

Daniel 6:1–24

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Daniel 6:10

MEMORY VERSE

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. **Daniel 6:10**

Have you noticed how in recent years American culture has reconnected with classic, great American heroes such as: Batman, Superman, The Incredible Hulk, and Spider-Man? We're in need of heroes—those who possess a certain extraordinary flair and bravery for taking on the evils of society. But more than this, they offer us something that we don't see lived out every day—integrity.

Read Daniel 6:1–24. Daniel was a Bible hero of integrity. He took on the evil of his day and remained true to his first love—God. Daniel's integrity was so true that his enemies could not find anything of which to accuse him.

His devotion to God ran so deep that he would defy an edict from the king, risk his life in order to maintain his prayer life, and pray before an open window just as he had always done.

Do your teenagers need heroes? Are you one of their heroes? If so, in what way? Do they see in you the integrity that they long to see in friends, but never find? Do they see you standing up to evil in defiance because of your relationship with God? Our teenagers need to find a hero at home. They need to see that no matter how difficult life may become, their parents will not bend to the ways of the world in order to slide by.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

If someone in your family collects classic hero comic books, have him or her display them. Everyone answers: **What are the characteristics or qualities of a hero? What's your favorite comic strip hero and why?**

Explore . . .

First, a family member reads Daniel 6:1–24. Then, a family member asks: **How could Daniel be classified as a hero of biblical proportion? What qualities characterized Daniel as a hero?**

Transform . . .

Each family member takes a sheet of paper and a pen, and answers: **What people do you know who are heroes in the faith, who display some of the same qualities as Daniel?** Then, a family member reads: **Write them a quick note, telling them that you recognize these qualities in them and you appreciate whom God has made them. Ask them to pray that God would instill these qualities in you as well.**

Pray that God will build up your family members to be heroes in the faith with godly characteristics.