

Bible Heroes & Bad Guys Discussion Questions

Before Reading

1. What “heroes” of the Bible can you name? Why are they heroes?
2. What “bad guys” of the Bible can you name? Why are they bad guys?
3. Do you think there are heroes for God today? Who might they be?

After Reading

1. Who is your favorite hero and bad guy? Why?
2. What facts did you learn about the people in this book?
3. What was the grossest story? (There are lots to choose from!)
4. If you could have been one of the people in these stories, which would you choose?
5. After each story, be sure to take time to review the “Get Smarter,” “Get Stronger,” “Get Deeper,” and “Get Cooler” sections to tie the story with the rest of God’s Word.

Activities

Act It Out!

Divide the boys into groups of 3 boys each. Assign each group a story to “perform” for the others to guess which story it is. Choose commonly known stories for younger boys, and lesser-known stories for a more advanced group. An extra challenge: turn this activity into charades by having the participants act out the scenes without speaking.

Are You Stumped?

Photocopy the crossword puzzle for each boy. Have them work in pairs to figure out the answers, or work through it together as a group. Be sure they have access to the book; some of the answers may not be commonly known.

Get Artistic!

Have each boy chose a story to sketch, then allow them to complete it in their own way. You may suggest that they draw the most important part of the story, the full story in a comic book format, or just an item that appeared in the story. Be sure to have them share their works of art with the rest of the group!

Take It to Heart

Using a heavy stock of paper, photocopy the verse page of this poster for each boy. Assist in cutting the cards apart and in punching a hole in the top left corner of each. Using string or a hinged key ring, put them together so that each boy will have his own set of memory verse cards to keep by his bed or in his book bag. Encourage each to chose a different verse to think about each week.

Ready for More?

Bible Heroes & Bad Guys is meant to be used as a tool to engage boys in reading the Bible. If the boys in your group are good readers, encourage them to check out the complete stories in the Bible that interest them most. You’ll find the reference for each story directly beneath the title of each section. We recommend the NIV (New International Reader’s Version) of the Bible for beginning readers, as it is written at a third-grade reading level.