



The Hero Lure

Lesson #15

People can be heroes for varied reasons. Depending on the situation, just getting through the day for some puts them in this category. One definition of hero is “someone admired”. Who are the children’s heroes? Why?

If Christ is our hero, how does our understanding of the word change?



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>We praise the Lord.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Mark 10:43-44 (The great one is the servant) Luke 22:26-27 (I am among you as one who serves)
Saint or Hero	St. Nicholas St. Patrick

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Money placed in children's shoes Celtic cross/shamrock
Music	<i>To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King</i> (Public Domain, GIA, OCP) <i>On Eagles Wings</i> (Michael Joncas, OCP) <i>Theme from the movie "Rocky"</i>
Liturgy or Rites	December 6 feast of St. Nicholas/Advent March 17 feast of St. Patrick/the Trinity
Prayers	See below
Church Teachings	Social Doctrine of the Church 105: <i>The Church sees ...in every person, the living image of God...</i> 108: <i>The fundamental message of Sacred Scripture proclaims that the human person is a creature of God...his being in the image of God (is) the element that characterizes and distinguishes him.</i> 125: <i>The human person may never be thought of...as an absolute individual being, built up by himself and on himself, as if his...traits depended on no one else...</i> Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, pp.50-56, USCCB Publishing <i>Our dignity comes from imago dei not personal celebrity.</i>

Prayer of St. Patrick: O God, you sent St. Patrick to preach your glory to the Irish people. Through his merits & intercession grant that we who have the honor of bearing the name of Christians may constantly proclaim your wonderful designs to us.

Prayer of St. Nicholas: We call upon your mercy, O Lord. Through the intercession of St. Nicholas, keep us safe in all dangers so that we may go forward without obstacles on the road to salvation.