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“[Live] as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God” (1 Peter 2:16).

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Dear Boys and Girls,

When you hear Bible stories about people who did amazing things for God, have you ever wanted to serve God like that? Do you dream of being like David, who killed the giant, or like Esther, who risked her life to save her people?

Perhaps you would be like Samuel—a child who was always ready to obey God and serve others. Maybe you want to stand strong like the three Hebrews who faced the fiery furnace because they refused to sin against God. These people were heroes for God.

You do not have to kill giants or be thrown into a fiery furnace to be a hero in God’s eyes. God rewards Christians who are faithful and obedient.

Faithfulness is constant loyalty to God. It is a desire to obey Him. God expects you to remain faithful even when you are pressured to do wrong.

Obedience includes two things—knowing what God says is right to do and then doing it. Obedience is doing what you are told to do, when you are told to do it, with a happy heart.

Listen carefully as each lesson is taught. Discover the truths God wants you to learn. Remember, whether you are standing strong for God, serving God by helping others, or telling your friend about Jesus, you can be God’s hero.

Your friend,
Mrs. Oslin

In a Minute

“Are you kids packed? We will be leaving soon!” The Jacksons were going to Grandma’s to celebrate her seventieth birthday. A huge party was planned, bringing family from all over the country.

“In a minute,” called Aiden as he rolled out of bed. He shut his suitcase and carried it downstairs.

“Aiden, you are not even dressed yet. I called you thirty minutes ago. What have you been doing?” questioned Mom.

Aiden made up an excuse and sat down to breakfast. Emma came back into the kitchen. She had been there earlier helping Mom fix breakfast. Emma felt bright and cheery! She was always bright and cheery in the morning.

After breakfast, Aiden stumbled up the stairs to get dressed. “Why do I have to go? There is nothing to do at Grandma’s. It is just a bunch of old people, sitting around talking about things that happened long ago. Ancient history!” he grumbled as he dressed.

Dragging his suitcase, he was the last one to reach the car, pack it in the trunk, fasten his seatbelt, and start the journey to Grandma’s house.

Grandma was nice enough, but the thought of spending spring break on a farm in Indiana was too much. There would be no television, no Internet, no video games, no fun!

Emma hummed as she looked out the window, looking forward to five days in the country. Emma and Aiden were very different.

Emma did everything her parents asked, sometimes even before they asked. She was the perfect daughter. Aiden, on the other hand, did just what he had to do, no more, no less. He helped when his parents made him, but obeying cheerfully? No way!

God's Hero

After two days at Grandma's, Aiden was desperate. He needed to find something to do. He remembered the attic. Maybe he could hang around up there. Everyone else was getting ready for the party. No one would notice he was gone.

As he rummaged around, he saw a thick book filled with yellowed pictures. *This should be good for a few laughs*, he thought.

As he paged through the book, he saw pictures of Grandma and Grandpa when they were young. They had been missionaries in the jungles of Africa. They spent many years teaching people about the one true God. In fact, Aiden's dad was born in Africa. Many of the people Grandma and Grandpa worked with trusted Jesus as Saviour and went on to serve Him.

There were pictures of Grandpa preaching in the village and baptizing believers in the river, serving natives in their home and in the fields.

Aiden kept paging through the scrapbook when he began to notice that soon there were only pictures of Grandma and their children. *What happened to Grandpa?* he wondered.

He took the book downstairs to where Grandma was sitting talking to his father. When they saw it, they both smiled. Grandma motioned for Aiden to sit next to her. As they looked at the pictures together, Grandma remembered the good times serving on the mission field.

When Aiden asked where Grandpa was in the pictures, Grandma's eyes teared up. She began to explain. "While we were serving God in Africa, Grandpa became very ill. Travel back then was nearly impossi-



ble. Grandpa died before we could get help for him. He gave his life faithfully serving God.

“Although times were tough and there were many dangers, I stayed in Africa for several more years, because I knew that was where God wanted me to be.”

“Why did you go to Africa in the first place?” Aiden asked. “I mean, didn’t you know it was dangerous?”

Grandma thought for a moment. “We went because that was where God sent us. We knew there was no better place for us to be than where God wanted us, doing what God wanted us to do.”

Grandma and Grandpa listened to God’s call and obeyed even though it brought troubles and difficulty. They were God’s heroes.

God uses people who will faithfully stand for Him, even in difficult and sometimes dangerous situations. God will use you too.



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God's Servant Moses

Lesson Text:
Numbers 16:23-34

GOLDEN TEXT—"If these men die the common death of all men, . . . then the Lord hath not sent me" (Numbers 16:29).

OUR LESSON TALK

God picked Moses and Aaron to lead the nation of Israel. They loved, obeyed, and served God.

A man named Korah began stirring up trouble. He did not want to obey God or Moses. As Korah talked, some began agreeing with him. Two men, Dathan and Abiram, got many others on Korah's side. They turned two hundred fifty people away from following Moses and Aaron. God was angry with Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. By fighting against His leaders, they were fighting against God.

God gave Moses a plan to prove that he and Aaron were His chosen leaders. One morning Korah and his followers met with Moses and Aaron for the challenge.

Moses spoke. "If the earth opens up and swallows these men, you will know that God chose me to be Israel's leader." Immediately, a huge crack opened. The evil men, their families, and all their belongings fell into the earth.

SOMETHING TO DO

Write **K** on the line if the phrase tells about Korah and **M** on the line if the phrase tells about Moses.

- ___ Did not obey God
- ___ God's chosen leader
- ___ Fought against God
- ___ Obeyed and served God

Carefully read Our Lesson Talk; follow the directions.

Using a red crayon, underline the names of the two men chosen by God to lead Israel.

With a blue crayon, underline what happened to the men who rebelled against God's chosen leader.

Write the missing words from the golden text on the lines. Then circle each word you wrote in the puzzle.

"If these men _____ the common _____ of all _____, . . . _____ the _____ hath _____ sent _____" (Numbers 16:29).

B N P D E A T H I L I N X H L
B O S Q O Q X F M O S Y O D G
V T D W M E N G E R Z P T I G
E T F T H E N E R D X I M E N

Using the code below, write the letters on the lines.

1 = B 2 = D 3 = E 4 = G 5 = I 6 = J
7 = N 8 = O 9 = R 0 = S X = Y

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1 9 5 7 4 0 6 8 X