Amazing Old Testament Heroes 2

Pre-class Preparation

1. Give Us a King MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD

Cut sheets of yellow construction paper in half lengthways $(4\frac{1}{4} \times 11)$. Along one long edge, cut the pointed angles of the top of a crown.

SPARK INTEREST—The King

Make a construction paper crown (or obtain a plastic toy crown).

EXPLORE SCRIPTURE

Hang up a large paper that says, "God" on one wall and another with a picture of a man drawn on it on the opposite wall.

2. A Warrior of Praise

INSPIRE ACTION—Streams of Praise

Cut four 12-inch crepe paper strips for each child.

ADDITIONAL—Church Music

Make arrangements with your church's worship band, a youth band, or single musician to visit your classroom and play some familiar songs for your children.

3. A Man Who Knows It All

MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD

Prepare notes cards; one set for each child. Make yellow cards with the word "wisdom" (or similar word based on your translation version) written on them; green cards with the word "understanding" (or similar word); and white cards with a picture of a Bible on them.

SPARK INTEREST—Time for Prayer

Write numbers around the edges of the plates to make them look like clocks, and write "Time to Pray" on the face of each clock. Cut two construction paper arrows for each child, one shorter than the other to be the hands on the clocks.

INSPIRE ACTION—Wise Leaders

Invite several leaders from your church to visit your class. Some people to invite include: the worship leader, the children's ministry leader, the head pastor, or the head of the maintenance staff.

4. He Who Has Ears

INSPIRE ACTION—Ears that Hear

Make copies of the ear pattern available online at *Disciple-Land.com/downloads*. Enter the keyword "crown." Cut out two ears from paper for each child.

ADDITIONAL—Listening Without Words

Hang up a large sheet of butcher paper at the front of the classroom. On half of it, draw a simple map of your classroom. Things you could put on the map would be the door, window, tables, play area, bookshelves, and coat racks. On the other half, draw a simple map of your church.

ADDITIONAL—Ear Bookmarks

Copy and cut out one ear pattern for each child (Found at *DiscipleLand.com/downloads.* Enter the keyword "crown." Do not cut out the tab.)

5. A Double Portion

ADDITIONAL-D-E-V-O-T-I-O-N

Write the word, "Devotion," on paper so that there is one letter on each page.

ADDITIONAL—Musical Instrument

Ask a junior high, high school student, or adult who plays an instrument well to put on a two-minute concert for your students.

ADDITIONAL—Devotion Bookmarks

Cut a bookmarker sized square of construction paper for each child. Then cut another of plain paper, but make it $\frac{1}{2}$ " less long and less wide.

6. A Student of the Law

SPARK INTEREST—The Plan

Fold one sheet of construction paper in half for each student. On the front of each card, write: God has a plan for _____ (child's name)."

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7. Getting the Job Done MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD

Write one word of the memory verse on different colored index cards, and tape each index card to a different large play building block. Make a set of these memory verse blocks for every five children.

ADDITIONAL—Building a Wall

Duct tape 3-4 large sheets of butcher paper together to form an enormous square. Thumbtack this large sheet to the front of the classroom (make sure the duct tape is on the back side). Cut a large stack of construction paper in half.

8. The One Who Risked It All

SPARK INTEREST—Esther's Feast

Create placemats with construction paper by drawing a place setting.

INSPIRE ACTION—The King's Sceptre

Spray gold paint on the paper towel tubes and the cups.

9. Nothing but Trust

INSPIRE ACTION—Who's In Charge

Download the coloring pages at *DiscipleLand.com/downloads*. Enter the keyword "crown." These pages show different types of people who are in charge of things—a teacher, doctor, police officer, and pastor. Staple the construction paper to the coloring pages to make a book and write "God is in charge of everybody" on the cover.

10. Clean Before God

INSPIRE ACTION—God's Heart

Fold a sheet of red construction paper in half. Cut out a heart that is folded in half. Repeat for each child in your class. Open the hearts, and on the inside, write "God loves you, and I do, too! Please come to (put church name, address, and time of service). You have been invited by (blank space for children to write their names)."

11. When a Leader Prays

SPARK INTEREST—Dog Control

Invite a dog trainer with a well-trained, friendly, and small dog to come to class. Be sure none of your children have any allergies or major fear of dogs before choosing this activity.

ADDITIONAL—The Same Routine

Take strands of red licorice and cut them into small round circles, as thin as possible and as many as possible.

12. An Unlikely Messenger MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD

Cut fish shapes out of different colored construction paper and write one word of the memory verse on each fish. Attach a paper clip to the mouth of each fish. Then tie a three-foot length of string to the end of a dowel. At the other end of the string, tie a magnet. Make a couple of fishing poles if you have a large class.

INSPIRE ACTION—Caught

Tape an outline of a long boat on the floor with masking tape.