



Level Two: Ages 1st-2nd Grades

Includes: Overview of Series/Six
Lessons/Activities/Skits/Worksheets

*This is Only Lesson
One: The entire series
will be ready shortly
and Titled: Rocking 3S
Ranch Series for 1st-
2nd. Included will be
6 Lessons.*

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Theme:

The Rocking Three "S" Ranch Series conveys the humanness, the mistakes, the victories, and the challenges people of faith met from the early Old Testament, through the New Testament, and that we meet today.

Overview:

- Five Age Level Groups available
 - Ages 4s & 5s
 - Ages 1st-2nd grades
 - Ages 3rd-6th grade
 - Ages 7th-12th grade
 - Adult Bible Study
- Six week study Series OR any lesson/message usable as a stand-alone.
- Each Age Level package contains
 - 6 lessons/messages/Skit
 - Illustrations, activities and/or worksheets.

Lessons:

- Lesson One: Abraham, the Wandering Herdsman/Cowboy
- Lesson Two: Joseph, Resume of a World Champion
- Lesson Three: Samuel, Circuit Riding Preacher
- Lesson Four: Samson, Maverick with Super Powers
- Lesson Five: Three Hebrew Boys, Cowboys that Stood their Ground
- Lesson Six: You can be a Super Hero



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Lesson One/Abraham: The Wandering Cowboy

Setup and Introduction to Lesson:

Gather children in a seated setting for the introduction to Abraham: The Wandering Cowboy.

Have a Skit Crew ready to surprise enter the gathering on your cue.

Open in prayer.

Ask: How many of you can name a Super Hero?

You will definitely get answers! And 99% of the time ALL of the answers will center on action figures, movies, cartoons, and other mass media commercialized fantasy figures and personas. In fact, it will be a challenge to get their minds back to what you were hoping for; that is, that somewhere in their young minds there would be at least ONE real life Bible person that they could name or tell about. This is the challenge. This is your opportunity to open little eyes and minds to a REAL BIBLE vs. a Fantasy World where REAL people made a REAL difference and they can be one of the FEW themselves.

Today, boys and girls, we are going to learn about REAL people that are Super Heroes and Champions. But before we get started we have a "Super Hero" waiting to meet you.

Skit Follows:

SKIT: Optional, but oh so fun & teaches!

[Background music appropriate for skit....personally I have used the movie theme from *The Magnificent Seven* and *Zorro* and others..but then I like the mood it sets for the entrance of the “Super Hero”; you may prefer something less dramatic.]

Enter Super Cowboy! [Have four people carry Super Cowboy on their shoulders. He will be in a horizontal position dressed as Super Cowboy which includes a sheet/cape of some fashion. They are “flying” him into the room.]

Conversation with Super Cowboy: [If you plan on a series of lessons then conversation should include Super Cowboy coming each week. This will build your class numbers and enable you to reach more boys and girls with the messages/lessons.]

Teacher: Good Morning Super Cowboy!

Super Cowboy: Well, Good Morning, Little Lady [or insert name of teacher here.]

Teacher: What brings you to [insert name of your church/class] this morning?

Super Cowboy: I heard you were telling the boys and girls about a Super Hero today so I wanted to be here IN PERSON to explain ALL about myself.....me...that’d be me....Super Cowboy...emphasis on Super. Haha

Teacher: Well,....Suuuppppeerrrr...Cowboy. This lesson today comes from the Bible, God’s Holy Word. It’s about a REAL person that lived a good while back .

Super Cowboy: I am a REAL person and I am alive. See you can pinch me right here on my arm. Go ahead pinch me.

Teacher: No, I don’t think I want to pinch you. [Shakes head].

Super Cowboy: Yeah, sure, go ahead pinch me right here on my arm. It won’t hurt. I am a SUPER HERO SUPER COWBOY....[braggingly said].

Teacher: Well, if you are sure it won’t hurt.

Super Cowboy: No, won’t hurt me at all.....

Teacher: [Reaches to pinch and Cowboy goes into a OH THAT HURT SO MUCH fit.] But I haven’t touched you yet!

Super Cowboy: haha..yeah...I knew that...I was just testing you.

Teacher: Suuuuppper Cowboy, I am afraid you don’t meet the qualifications for the Super Hero we are talking about today. You see, his name is Abraham and he was a real Hero and Champion. He didn’t even need to wear a costume.

Super Cowboy: NO COSTUME!

Teacher: No Costume.

Super Cowboy: [Whispers] Wasn't that kinda embarrassing and COLD in the winter?

Teacher: Super Cowboy I think you need to go to your class and learn about today's super hero, Abraham.

Super Cowboy: Yep, sounds like an interesting feller all right....No costume you say?!
[Music up and four assistants put Super Cowboy up on their shoulders and they exit out the back to waves, accolades and fanfare.]

Lesson/Message:

Establish the Authority of God's Word as Fact, not Fiction

[Show the Bible.] This is God's Word. It is always the truth. It is not just made up, in fact, God tells us in His Word that He wrote it!

Did you bring your Bible today? We are going to be in the Book of Hebrews 11: 6-12 and we are going to read together verses 8 and 10. You guys can follow along and fill in the blanks when I stop at a word.

Assist students in finding today's scripture verse. Have Bibles available so students may hold the place in the Bible and follow along. Teachable moment: Students become aware that the Bible is the truth; not a book of fictional stories and characters. As a side note: We use the King James Version. Whatever version you use, be consistent. Have everyone in the same version. If you are not, then the children will question which one is the "right one" and doubts may arise as to the authenticity of the Bible. This has become an increasingly bigger problem over the decades. Yes, the children can understand the KJV just fine. We have found Children's KJV Bibles with "helps" for 17th century words as well as cultural references from the era of Christ's earthly stay. These resources are out there. FEW children carry Bibles to church so let's teach them to use one. Not Bible Story Books, but rather real Bibles.

So the man we are talking about today was a REAL man, NOT like a "for fun only character" like [Name one of the action heroes] one of the action heroes, nor like our dressed-up for fun-only Super Cowboy. No, these people in this Holy Book really lived and this man today was a REAL Super Hero.

Pray and begin.

If you have access to a white board or PowerPoint, use them. OR if you are without any of the extras, tell the story in an interesting and animated fashion. They will remember!

Abraham was one of the first cowboys.

Abraham was a wealthy rancher who lived a LONG time ago. He owned lots of cattle, sheep, and other animals. He had ranch hands/servants and ran a full-time ranch that covered many acres.

He is most likely the first recorded cowboy that had to herd his cattle across open range for a long distance probably further and definitely over a longer period of time than the early trail drives took the Texas cowboys on just a few years back.

He was a cowboy in the way he approached life, too. He thought for himself. He didn't just "go with the crowd" in their social structure. He didn't fit into the main stream of thinking.

In fact, he lived in a culture of people that were idol worshipers, but he was not. He didn't worship like all the people around him did. He stayed true to the ONE true God.

You will find that many times the people you know at school, maybe some of your family members even, will not follow God. This has nothing to do with what YOU need to do. In fact, my mom used to tell me that "just because everyone else is running and jumping into the creek, does not mean that you have to!" Good advice. Simply put: Just because everyone else is doing something, does not make it right. Think for yourself, even if that means you are the only one not "doing what everyone else is doing." The majority could be wrong.

Abraham obeyed God no matter what other people thought about it.

Let's see what made him, an ordinary person, become a Super Hero in God's eyes.

Abraham lived in a country/area where people worshiped idols. Today you don't see that much in the United States. Can you imagine if I decided to worship this marker/pencil/crayon for example?

Place marker on floor. Now bow down to it and Say: Oh mighty, crayon! Oh great crayon on the crayon box! Thou that knowest all things. Thou that hears my prayers. Thou that made the world. *[At this point kids are usually laughing at the teacher].*

Now isn't that SILLY! But that's what these people around Abraham did for church time! Kind of a messed up town!

But did you know, boys and girls, if you aren't careful you will do the same thing.....only just a little bit differently....it might look more like....

"I don't want to go to church today, we stayed up too late at the ranch rodeo Saturday night; I'm tired!" or "I want MY WAY!" That's idol worship in a different form. More like worship of "myself" and what "I WANT" instead of what God wants.

But Abraham obeyed God. So God gave Him a special mission and a very special blessing!

Remember it is far more important to obey God than to worry about what others think about you.

If you obey God, then He has something special for you to do for Him, too. If you don't obey God, that is, you decide to do things YOUR WAY, then you may miss His purpose and blessing on your entire life.

Abraham became a Super Hero for God because God asked him to do something very special and he did it. But it wasn't easy! Here's what happened.

God told Abraham to pack up his wife and move.

That's it. That sounds easy enough. But it wasn't. Sara, his wife, asked him where they were moving to. His answer: I DON'T KNOW; we are just moving.

Do what?! She just got the garden planted, her family lives HERE, she knows the neighbors; what do you mean move? And you don't know where? We just put up a new barn last summer! She's involved in the local ladies' club; and what about your Thursday night roping event with the guys? And ALL OF OUR FRIENDS live HERE! Grandma is buried here!

Abraham said, "None of that matters. God told us to pack up and move; so let's pack up." So they loaded everything up on the horses and wagons and camels and donkeys. They put the chickens in cages, tied the goats up to the carts and off they went. He was a super hero with God because He obeyed!

Because he obeyed God no matter what other people thought, he was greatly blessed.

You never see Abraham asking God: If I obey You, what's in it for me? Kind of like when your parents tell you to clean up your room, or do your homework, or just "do your best to make better grades at school" or "please do not get a time out at school today." Do you answer with: What will you give me for it? What's in it for me?

No, you never see that from Abraham.

He just obeys God out of respect, trust, and faith in God. He did what was right because it was right.

So as a result you see him blessed in his lifetime and long after he has passed on to Heaven.

In fact, he had so many great great great great great grandchildren that you can't even count them today!

Bible says that even Jesus' family tree goes back to Abraham. Bible says *in Genesis 12:3 "...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."*

Thing is, **you** can be a Super Hero in God's eyes, too.

But before you can be used of God in a mighty way, you have to first be born again/saved. That simply means that you must:

1. Realize that you are not perfect, that you have sinned.
2. Ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins; Invite Him into your heart.
3. Have you ever done that?

Prayer. Now turn the message/lesson time over to your "Salvation Time" leader so that he/she may present the plan of salvation.

Activity-Follow-up:

On a white board draw a line to divide it into two columns.

One column mark as REAL and you could tape a picture of a fireman/policeman/soldier on that column along with a "picture" rendition of Abraham that you might have used with the lesson.

One column mark as NOT REAL or MAKE-BELIEVE and tape a picture of a fantasy character like Alice in Wonderland or an Action Hero picture.

Have a marker and do the first two checks yourself; after that let the kids come up and check mark in the correct column as you discuss what is real and what is make-believe.

Cover people and characters such as:

Yourselves...are you real or make-believe? Check mark in the Real Column.

Spider-man....[be ready for an argument!....kindly stick to your guns...he is for fun only and not a real person.] Check mark in the Make-Believe Column.

God/Jesus/Abraham/Joseph/Moses/ John Wayne [yep....perfect example to explain that he was a real man but played a character on make-believe stories].

Name some of the current Transformer characters/some of the cartoon characters from Television programs.

Worksheet Follows.

Abraham: The Wandering Cowboy



Circle the correct answer:

Abraham was a Super Hero for God because:

- a. He wore a cape.
- b. He rode a horse.
- c. He obeyed God no matter what anyone else did.

Your mom asks you to carry your plate to the sink after dinner. You should:

- a. Ask her for a “treat.”
- b. Just do right, because it is right.
- c. Roll your eyes and then go do it.



One of Abraham’s BIGGEST blessings for doing what God asked of him was:

- a. Money.
- b. Jesus was born into his family later.
- c. He did not get into trouble.
- d. He got to go on a trip.

