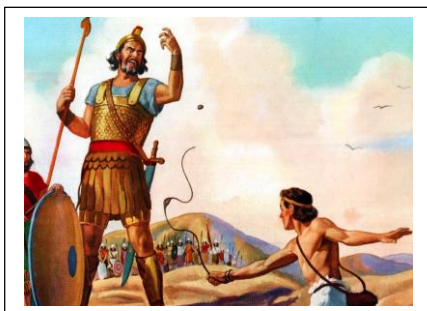


A couple of weeks ago at the Families Together event we were thinking about heroes. We ask the children who their heroes were! Most of them said Mum and /or Dad but also there were ASDA drivers and Doctors and Nurses. I wonder who your Bible hero might be?

There are several that come easily to mind such as

- **Daniel** who was thrown into a den of lions because he would not give up believing in God;
- **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego** who were put into a fiery furnace for the same reason.
- **David** who fought the giant Goliath when no-one else would.



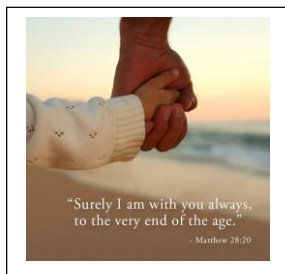
- **Ruth** who was loyal to her mother-in-law when it would have easier for her not to be.
- **Noah** who did what God told him and built the Ark when others laughed at him.
- **Mary**, the mother of Jesus, who knew very early in her son's life that he would leave her.
- **Moses** who lead his people out of slavery despite all the

difficulties on the way.

- **Deborah** who led the people of Israel into battle when Barak, the man who was the general, was too scared.
- **Peter**, who after Jesus' death, became bold and told everyone about Jesus and how to follow Him
- **Esther** who saved all her people, the Jews, from slaughter by pleading with the King.



There are others too and also many heroes who were followers of Jesus who died for their faith and would not turn away from Him, but the greatest hero of them all was of course Jesus who loved us so much that He died on the cross to save us from our wrongdoings and to reassure us of his presence with us always.



Some of you will be going back to school after a long time away – it will be a bit scary and it will be scary for your Mums and Dads too. Lots of people are feeling uncertain now that we are beginning to get back to school, work, meeting up with family and friends - all the things that we have not been able to do recently and have so wanted to do.

Remember Jesus said "Do not be afraid, I am with you always even to the ends of the earth".

All the Open the Book team are praying for you all and look forward to seeing you hopefully in September.