

Biblical Role Models

The Bible presents us with a collection of role models, both good and bad. Below is a list of biblical characters who served as role models for both the Jews and those Jews and Gentiles who became followers of Jesus. Review this list of Bible heroes and think of others not named here.

Old Testament: Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Ruth and Naomi, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon, Uzziah, Esther, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Job, Daniel.

New Testament: Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zechariah, the Wise Men, Anna, Peter and Paul and the other Apostles, Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Martha and Mary, Lazarus, Zacchaeus, Joseph of Arimathea, wife of Pilate, the Roman centurion, Priscilla, Cornelius, Lydia, Timothy, Eunice.

Identify one or several biblical heroes who could be role models for you in living as a disciple of Jesus in each of the ten areas listed below. On the lines provided, write the hero's name and briefly explain why you chose this person.

Taking a courageous step into the unknown:

Challenging corrupt leadership:

Showing a deep-seated wisdom in decision-making:

Promoting peace:

Encouraging acts of justice:

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Challenging people to listen to their conscience:

Promoting care for the welfare of others:

Recognising the dignity of human beings:

Encouraging good stewardship of the environment:

Upholding the values of their faith in the face of suffering and persecution:
