

CMSI Children's Resource 2021





Key teaching points

- + God's Hope is for everyone, even people on the outside.
- + Heroes Of Hope look for opportunities to show kindness.

Suggested Outline

The Heroes Of Hope material can be used in whatever order or format works best for you. However, the following suggested outline may prove helpful.

- 1. **Remind the children what 'hope' is in the Bible** (see Introduction). Depending on the age of the children, you may want to talk about '*Being sure God is with us and will look after us*' or '*A firm confidence that God will look after us and that He has a perfect future for us.*'
- 2. Read (and explain if necessary) the main teaching points listed above.
- 3. Watch a Global Church Story film eg. Nepal

After the film, you may want to have a quick chat about it, or just ask how the people in the story are helping to share God's hope.

- 4. Read the Bible Story (David and Mephibosheth)
 - Open the 'Session 3 Bible Story' pdf.
 - Read, or use, the 'background' to help set the scene.
 - Read the Bible passage or watch one of the animated films (or read *and* watch).
 - Read, or use, 'The Story Continues' to complete the story. Or you can use this after the activities.
- 5. Do one or more of the Session 3 activities [pdf] Depending on the age of the children and available time, pick whichever activities you want.
- 6. Watch a Global Church Story film eg. Kenya

After the film, you may want to have a quick chat about it, or just ask how the people in the story are helping to share God's hope.

7. Recap and application

If you have time, you may want to ask some questions or have a bit of a chat about today's Bible story and Global Church films, to help reinforce the main teaching points. For example:

- Why does David ask his servants if there are any of Jonathan and Saul's family still alive?
- Why do you think Mephibosheth might have been a bit of an outsider 'on the margins'?
- How do you think Mephibosheth might have felt when he first went to see David?
- How did David show kindness to Mephibosheth?
- From the Global Church story films... How is the Church showing love and kindness to people?
- How can you and our church show love and kindness to people who might feel as though they are 'outsiders'?
- How can you and our church help God's people in other countries to share His love and kindness?