

HEROES

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FAITH

Ordinary Men and Women . . .
Super Ordinary Power

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ANDREW TURNS TO JESUS

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Memory Verse:

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Lesson Goals:

#1 - Understand how ordinary Andrew was

#2 - Discover what obedience led Andrew to do

#3 - Desire to let God do extraordinary things in the life of the ordinary student

Audience:

Young, un-churched learners

Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

Scripture to Study:

John 1:35-42

Matthew 4:12-20, Mark 1:14-20

Luke 6:12-16, Mark 3:13-19

Matthew 10

John 6:1-15, Matthew 14:12-14 , Mark 6:30-31

Mark 13:1-37

John 12:17-36



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One of those disciples was Andrew. He was one of the first to turn to Jesus, believing that He was the one God had promised so long ago. Andrew didn't keep this information to himself; you see, there was someone Andrew cared for very much. Andrew had a brother named Simon. The first thing Andrew did once he turned to Jesus was to run and tell his brother! Andrew told him, "'We have found the Messiah!' The Hebrew word 'Messiah' means the same as the Greek word 'Christ.'" (John 1:41 CEV) Then Andrew took his brother Simon and introduced him to Jesus. Later, when the two brothers were working (they were fishermen) Jesus saw them by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus told them, "Come follow me. I will make you fishers of men." Immediately Andrew and Simon left their nets and followed Jesus.

We don't hear specifically of Andrew again until after John the Baptist had been killed. Jesus was sad about John's death. Andrew and the other disciple who had followed John must have been sad as well. They traveled by boat to the other side of the Sea of Galilee for a quiet place to rest and pray. When they got there, though, the place was anything but quiet. Many had seen Jesus and His disciples leave. They ran on foot to the other side of the sea and got there before them. Jesus wasn't angry at the crowd, instead He had compassion on them and He healed their sick and taught them many things. As it got later some of the disciples suggested sending the crowd away because there were no markets or restaurants for them to buy food. Jesus wanted to test their faith and said, "You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16 NIV) It was Andrew who had something to offer. You see, Andrew could have sat off to the side of the crowd and been lost in his sadness for his friend, John the Baptist. Instead, he had been talking to people in the crowd and had met a young

boy. Andrew introduced the young boy to Jesus and the two of them offered the young boy's lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish, if Jesus could use them. And oh how Jesus could use them! Jesus multiplied the five loaves and two fish that day and more than 5,000 people ate until they were satisfied. There was even food leftover.

And then, near the end of Jesus' life on earth, some Greek people came to Jerusalem to worship at the Passover feast. They approached one of the disciples and wanted to see Jesus. That disciple told Andrew and together they introduced the Greek people to Jesus.

Andrew is not mentioned very much in the Bible. Andrew never became a part of the inner circle of disciples. His name is barely remembered when the disciples are brought to mind. Even so, Andrew holds an important place among the disciples, even though it's in the background. You see, it was Andrew who brought Simon Peter to the Lord. We will talk more about him next week, but the results of his life's work are still being counted. The last time we find Andrew mentioned in the Bible, he is in a room with the other disciples, praying. They were waiting for God's gift of the Holy Spirit. "Jesus was no longer on earth, so Andrew couldn't literally bring others to Him; but he could bring them to Jesus in prayer."* Once they were filled with the Holy Spirit, Simon Peter, Andrew's brother, preached a message that introduced 3,000 people to Christ! Andrew, because of his prayers, had a part in that great catch of fish, too!*

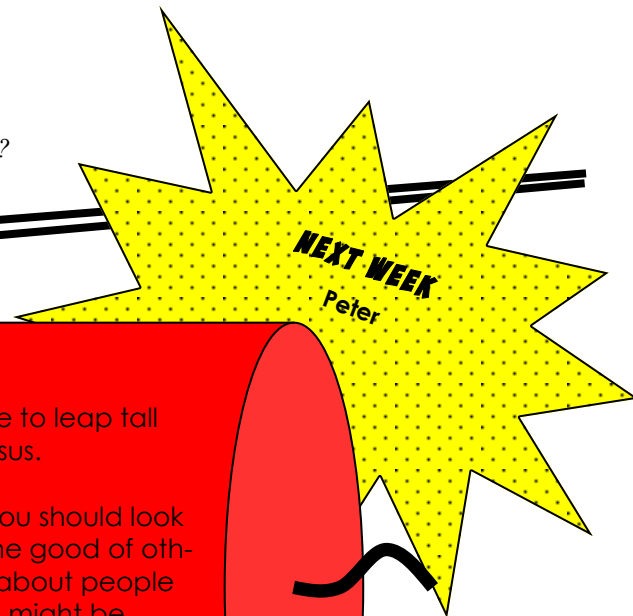
Have you met Jesus yet? What are you doing to introduce people to Him?

*Wiersbe, Warren W. *Life Sentences: What Sentence Will Sum Up Your Life?*
Zondervan: Grand Rapids. 2007. p 248.

YOU CAN BE A HERO, TOO!

When you live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, you don't have to leap tall buildings to be a hero. Andrew introduced people to Jesus.

You see, Andrew lived out our memory verse, "None of you should look out just for your own good. You should also look out for the good of others. (Philippians 2:4 NIV) Andrew was more concerned about people knowing Jesus than any embarrassment or discomfort he might be caused. "In one account [of Andrew's death] we are told that Andrew was faithfully preaching in the area which today is known as Greece. Even to his death, he was still seeking to bring others to Jesus . . ." ([www.middletonbiblechurch.org-The Twelve Disciples/Andrew](http://www.middletonbiblechurch.org-The%20Twelve%20Disciples/Andrew))



PRE-SCHOOL!

LESSON

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Andrew cared about others. Andrew wanted other people to know Jesus the way he did.

ACTIVITIES!

- Memory Verse Activity - Make a memory verse poster with contrasting colors, preferably light and dark. Print the first part of the memory verse on the dark side of the poster. Then print the second part of the memory verse on the light side. Be sure to include the Scripture reference.
- Continue adding heroes' names and heroic feats to your "Heroes Banner."
- Sing "I Will," "We've a Story to Tell," "I Love to Tell the Story," "Get All Excited," "God Loves People," "Jesus Saves," "Tell the Good News," or other praise songs related to the lesson.
- Make a list of those who have visited your church or Bible study. Be like Andrew. Visit them and introduce them to Jesus.
- **For more training:** The only other place where Andrew is mentioned specifically in Scripture is in Mark 13 (v3). He and a few other disciples were interested in what would happen in the future. Read Mark 13 and discuss the verses, focusing on verses 10, 26, 32-33.

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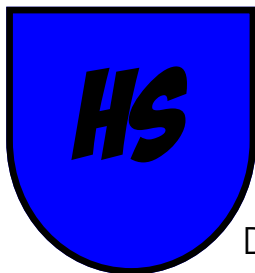
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What did our hero do that was so heroic? _____

What can you do to be a **Hero of the Faith**? _____



What power do Heroes of the Faith possess? _____

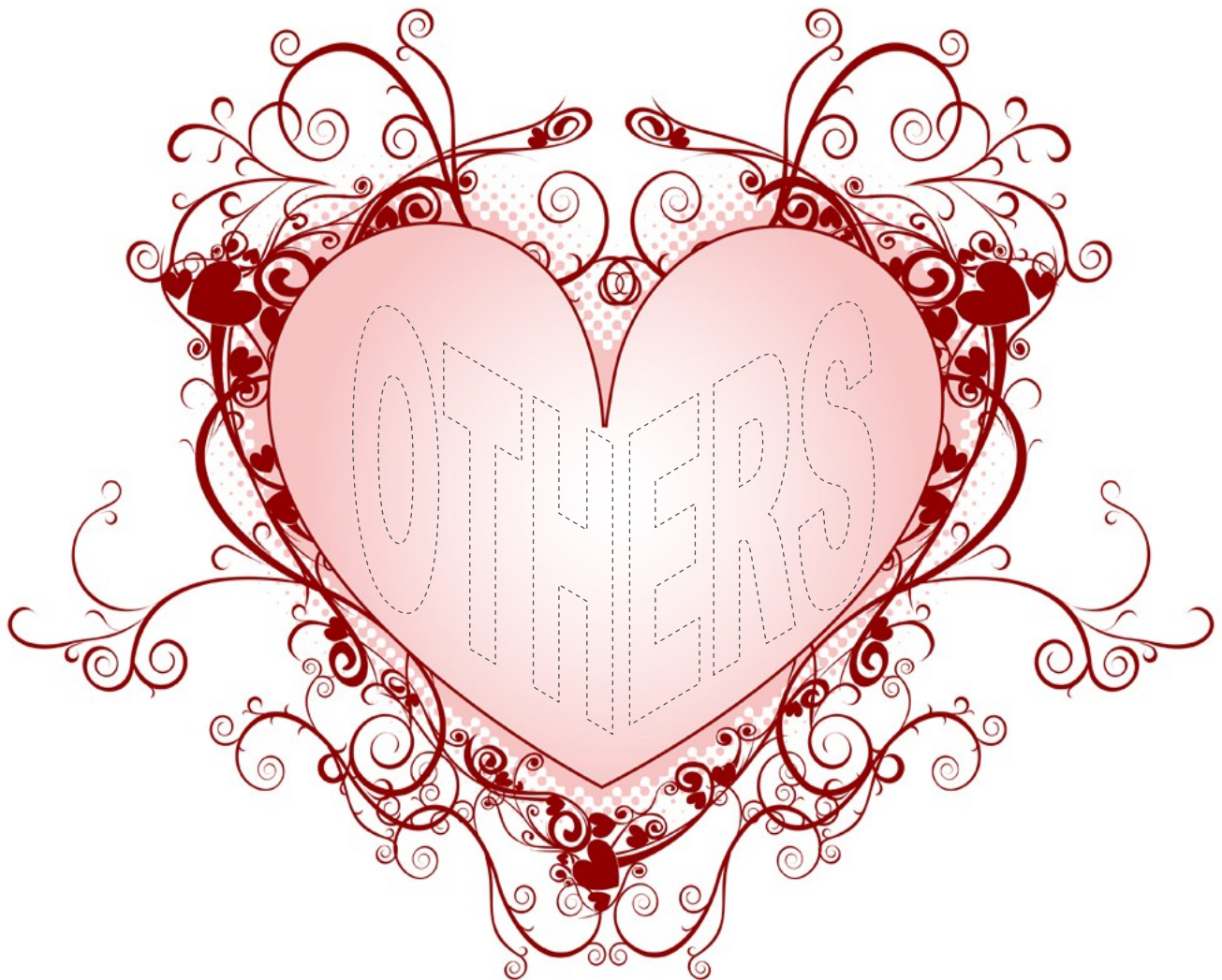
Do you have the power? _____

Read John 6:1-13. What do you learn from these verses about Andrew?
How does Andrew live out our memory verse? _____

HIDDEN MESSAGE!

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Crack the code to find the Hidden Message.
Trace the letters to find out who you should have on your heart.



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SEARCH!

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