

CONCLUSION

WHAT MAKES A BAPTIST HERO?

Questions for Conversation

- The book tells stories of many courageous Baptist heroes. What do you think all of these heroes have in common?
- Each Baptist hero courageously faced challenges, but they kept going. Why do you think they didn't give up, even when things were difficult?
- The heroes in the book all followed God's call in different ways, like helping people, teaching, or standing up for justice. How do you think God might be calling you to help others?
- What gifts do you have that you can use to help people around you?
- In *Portraits of Courage*, many of the heroes worked to bring freedom and justice to others. Why is it important to stand up for what is right?
- How can you stand up for others at school or in your neighborhood?
- Many of the Baptist heroes worked in other countries or faraway places. How can we be missionaries and heroes in our own communities, even if we don't go far from home?
- What's one way you can help others right where you live?
- *Portraits of Courage* encourages readers to be heroes by listening to God's call. How do you think you can listen for what God wants you to do?
- What's one thing you feel God might be calling you to do today to make a difference?

Suggested Activities

Hero Wall of Fame: Create a "Wall of Fame" where students can display pictures, drawings, or posters of the Baptist heroes they've learned about, as well as local Baptist heroes or leaders. Ask each student to choose one Baptist hero they want to be more like. Have them write down or draw what characteristics or actions inspire them about that hero and how they plan to apply those qualities in their own lives. Add their photos or names to the wall as a reminder that they, too, are heroes in God's eyes, striving to follow the example of those who came before them.

Commitment to Serve: Have a final discussion where students commit to one way they will serve their community, church, or family in the coming weeks. Let them write or draw their commitments and hang them up as reminders of their decision to be like the Baptist heroes they've studied.

Hero's Journey Reflection: Have students reflect on their own "hero's journey" by writing or drawing about times when they've stood up for what's right or helped others. Encourage them to think about how they can continue to be heroes in their daily lives.

Hero Quotes Wall: Write quotes from each courageous Baptist hero on large pieces of paper and hang them around the room. Ask students to walk around and choose one quote that inspires them. Discuss how these words can motivate them to be heroes in their own lives.