Amazing Old Testament Heroes

Pre-class Preparation

1. Calling All Heroes

SPARK INTEREST—Medals Cut 5x7 inch squares of aluminum foil.

ADDITIONAL—Eve's Fruit Cut fruit into small pieces.

2. Walking With God

INSPIRE ACTION—Mighty Masks

Cut eyeholes out of ½ sheets of construction paper so each child can have one, and prepare three for yourself.

EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

Make 5" x 12" poster board nametags for the men below. Make a single hole punch on the left side of each tag. Cut yarn to the centimeter (cm.) lengths given below. Tie the correct yarn length to the appropriate nametag.

- Adam (930)—465 cm.
- Seth (912)—456 cm.
- Enosh (905)—452.5 cm.
- Kenan (910)—455 cm.
- Mahalalel (895)—447.5 cm.
- Jared (962)—481 cm.
- Enoch (365)—182.5 cm.
- Methuselah (969)—484.5 cm.
- Lamech (777)—388.5 cm.

Tie or tape the other end of each yarn piece to a pole. Lay the pole down on one side of your classroom and "loop" the yarn loosely between the pole and nametags.

ADDITIONAL—Hidden Picture Snack

Cut round carrot slices.

ADDITIONAL—Enoch Kite

Prepare tag board by cutting it into diamond shapes and piercing a hole in the center. Write "Enoch is in heaven with Jesus" on each kite. Cut strips of crepe paper into strips two feet long and cut yarn into pieces three feet long.

3. A Faithful Servant MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD

Write the words or phrases for the memory verse on note cards. Punch holes in the top two corners of the note cards and tie a string to them. Hang the cards around stuffed animals' necks.

INSPIRE ACTION—Being Faithful

Tape a large sheet of butcher paper, large enough for each child to draw on it, to the front of the classroom. Draw a rough outline of the ark.

ADDITIONAL—Necklace Reminders

Prepare foam board in different animal shapes. Write, "I will obey God." on one side of each foam shape, and write, "I will be faithful." on the other side. Then use a hole punch to make holes in each of those shapes.

4. Believing the Impossible

SPARK INTEREST—Builders

Set up three stations. At the first station, open a large trash bag that has damp sand in it. (You will need a bucket of water and towel for students to clean their hands when they have completed this station.) At the second station, have blocks or Legos. At the third station, have glue and craft sticks.

5. Looking for Love

SPARK INTEREST—Bridal Jewelry

If you choose to color pasta instead of using beads, you will need to mix the plain pasta with rubbing alcohol and food coloring in a large bowl. The alcohol will evaporate within the hour. Let the pasta dry, and bring to class. Also before class, cut three ten-inch pieces of yarn for each child. Reinforce each end by wrapping a piece of tape around it.

ADDITIONAL—How Do You Do

Make two sets of numbers. If you have ten children in your class, you should have two sets of numbers from one to five. If you have 100 students, you should have two sets of numbers from one to fifty.

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6. Tricks and Trials

SPARK INTEREST—A Tricky Game

Place an "odd & end" (trash bag, rock, fork, etc.) in each brown paper bag to disguise its shape. Attach a picture of some more appealing item (like a toy or candy) to the outside of each bag.

SPARK INTEREST—Humble Puppets

Prepare a puppet dialogue on humility.

INSPIRE ACTION—Balloon Pop

Write out the following verses on thin strips of paper. Matthew 5:3, James 4:10; Luke 18:13; Proverbs 29:23; Romans 12:10; Proverbs 27:2; and Proverbs 11:2. Use less verses with smaller classes or a shorter time frame. Place each in a balloon, and blow up the balloons.

7. All Is Forgiven

SPARK INTEREST—Egyptian Pyramids

Make an 8"x 8" construction paper square for each child. Fold these squares in half twice, from corner to corner. Unfold so that the folds form an "X." Cut from the edge of only one corner to the center point, where the two folds cross each other. A pattern is available at *DiscipleLand.com/downloads*. Enter the keyword "hero."

EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

Make a happy and sad face on two paper plates. Attach the plates to a craft stick or paint stick.

INSPIRE ACTION—Forgiveness Race

Make two signs—"God's Forgiveness" and "Forgive Others". Draw a circle on the God's Forgiveness sign.

ADDITIONAL—A Grain Collection

Set up bowls of a variety of grains and beans. Draw a large triangle (a pyramid) on sheets of paper, one per child.

ADDITIONAL—Multi-Colored Coats

Cut one tunic outline out of construction paper for each child. Write "Forgive Me" along the bottom of each.

8. Over and Over Again

MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD

Download the picture set from *DiscipleLand.com/downloads*. Enter the keyword "hero." Break the verse up into ten parts and write one part on each picture. Cut the pictures apart.

SPARK INTEREST—Balloon Plague

Blow up balloons so that there are at least three balloons per child. Have the balloons sitting on the floor throughout the classroom when students arrive.

INSPIRE ACTION—Freedom Mural

Hang a piece of butcher paper across the front of your classroom and tape it to the wall so that children can reach it. Draw eleven lines to divide the paper into twelve segments.

ADDITIONAL—A Hoop of Plagues

Cut wire into eight-inch strips. Bend the end of one side up so that beads will not fall off the wire.

9. That Sounds Strange

SPARK INTEREST—Peanut Race

Fill three small bags with an equal amount of packing peanuts. Tape two lines on the floor to divide the classroom into three equal racetracks.

INSPIRE ACTION—Memory Pairs

Draw four sets of eight obedient people on index cards (Or download them at *DiscipleLand.com/downloads*. Enter the keyword "hero.") You will need to have four cards of each of the following: spies, Rahab, Joshua, the priests, soldiers, Dee obeying, Cy obeying, and Paul obeying.

ADDITIONAL—Tall Walls

Measure and cut a sheet of butcher paper that is thirty feet in length.

10. Go and Do

INSPIRE ACTION—Lion Masks

Cut eyeholes into one paper plate per child. Print the words to Proverbs 28:1b on the "inside" of the mask. A pattern is available to download at *DiscipleLand.com/downloads*. Enter the keyword "hero."

11. Wherever You Go

No activities need additional prep time.

12. Called Into God's Plan

ADDITIONAL—An A-mazing Plan (10 minutes)

Make a maze using crepe paper and classroom furniture, but make it circular so it doesn't have an end.