

Teacher's Guide Homeschool Bible – Series 1



Introduction

Welcome to this great adventure of opening up God's word with your student. We know that you and your student will be blessed as you dig deeper into the God's word together. We also know that you're going to love the *Friends and Heroes* episodes and curriculum that will bring timeless Bible stories to life. Please look through this introduction before you begin the curriculum with your student.

Supplies You'll Use Weekly

- Friends and Heroes, Series 1: Episodes 1-13
- Student manual pages for the appropriate week (see top left corner of pages to see week number)
- Teacher manual pages for the appropriate week
- Bible
- Pens/Pencils
- Markers, colored pencils, and/or crayons (most weeks)



Before you begin each week, skim through the teacher's guide and student manual for the week.

Each week's lesson includes:

- Optional Memory Verse (also see your materials for printable memory verse cards for your student.)
- Activity 1 - Bible Study: includes watching the episode or a clip from the episode, Bible reading, and supporting activities like comprehension questions and artwork.
- Activity 2 - Applying What We've Learned: a short devotional with prayer time designed to reinforce the theme of the week and help your student to apply these Biblical truths to his/her own life.
- Optional *Extra, Extra!* Activity: our children's website www.friendsandheroes.tv has numerous games and activities to further enhance your student's learning experience. Each week for *Extra, Extra!*, we will feature an activity for your student to do, often from this website.

Please note: If you are printing these materials from a CD-ROM or download, the student materials are color PDFs. However, they were also designed with the option of grayscale printing if you so choose; simply choose the "grayscale" option from your printer menu.

Friends and Heroes Music CD (Optional)

We have produced a music CD called *What about Love?* which has 13 Bible songs based on stories from Friends and Heroes Series 1, plus 6 bonus tracks. Go to www.friendsandheroes.com/music-cd to learn about or order *What about Love?* Bible songs based on Friends and Heroes Series 1.



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Friends and Heroes Children's Website

Our award-winning children's website, www.friendsandheroes.tv is a great place for your student to continue learning and have fun at the same time! At www.friendsandheroes.tv, your student can listen to Bible stories, and enjoy interactive puzzles, episode quizzes, video clips, printable dot-to-dots, printable coloring sheets, and much more. Your student can also learn more about the adventure (i.e., fictional) characters and the Bible characters from the stories s/he has watched.

It's our policy at Friends and Heroes to ensure that our children's website has absolutely no selling message, no ads, and no external links. So, you can let your student explore www.friendsandheroes.tv with confidence!

Friends and Heroes DVD Extras

Be sure to let your student check out the extras on the DVDs (Main Menu, Extras). Every episode features "Macky's Quiz" which tests your student's knowledge of what s/he has been learning. You will also find still image highlights from the episodes. Various DVDs also have additional features, such as "Macky Confidential," a music video, sing-along, and more.

What will a typical week look like?

That is up to you! Use this curriculum in a way that fits your family. Some families prefer to do a little bit each day all week long; other families like to complete each week's activities in just a few days. We've outlined below how you might use it, but these are only suggestions.

Remember these two wonderful things about homeschooling:

- We can make *school* fit into our *family life*, rather than making our *family life* fit into *school*.
- Curriculum is a *tool*, not your *boss*.

Recommended Schedule (Option 1)

You may choose to complete each week's curriculum in two days—doing Activity 1 on one day and then Activity 2 on another day—plus additional time spent on the optional activities.

Alternatively, here is another example of how to use the curriculum. This example has your student doing something in the curriculum each day of the week.

Recommended Schedule (Option 2)

Monday:

Optional: Begin to memorize Memory Verse.

Watch the episode or clip (usually the first step of Activity 1).



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Tuesday:

Optional: Continue to work on memory verse.
Complete the remainder of Activity 1: Bible Study.
If needed, watch clip of the episode.

Wednesday:

Optional: Continue to work on memory verse.
Watch the episode again, if you wish.

Thursday:

Optional: Finish learning memory verse.
Complete Activity 2: Applying What We've Learned.

Friday:

Optional: Have student recite memory verse.
Optional: Complete (optional) *Extra, Extra!* activity.

Note: Many activities recommend that the student watch a certain clip from the DVD. Feel free to let your student watch just the clip that pertains to that day's lesson; or if you prefer, let your student watch the entire episode again. It's your call.

These weekly schedules are merely suggestions. Remember, use this curriculum in a way that best fits your family's needs and schedule.

Should my student work independently or should I help him/her?

Do what best suits your family. In our own families, we use a mixture of the two: some of the activities are done independently, but most are done with the teacher. However, we would recommend that you do spend time with your child watching the videos, reading scripture together, and praying together. There will be many teachable moments in these activities for you to share with your student. As you watch the episodes together, you have the opportunity to pause the episode and discuss. And your time spent reading the Bible and praying with your student is a precious gift indeed.

Our prayerful focus when we wrote this curriculum was to help children learn about and become Friends of Jesus themselves and to become more like Jesus. What better person to lead them on that path than you?

