

# Fathers' Studies: Father/Child Relationships

"...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

LESSON 36 OF 52

## CHILDREN'S HEROES

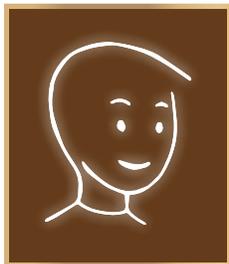
**LESSON AIM:** To help fathers see what good heroes can do for their children.

### KEY VERSE:

- 1 KINGS 9:4-5** The Lord told Solomon to \_\_\_\_\_ as had his father \_\_\_\_\_, If Solomon obeyed God, God promised him a descendant on the throne forever.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:5** Timothy was influenced by his \_\_\_\_\_ Lois and his \_\_\_\_\_ Eunice.
- PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11** The best example that children should follow is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 PETER 2:18-19** Warn young people about following men who speak big-sounding words and who promise them \_\_\_\_\_ while they themselves are chained to sin.
- 1 TIMOTHY 4:12** Even young people can be good heroes, or examples, for others by the way they \_\_\_\_\_.

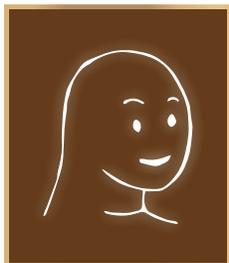
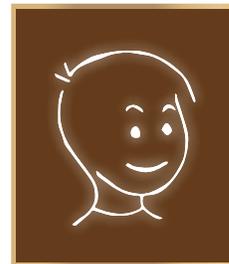
### PERSONAL NOTES:

## For You To Do



### By Yourself

Find a picture of Jesus. Paste a photograph of your own face on to the picture in place of his. Now imagine yourself being like Jesus.



### With Your Wife

Talk about what kind of people you would like your children to be like. Make arrangements for your children to meet these people and get to know them.

### With Your Children

Ask them to write down the names of three people they admire, outside of the family. Talk about why they admire them. Ask them if they think Jesus would enjoy being with these people and doing what they are doing.

A thirteen-year-old boy once developed a strange habit. He would stand around and flip coins into the air. His mother wondered why he was doing this. When she asked about it, she found out that one of her son's school teachers was a professional athlete. This man flipped coins into the air. Because he was a sports hero her son admired, her son wanted to be like him. Therefore, he flipped coins in the air too.

Everyone copies other people sometimes. Children are born imitators. Heroes are important to them because children are forming their ideas about life. To them a hero is someone who really knows how to really live. Many of the things children do are an attempt to be like their heroes. This shows up in their dress, pictures, speech, attitudes, and beliefs. This is why children should be with Christian people as much as possible. This gives them opportunity to choose good heroes.

**WHOM DO CHILDREN ADMIRE?** Someone took a survey of school students to see whom they most admired as heroes. Here are the people they admired, in the order that they were chosen most often.

- family members: parents, older brothers and sisters, grandparents
- peers: people their own age who were popular
- teachers
- famous people such as athletes, singers, movie stars

**PROVIDE GODLY HEROES** Children need godly people to admire and imitate. Fathers should provide ways for their children to meet Christian leaders or other strong Christians who may become heroes for their children. Reading good books and magazines is one way to become aware of people like this. Most of all, fathers themselves should become godly examples, heroes and "living legends" to their children.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:16, HEBREWS 13:7, 2 THESSALONIANS 3:7

**...LIVE YOUR LIVES AS I HAVE LIVED MINE. WATCH THOSE WHO LIVE AS I HAVE TAUGHT YOU TO LIVE. (PHILIPPIANS 3:17)**

## WINDOW TO LIFE

One day just before dinner, Chris was being very mean to his little brother. Chris's dad, Leo, told Chris to stop, but he did not stop. After a few minutes his dad became very impatient and slapped Chris on the face.

All during dinner, Chris was quiet and looked very sad. After dinner Leo began to realize that he had been wrong to his son. Leo asked Chris to forgive him. Right away Chris cheered up. This gave Leo a chance to talk to his son about his unpleasant behaviour of being mean to his little brother.

Chris then went and asked his brother to forgive him. He had seen his father's example and was ready to do the same himself.



**Children try to become like their heroes.**

**Children think that their heroes know how to really live.**

**Children admire:**

- family
- peers
- teachers
- famous people

**Children need godly heroes. The father should be a godly hero for his children.**