars in the night sky. (You can read the full story of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 17:15-18:15.)

Moses

Moses was fearful and a poor speaker (he even had a speech impediment!), and yet God still decided to use him to free the Israelite slaves from their Egyptian masters. Moses tried excuse after excuse to talk God out of sending him to talk to Pharaoh, but for every excuse, God had an answer. He was going to use Moses whether Moses thought he was the right guy or not! And ultimately God did use Moses to free his people, even though Moses was pretty sure that God had chosen the wrong guy. (You can read the full story of Moses' recruitment in Exodus 3:1-4:17.)





Gideon

Gideon was from the tribe of Manasseh, and he was the least important person in his family — he said so himself! He seemed like a strange choice to help rescue Israel from the Midianites, and he even questioned God several times on it. Gideon was convinced that he was the wrong choice, and he wasn't sure if God would actually help him. So Gideon asked for a couple of signs. It took quite a bit of work to convince him, but with every sign God gave, he once again proved that Gideon was his choice — even though it meant that Gideon would need to trust God as he reduced Gideon's army to only 300 men! (You can read the full story of Gideon's encounter with God and his time as Israel's judge in Judges 6-8.)



None of these people seem very “super,” do they? But we have a SUPER God who can do amazing things, even if we're not very super ourselves. That's what makes these people heroes — even if they are *unlikely* heroes. Because God can use any of us, whether we think we're the right choice or not! He's an awesome and super God, and through him, we can do anything.

Let's think of a hero you know today

Think of someone you know (or maybe someone from the Bible or history) that you think is a hero. Draw a picture of them or write a short story about why you think they're a hero. Then, if you want, and it's someone you know, you could share the drawing or the story with them — I'm sure they'd love it!

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

– Philipians 4:13 (NLT)