

INTRODUCTION

WHAT MAKES A BAPTIST HERO?

Questions for Conversation

- What does it mean to be a hero?
- What are some qualities that make someone a Baptist hero?
- Why is freedom so important to Baptists?
- *Portraits of Courage* mentions that Baptists come from many different backgrounds. How does diversity make the Baptist family stronger?
- Why is it good to have people with different backgrounds in our congregation?
- What does it mean that Baptists believe in “the priesthood of all believers”?
- What is “religious liberty,” and why is it important to Baptists?
- Why do you think God calls people to courageously stand up for others, even when it’s hard?
- Can you think of someone who has stood up for others in your life?
- How can we be Baptist heroes today?

Suggested Activities

Create a Hero Poster: Have the students create a poster about what makes a hero. They can write down traits like bravery, faith, and kindness and draw pictures of things heroes do to help others. Include the four freedoms of Baptist heroes.

Hero Role-Play: Split the students into groups and give them real-life scenarios where they can practice being everyday heroes. For example, one group might role-play standing up for a classmate being treated unfairly, while another group could act out helping someone who is feeling left out or offering assistance to a person in need.

Baptist Hero “Heads Up”: Write names of each Baptist hero on an index card. Each student draws a card and holds it to their forehead. Other students describe the hero while the student guesses who it is.