



Bible Story

We Could Be Heroes
(Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites)
Exodus 17:8-13

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men. Then go out and fight against the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill. I'll stand there holding the walking stick God gave me."

¹⁰ So Joshua fought against the Amalekites, just as Moses had ordered. Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hand, the Israelites were winning. But every time he lowered his hands, the Amalekites began to win. ¹² When Moses' arms got tired, Aaron and Hur got a stone and put it under him. Then he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands. Aaron was on one side, and Hur was on the other. Moses' hands remained steady until sunset. ¹³ So Joshua destroyed the Amalekite army with swords.

Review Questions:

- Who led the fight against the Amalekites? (Joshua)
- Who were the Amalekites descendants of? (Esau)
- What did Moses do during the fight? (hold his hands up, holding the staff of God)
- What happened when Moses lowered his hands? (Amalekites were winning)
- Who supported Moses' hands when he got tired? (Aaron and Hur)
- What did Moses do after they defeated the Amalekites? (built an altar to God)