Give Them Heroes

Who do your children admire? Are their aspirations aimed toward a sports hero, a rock star, or a celebrity? Our children need better heroes than these, and you can raise their sights by reading biographies to them (once they get hooked they can go on their own). Introduce them to people who exhibit character, integrity, persistence and virtue. These titles are listed in the approximate order of difficulty.

PICTURE BOOKS

**Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving**, by Eric Metaxas (METAXAS) Squanto was captured and sold into slavery in Spain. But God brought him to faith and ultimately returned him to the New World to become a guide and friend for the Pilgrims. Yes, this is the true story.

**The Boy Who Changed the World** (E ANDREWS) This picture books tells the true story of how one ordinary boy came to develop ‘super plants’ that helped save billions of people from starvation.

ELEMENTARY AGES

**Martin Luther: What Should I Do?** (J 921 LUTHER) Young Martin thought that he had to pray for hours on end, eat very little, and study a great many books in order to have his sins forgiven. However, it was God’s Word that showed him that the Lord Jesus had already done everything he needed.

**Jim Elliot: A Light for God** (J 921 ELLIOT) Jim loved God and the outdoors, so he was excited to share God’s love in the jungles of South America.

**Lady Jane Grey** (9212 GREY) The Reformation wasn’t just about men. Here’s a courageous young lady who stood up for her faith. This is part of a series that’s great for whole families to read together.
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jack’s Life: The Life Story of C. S. Lewis
(MS 921 LEWIS) Lewis’ stepson, who lived with him for a dozen years, says that he was the finest man and the best Christian he has ever known.

Florence Nightingale: Lady with the Lamp
(921 NIGHTINGALE) Even adults can enjoy this story of the woman who revolutionized hospitals and elevated nursing to its proper status in medicine.

Through My Eyes: A Quarterback’s Journey
(MS 921 TEBOW) Tim writes about his life as he reveals how his Christian faith, his family values, and his relentless will to succeed have molded him into the person and the athlete he is today.

Hannah More: The Woman Who Wouldn’t Quit Writing
(MS 921 MORE) Well educated and with a gift for writing, Hannah More was set to become one of the leading lights in the literary and artistic circles of the 1700s. Gradually, however, she realized that only Jesus Christ could bring her fulfilment. She is best known today for her defense of women’s rights and her work to defeat the slave trade.

HIGH SCHOOL

Bonhoeffer
(T 921 BONHOEFFER) The fascinating story of one of Christianity’s most courageous heroes, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, abridged and adapted for students.

Soul Surfer
(T 921 HAMILTON) Meet the teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack in 2003, as she describes how she has coped with this life-altering event with the help of her faith.

Playing with Purpose: Inside the Lives and Faith of Top NBA Stars
(T 920 YORKEY) This recounts the lives of several players who stand strong for their Christian faith on the professional hardwoods.