



Level Three: Ages 3rd - 6th 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 3rd-
6th 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. 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 young 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: Abraham, The Wandering Cowboy

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.

Have Bibles available so students may hold the place in the Bible and follow along. Assist students in finding today's scripture verse by holding up your Bible and showing them that Hebrews is located towards the back of the N.T. 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 young 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 PowerPoint, use it. 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. In fact, this is usually the case.

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.

Do you know what people around Abraham did for church time? History tells us that they would sacrifice their own kids to get blessings from their idols, Talk about selfish ignorant people!

But did you know, if you aren't careful you will be worshiping an idol, too.....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.

Idol worship might look more like when you get to church and it's already class time and all you want to talk about is your latest accomplishment. There is a time for expressing yourself, but when "what you did" and "what you won" or "what you are wearing" is the subject on your heart/mind during Bible class time, then there is some "idol worship" going on.

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! The kids have their sports programs going and we made a commitment to that; we need to keep our commitments!

Well, it was a LITTLE bit different than that, you see, they didn't have any kids yet.

Abraham said, "None of that matters, Sara. 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. And Sara goes with him, too.

He was a super hero with God because He obeyed!

His family [other than Sara] thought he was nuts! Heading out with all those cattle, sheep, tents, and chickens and you don't know WHERE you are going; but GOD told you to go! And remember, his parents were idol worshipers, also. Family ties can be strong influences! But to obey God was far more important to him.

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.

Everything should go GREAT, right? Well, there was this little problem of PARTIAL OBEDIENCE that enters into the story.

Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred and from thy fathers' house unto a land that I will show thee.

Genesis 12:4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him and Lot went with him:

Nephew Lot, decides to tag along. Not only that, his own Dad tags along. The Dad gets ill, so they stay in a Haran until his Dad passes away. So this journey God has sent Abraham on has been side-tracked/side-lined because of PARTIAL OBEDIENCE or more like: Partial disobedience.

Anytime you partially obey, that is not obedience.

Next problem: Nephew Lot is still with him. So Abraham realizes he needs to get things straightened out and back on track because Lot's ranch hands are fussing with

Abraham's ranch hands about who's cattle gets to which pasture available first and when. It gets ugly. So they part ways. Lot heads down to greener pastures, he thinks, and Abraham finally gets the next part of God's instructions right; the part about separating out his immediate family from the rest of the extended family.

As a result, God's power, HIS SUPER POWER, shows up for Abraham. Not just once, but several times throughout the rest of his life.

Lot gets into a jam after he has left Abraham. He gets captured by the four mightiest Kings in the land. Lot and his family and his ranch hands and families are all tied up. Their cattle is about to be branded with the 4K brand and he is in need of the 3S Ranch Hands to save them.

3S being the Super Hero, Super Champion, & Super Powered: Abraham.

Abraham and his cattlemen, shepherds, and helpers go into battle with the Four King's Armies. Armies that have shields, swords, and the latest armor, men trained in warfare techniques. Men that work out on a regular basis and train to war have Lot.

But Abraham has God on his side. So he takes a bunch of cowboys and although his enemies were great, God is greater.

Remember, Abraham had learned from his side-lined mistake of taking family on his journey that is of partial disobedience, and now was taking God directly at His Word.

Abraham and the 3S cowboys wipe out the 4K armies. Lot is freed and goes back to his town. Abraham moves onward on his journey that God has for him.

So as a result you see Abraham 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.

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

Activity-Follow-up:

In advance prepare a foam board or poster board game we call: Tic-Tac Board.

With a straight edge divide the board into either 6 x 4 that is 24 spaces/squares OR any number of spaces you choose. On each square write a question or Free Space or doctrinal question or a fun silly activity for the student to do.

Cut and cover with whatever paper you have/ construction paper/ brown wrapping paper, etc. each square individually attaching with tape. Write a random number on each square.

Have BIBLE GAME TIME. Students raise hands to pick a number; then answer question correctly and pick a small prize from a box/boot/container set at the front of the room. We have used everything from small candy and small prizes purchased from a novelty company online.

This game has ALWAYS been a "winner" and we use it often.

Possible squares for this lesson:

Free Space [about 3]

Tell us ONE thing you learned this morning.

For TWO prizes tell me how to go to Heaven.

Which "book" of the Bible did we read from today?

Name ONE reason God could call Abraham a Super Hero.

Who is the most famous /great-great grandson[in fact many greats] of Abraham?

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 to give you a favor if you do right.
- b. Just do right, because it is right.
- c. Roll your eyes and then go do it.



Abraham's BIGGEST blessing for doing what God asked was:

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



How can you be a Super Hero for God?