

HEROES PART 1: A HERO IN THE MAKING

Liz decides he's going to become a hero, but he just can't figure out how.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Heroes are those who trust in God's plan.

- 1. <u>Jeremiah 29:11</u> says that God has plans to give, "... hope and a future." In the Bible, "hope" doesn't mean what it usually means. It usually means that we want something but aren't sure if we'll get it. Instead, in the Bible, it means "faith in the future." God has told us his plans for our future, and we can be sure his plans will happen. What is God's future plan for us?
- 2. Joseph was a young man with eleven brothers. He was his father's favorite, and his brothers were jealous. They wanted to kill him, but instead they sold him into slavery. Joseph was carried off into Egypt where he didn't know anyone (Genesis 37). He was sold to a man named Potiphar. Joseph trusted God, even when his life was very difficult. Before long, Joseph was able to interpret a dream for the king of Egypt (called Pharaoh). The king put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt. Joseph was wise and obedient to God. When God warned him about a famine, Joseph stored up a lot of food. Years later, his brothers came to Egypt looking for food. Joseph was able to give them what they needed. The brothers had sold him into slavery to be mean, but God had other plans for him. Think about how Joseph became a hero by being obedient to God's plan as you listen to today's episode.

Memory Verse

¹¹ I will bless you with a future filled with hope—a future of success, not of suffering.
Jeremiah 29:11

After You Listen

In this episode, Liz decided he wanted to be a hero. But in the end, Grandpa Anole explained to him that God has a plan for us, and heroes are those who follow God's plan.

God has a plan for us, but he doesn't make us guess what it is. In <u>1 Thessalonians 5:12-18</u>, the apostle Paul tells Christians how they can do what God wants them to do. Some of the things on Paul's list include living in peace with others, encouraging those who are sad, helping those who are weak and being patient with everyone. He also says we should rejoice and do good for each other and pray and give thanks. If we follow God's plan and do these things, we will be heroes.

Want to dig deeper into God's plan? Check out <u>Psalm 40:4-5</u>; <u>Psalm 138:8</u>; <u>Proverbs 19:21</u>; Remember that God is in control and knows the future. His plans will succeed.

Challenge

Anyone can be a hero, but sometimes it helps to look the part. Make a cape! Ask for an old sheet or blanket or large piece of fabric that can be tied or pinned on to be your hero cape. No fabric available? Draw a cape on a large sheet of paper. Heroes have designs on their capes. Leave your cape blank for now. Listen to the next episodes to find out what Liz learns about hero power and to get ideas for symbols for your cape.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What TV show inspires Liz to become a hero?

Answer: Stupendous Heroes Theater.

Question 2: What items did Granny leave out on her porch?

Answer: Pots and pans.

Question 3: What does Liz think when he sees some kids take the items from Granny's house?

Answer: That they are robbers.

Question 4: Why does he try to stop them?

Answer: He wants to become a hero.

Question 5: What city is devastated by a flood?

Answer: Caiman City.

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