

Heroes

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

Synopsis

Elizabeth was a queen whose strong will, shrewd diplomacy, religious tolerance, and great love for her subjects won the hearts of her people. She outwitted her enemies, councilors, and suitors, leading her country to the era that would be called the Elizabethan Age.

Note: There are no page numbers in this book, so you may wish to add them. Topics and illustrations in the book that you should be aware of: marrying to produce an heir; information regarding the Catholic religion; Henry VIII consulting an astrologer; nondetailed breasts on a figure; and beer kegs and a brewery.

Author Information

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Paired Texts (one copy per classroom needed)

- *How'd They Do That? In Elizabethan England* by Russell Roberts

Faith Connections



Essential Question:

What can we learn from heroes that will enable us to be heroes for God?



Big Idea:

God uses heroes to reveal who He is.

1. CREATION

- God created human beings in His image
- While created in His image, each human being is also unique
- God's plan is that each of us reveal His character in ways that demonstrate the gifts He has given

2. FALL

- Humanity took on a sinful nature because of wrong choices
- God's image in human beings has been blurred because of sin
- Nature was affected as a result of sin
- Human beings find it difficult to see a God who is loving, involved, and forgiving

4. RE-CREATION

- In giving His Son, God was the ultimate hero in the salvation of His Creation
- With the second coming of Christ, our true Hero restores His perfect Creation

3. REDEMPTION

- God enables us to act according to His will
- God gives flawed humans the privilege of revealing His character through heroic acts, whether small or great

