

Christian Heroes: Just Like You

Optional: Chapel Presentation Guidelines

This is an **optional** opportunity. This does not take the place of the summer assignment but would be in addition to the assignment. If you're interested in presenting in chapel, you will let Mr. Covington know at the start of the school year. Presentations will be scheduled in the Month of October, and a dress down day will be rewarded for sharing this testimony with your classmates. 😊

WHAT IS THIS?

The chapel presentation is your chance to introduce one of your five heroes to the rest of the middle school. You'll share their story, explain what moved you, and leave your audience with something worth thinking about. It's not a book report recitation, but it's a testimony of what God showed you through someone's life.

Presentations are **5 minutes long** and take place in chapel in the month of October. You will choose one hero from your five. You may bring a simple costume or visual element (Slide Show).

YOUR 5 MINUTES — A SIMPLE OUTLINE

Use this breakdown to plan and practice your presentation:

Section	Time	What to Say
Introduction	~30 sec	Introduce your hero by name. Set the scene: who they were, and when and where they lived.
Their Story	~2 min	Walk through the key moments of their life: what they did, what they faced, and how their faith held.
What Struck Me	~1 min	Point to one specific thing from the book: a moment, a decision, or a detail that moved you most. Be specific. This is the heart of your presentation.
How It Encouraged Me	~1 min	Share personally: how did this hero's life challenge or encourage your own walk with Christ?
A Word for the Chapel	~30 sec	Close with one takeaway, one question to reflect on, or one challenge for your audience to carry with them.

COSTUME & VISUAL IDEAS

You don't need an elaborate costume. One simple prop or visual element is all it takes to bring your hero to life.

Props & Objects

- A tool or object connected to their work: a lantern, compass, quill pen, or simple map
- A Bible, hymnal, or journal if appropriate to their story
- A handwritten letter or notice (for heroes who were persecuted or on the run)

Visual Elements

- A printed portrait or image displayed on a board or projected on screen
- A simple hand-drawn timeline of their life
- A meaningful quote printed on a card that you read aloud during your presentation
- A simple slide show displaying a picture of your chosen hero

Clothing Ideas

- One distinctive item — a headscarf, vest, or period-style hat
- Colors associated with the era or region where they lived
- A simple cross or mission symbol relevant to their ministry

TIPS FOR A GREAT PRESENTATION

- **Practice out loud** at least three times. Knowing what you want to say and being able to say it are two different things.
- **Talk to your audience, not your notes.** Glance at your notes, but make eye contact with people in the chapel.
- **Don't rush.** Five minutes is plenty of time. Speak slowly, clearly, and with confidence.
- **Be specific.** The most powerful moments will be when you say, "In the book, there's a moment where..." — not vague summaries.
- **Be real.** This is a chapel, not a classroom. The best presentations are the ones where students share something that genuinely moved them.