

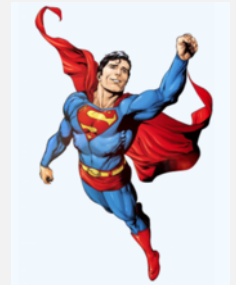
ALL SAINTS at HOME and TOGETHER

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BEING A HERO

Hi everyone,

This week is about heroes and what it means to be a hero.



Have you been watching loads of films during lockdown?

There's been quite a few superhero films being shown like:

- Superman,
- Spiderman,
- Wonder woman,
- The Incredible Hulk,
- Batman,
- Iron Man,
- Captain Marvel,
- The X-men,
- The Incredibles.



Most of these films are about the superhero fighting and winning against the evil villain or villains. Is this what being a superhero, or even just a hero, is about?







The answer of course is "no".






Who do you think are today's heroes or those through recent history?

What did they do such that you consider them worthy of being called heroes? There's a table below which gives some suggestions.

- Were you aware of these people?
- Do you agree that they should be considered heroes? What did they do?
- Who else would you add to this table and why? (There's some spare rows to add their names).
- Also ask your mum and dad who else they would add.

Hero/ Heroes	What they did
Your mum and dad	You can fill this in !
The NHS	<p>Created in 1948, the NHS was one of the first universal health care systems established anywhere in the world. Everyone – rich or poor, man, woman or child – can use it or any part of it. There are no charges, except for a few special items. Doctors, nurses, other healthcare workers and researches in the UK are all heroes in the NHS - especially in this time of the coronavirus pandemic.</p>
Captain Sir Tom Moore	<p>Captain Sir Tom was a former British Army officer known for his efforts to raise money for charity in the run-up to his 100th birthday during the coronavirus pandemic. He managed to raise £33 million for the NHS charities. Sadly he recently died.</p> 
Nelson Mandela	<p>Nelson Mandela was a tireless campaigner for equality and justice who spent 27 years in prison for his beliefs. In 1994 he became the first president of South Africa to be elected by all the people, black as well as white. He worked to take apart the old racist system of government and to make South Africa a fair society for all its citizens. He was awarded</p> 

	the Nobel Peace Prize and 250 other awards for his bravery and courage.	
Desmond Tutu	Sir Desmond Tutu (born 7 October 1931) is a South African Anglican cleric and theologian, known for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist.	
Mahatma Gandhi	Mahatma Gandhi was the leader of India's non-violent independence movement against British rule. In addition he advocated for the civil rights of Indians in South Africa. He organized boycotts and peaceful forms of civil disobedience.	
Martin Luther King	Martin Luther King organized nonviolent protests for freedom, peace and equality between blacks and whites based on his Christian beliefs. Martin Luther King was born the 15th January 1929 in the USA. He fought for equality and freedom for all the people of the different races. King is famous for his Speech 'I Have a Dream' .	
Tim Berners-Lee (b. 1955)	Computer scientist who was the inventor of the World Wide Web.	
Mother Teresa (1910-1997)	A nun who dedicated her life to caring for the destitute and dying in the slums of Calcutta, India. In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize.	
Neil Armstrong	US astronaut. Apollo 11 mission. First man on the moon - 20 July, 1969. As he stepped onto the lunar surface he said "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo/apollo11.html	
Katherine Johnson	One of NASA's brightest so called "computers" and one of the first African-Americans to work as a NASA scientist. Her calculations were critical to the success of the crewed spaceflights to the moon.	
Christian Reconstruction in Europe (CRE)	British and Irish Churches involved in the British Council of Churches - founders of Christian Aid which originally was about raising funds for the spiritual well-being, relief and resettlement of some of the millions of people in Europe left homeless and destitute by the Second World War. Later Christian Aid became major fund raisers and activists for relieve of poverty across the world.	

<p>Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)</p>	<p>The founder of nursing. At age 16 she believed she had a calling from God to devote her life to serving others. She pursued a career in caring for the sick and went on to do some training as a nurse then a nursing manager. She then recruited 30 nurses and sailed to Turkey to provide nursing care to wounded soldiers during the Crimean War. She set about getting the hospital thoroughly cleaned and then trying to maintain hygienic conditions. At night she would walk around the hospital with a lamp checking on her patients - hence she became known as "the lady with the lamp". Later on, after the war, one of her other achievements was to establish St. Thomas' Hospital and the Nightingale Training School for Nurses in 1860. Her efforts to reform healthcare greatly influenced the quality of care in the 19 and 20 centuries.</p>	
<p>Mary Seacole</p>	<p>British-Jamaican healer who also treated and nursed British soldiers during the Crimean War (1853-1856). She had no formal British nursing qualifications or training but had traditional healing and nursing experience from Jamaica. Mary Seacole has been voted Greatest Black Britain.</p>	
<p>Harriet Tubman (1822-1913)</p>	<p>Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and political activist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including family and friends. She became known as "the Moses of her people". During the American Civil War, she served as an armed scout and spy for the Union Army.</p>	
<p>Edward Jenner (1749-1823)</p>	<p>English physician and scientist who pioneered the concept of vaccines. He created the first vaccine in the world which was for smallpox. The Jenner Institute for vaccine research in Oxford was named after him. This is where other recent heroes worked - these being the researchers who developed the Oxford Astra Zeneca vaccine for Covid19.</p>	
<p>John Wesley (1703-1791)</p>	<p>Cleric, theologian and evangelist who was the founder and leader of Methodism. Under Wesley's direction, Methodists became leaders in many social issues of the day, including prison reform and the abolition of slavery.</p>	

Can you think of some heroes in the bible? In the table below there's a few suggestions.

Complete the table by writing what these people did to make them heroes. Your mum and dad may be able to help here?. Most of these you'll probably know but, just in case you're not sure, there's some clues as to where to find the answers.

There's also a few spare rows for you to add other people in the bible who you think should also be considered as heroes.

Heroes in the Bible

Hero	What they did	Clue - place in the bible to find the answer
Jesus		Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
The Disciples		Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
Mary and Joseph		Matthew, Luke
Paul		Acts 9, 13-28.
Stephen		Acts 7
David		1 Samuel 17. Also see the colouring page.
Ruth		Ruth Introduction and Ruth 1-4
Abigail (the peacemaker)		1 Samuel 25
Daniel		Daniel 6. Also see the colouring page.
Moses		Exodus 3-40
Noah		Genesis 6-10

From the two tables above, we can see that there are many different reasons why people might be considered as heroes.

As we've seen over the last year in particular, being a hero doesn't necessarily mean we have to invent or discover something, or be a leader wanting to change injustices..... it can mean massive acts of kindness, compassion and caring.

The heroes we've been celebrating in recent times are those people who have been going out of their way, and putting in a mammoth effort, to help and support others. These have included doctors and nurses, care workers, people donating food, researches developing vaccines, volunteers distributing meals and food packages, and people doing other acts of support.

This is exactly what Jesus encourages us to do - to help one another in whatever way we can through acts of kindness, love and compassion.....being good neighbours

And when this pandemic is over, let us hope that we'll all continue to demonstrate the same.

Prayer

Dear God,

We give thanks and are grateful to all those who:

- help the injured and sick,
- fight injustices,
- provide support to the vulnerable,
- look after the well-being of your creation.
- make great scientific discoveries particularly those associated with finding cures for diseases and making your world a better place.

We also give thanks to those heroes who are closest to us who are involved in bringing us up as good caring citizens in your world.

To us, these people are all our heroes.

In the name of our biggest hero - Jesus.

Amen



Word Searches

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HERO JESUS DISCIPLES
FREEDOM COURAGE EFFORT
VOLUNTEERS NEIGHBOUR

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HERO
MARY
PAUL
MOSES
EFFORT
EQUALITY
NEIGHBOUR

JESUS
JOSEPH
RUTH
FREEDOM
SUPPORT
DISCOVERIES

DISCIPLES
STEPHEN
ABIGAIL
COURAGE
NHS
VOLUNTEERS



David & Goliath

Daniel 6:1-24



God keeps Daniel safe in the den of lions