BIBLE STUDY

DRAGON QUEST: YOUR STORY (2019)

How to Be a Heavenly Hero

Facilitator Note: *We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.*

PRESS START

As a child and even today, there are people or fictional characters we look up to that we would consider our heroes.

> **Who was your hero as a kid, and who is someone you look up to today?**

EQUIP

When Luca comes into contact with his past self, a line is delivered that is so simple yet profound. Luca asks his younger self what he would do when life got tough. Young Luca responds with, "I'm the son of the great Pankraz. I'm gonna pull through." He knew he was the son of his father, who was a hero to many. He put his faith in his lineage, as we should also do—this is the first step to becoming a "Heavenly Hero."

> **1 Chronicles 16:11 (NIV)** *"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."*

> **ASK: When did you come to know God and put your faith in Him? What was the experience like? Or, were you raised to know Him at a young age?**

Though Luca spoke those words at a young age (and later in the film), he seemed to carry a fearless attitude since the start of the movie. Without that fearlessness, he and Harry would not have been able to escape slavery. That same attitude was seen when he went to take on Bjorn; he returned and overcame the creature even though he had already been defeated.

God commands us to be fearless—the phrase "fear not" comes up 80 times in the Bible. **Joshua 1:9** is a reminder of that command, and that we should be strong and courageous in the same way Luca acts throughout the movie. Unfortunately, slavery and Bjorn were just the beginning. Throughout the film, Luca was challenged and defeated multiple times, but he never failed his quest.

> **Joshua 1:9 (NIV)** *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

ASK: When was the last time you went into a situation with worry, fear, or anxiety and came out on the other end realizing God had it under control? What did that moment feel like on the other side?

Life has a variety of unexpected encounters and obstacles. Remember to be strong and courageous in all situations—this is the second step.

LEVEL UP

One moment that sticks out in the movie is when Luca has a decision to make. He comes to realize he may be better off with Bianca than Nera. When his decision is made, it feels like the right one—even if we never got to see that relationship build over time. That moment serves as a reminder to make the right choice when we are unsure of ourselves.

> **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

A common misconception is that becoming a follower of Christ comes with a list of things you can and can't do. However, the overall message of the Bible is to lean on our savior. When presented with a decision or path to take, we tend to go in the wrong direction thanks to our sinful nature. The reason the saying is "take the road less traveled" is because we rarely walk down the path we know is right.

ASK: Was there ever a time in which you had to make the right decision and put aside your desires? How did that play out, and how did you feel about it?

Choosing to do the right thing and making good choices is step three.

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So, what exactly does a Christian "Heavenly Hero" look like? As believers, we must share the hope we found in Christ with others. So, we must be role models—living without fear and making good choices helps shape us into one. We can be someone's hero when we put those steps we discussed into practice and let our light shine as Matthew 5:15-16 says we should.

> **Matthew 5:15-16 (NIV)** *"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

ASK: Are there people in your life you can be a role model for or may already see you as one?

PRAY

> **Take prayer requests, and pray everyone in the group can be a Heavenly Hero to those around them.**

THE NEXT LEVEL

In Dragon Quest: Your Story, we saw Luca overcome many foes and obstacles—even some his friends and family will never know about. Sometimes, our greatest enemy can be ourselves.

> **Galatians 5:16-17** *"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other so that you are not to do whatever you want."*

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