

CMSI Children's Resource 2021



Session 1

Key teaching points

- ◆ God's Hope helps us face big challenges.
- ◆ God sometimes chooses unlikely people to be his Heroes Of Hope.

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. DR Congo 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 (Rahab and the Spies)

- Open the 'Session 1 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 1 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. Rwanda

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:

- ➡ What big challenge were God's people facing in the Bible story?
- → How did Rahab help the spies and what difference did her actions make?
- ➡ How did Rahab bring hope to God's people?
- ➡ What challenges were people facing in the Global Church Story films?
- → How are God's people sharing His hope?
- ➡ What big challenges are you/we facing at the minute? (Let's ask God to help us face these challenges and to give us hope)
- → How can we be Heroes Of Hope and share God's love and help with others?