

# GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## HEROES FOR OUR CHILDREN

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**A** “HERO” “is any person admired for his or her qualities or achievements and regarded as an ideal or model.” Today, parents are mourning over the fact that there are not many worthy role models for their children to follow. Leaders who have made achievements in the fields of athletics, entertainment, and politics do not possess the strong moral character for our children to follow. How many times in the last few years have you heard a celebrity say, “I am not your child’s role model”?

So, where are parents to go to find heroes to set before their children as life’s role models? First, parents must look to themselves. Each father and mother should take on the responsibility to be a worthy role model for his or her children. Young children usually place their father and mother on the pedestal of “heroes” to begin with, so being a worthy example to follow should always be a priority for each parent. Fathers should personally manifest before their sons the worthy traits of manhood, and mothers should set the pattern of womanhood for their daughters to

follow.

Part of training up a child “in the way he should go” (Proverbs 22:6), is giving the child a consistent pattern to follow in the home. Otherwise, the parent will be having to play the role of the hypocrite as modeled by the Jewish leaders in Jesus’ day. He had to warn his disciples of these placed in authority, “... but do not after their works, for they say, and do not” (Matthew 23:3). Parents, do you find yourself having to remind your children, “Do as I say now, not as I do?” when their young eyes focus upon your inconsistencies? Your child already thinks you can do great things, so, make sure you possess the moral qualities that make you an ideal role model for your child to follow.

Beginning tomorrow afternoon, our congregation will have an opportunity to look at young heroes in the Bible in our “Vacation Bible School”. This will be a great opportunity for parents to expose their children to young men and women who did great things, but also possessed godly characters. In a wasteland of worthy heroes, this study should

provide an oasis for satisfying a great need in our society.

Young people will be able to study the achievements of Joseph, Ruth, David, Esther and Jesus. As young men and women, these biblical luminaries were godly, noble, dignified and courageous. They stood in dangerous circumstances, and in the end were victorious.

Our “Vacation Bible School” will be open for all in the community to utilize in helping their children develop strong moral character. While we anticipate the opportunity to touch the lives of our neighbors for good, we hope our own parents will set this next week aside to be here each day with their children to take advantage of a great “heroic” journey.

Exposing our children to these great young heroes of the Bible, and living the true “heroic” life of godliness before our children, we will be providing them practical direction and encouragement as they grow to adulthood. You cannot not improve on the greatest character of all, Jesus. Be here!