

# Overview for **Hero Hospital**: Home to God's Outrageous Love

Hero Hospital is a program designed around **Vision-Building Service**. It's a VBS that truly builds Jesus' vision of a just kingdom filled with servant hearts. The churches, families, and kids that participate in Hero Hospital will be challenged and guided in tackling real-world problems through faith-inspired projects focused on **Matthew 21:14-16**. The scientific investigation, the creative thinking and making, even the exploration through music and play, all contribute to a tangible effort to serve and help others, inspired by Jesus' own teachings and actions. Historical Guides, who each impacted healthcare, will star in fun videos about Jesus' stories of healing.

	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4	Part 5	Part 6
<b>We Are Building...</b>	<b>A Place for All</b>	<b>A Place for Heroes</b>	<b>A Place for Hope</b>	<b>A Place for Healing</b>	<b>A Place for Discovery</b>	<b>A Place for Praise</b>
Jesus Heals... 	A Man Living with a Disability (Mark 2:1-12)	A Man Who Is Blind (Mark 8:22-20)	A Woman Who is Bleeding (Luke 8:40-56)	A Man Who Was Born Blind (John 9:1-41)	A Man Living with Leprosy (Matthew 8:1-13)	A Woman Living with a Disability (Luke 13:10-17)
Historical Guide 	Ella P. Stewart (Pioneering Pharmacist) 	Harriet Tubman (Civil War Nurse and Leader) 	Saint Fabiola (Force Behind First Hospital Network) 	Susan Le Flesche Picotte (Leader in Native American Healthcare) 	Hildegard of Bingen (Groundbreaking Medical Scholar) 	Cecilia Makiwane (Trailblazing African Nurse) 
Big Question 	Does experiencing an illness or disability define all of who you are?	What should you do if your friend experiences an illness or disability?	What should you do if you experience an illness or disability?	Why do some people experience an illness or disability when others don't?	Why do some people recover from an illness or disability when others don't?	How can you help those who care for people experiencing an illness or disability?

Hero Hospital is designed for virtual or in-person use either for a traditional weeklong VBS, a six week series, or anything in between. This is a learning and service program for your *entire church* and for *all ages*. You are free to pick and choose whichever parts and pieces you prefer but each part features and each piece connects to a **Big Church Project**. This is not just a collection of churchy activities to keep your kids busy. This is a tool to empower your kids to lead your church into greater fulfillment of God's Kingdom.

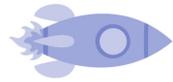
The Big Church Project is based on the kids' engagement with **Jesus' Story** and the **Big Question** through **Art, Science, Play, & Music**:



Each part of Hero Hospital features art projects with individual and collaborative elements that employ creative thinking to explore and promote the Big Church Project.



Families will rediscover some of their favorite table-top games with a few special Jesus-inspired "Gospel Rules" that change everything. (Extra Tag Games also provided.)



Through experimentation and demonstration the kids learn about the science behind each of the Big Church Projects and how to think critically about the Big Question.

Original songs by talented musicians will connect us with God's outrageous love and will pump us up to work towards fulfilling God's kingdom through the Big Church Projects.



Big Church Projects	
Part 1	<b>A Place for All:</b> Develop Person-first Language for your church's prayers and other communications that thinks inclusively about impairment, disability, mobility, and physical or mental health. Your kids will get the ball rolling with a <b>Prayer Quilt</b> and <b>Pocket Prayer Squares</b> that recognize how anyone can warm up under a blanket. They'll also explore the <b>Power of Prosthetics</b> as budding engineers and inventors. Families will have fun with the <b>Gospel Rules to Guess Who</b> or <b>Celebrities</b> .
Part 2	<b>A Place for Heroes:</b> Commit to addressing trauma in your community by holding an ELCA "Care for Returning Veterans Workshop" or similar learning experience. Your kids will take the lead in designing <b>Animal Guardian Stamps and Tattoos</b> that show how we are not just marked by hurts but also our spiritual strengths, signified by furry or feathery friends. They'll also investigate how to <b>Take Flight with Kites</b> . Families will have fun with the <b>Gospel Rules to Guess in 10</b> or <b>Pictionary</b> .
Part 3	<b>A Place for Hope:</b> Help to pay off millions in medical debt by joining or hosting a simple pennies-on-the-dollar fundraiser for a medical-debt relief program. Your kids will spearhead the fundraiser with a campaign featuring their <b>\$10,000 Bill</b> and <b>Big Check Collages</b> artwork showing the real cost of debt with magazine and ad clippings. They'll also look into the science and technology of <b>Real Dollars and Cents</b> . Families will have fun with the <b>Gospel Rules to Uno</b> or <b>Monopoly</b> .
Part 4	<b>A Place for Healing:</b> Give the gift of sight by collecting and donating gently-used glasses or even help to cure blindness by raising funds for cataract surgery. The collection campaign will be made possible with the <b>Eyeglasses Donation Bins</b> and <b>Brail Signs</b> your kids create. They'll also explore <b>The Miracles of Sight</b> with thaumatropes, optical effects, lenses, and more. Families will have fun with the <b>Gospel Rules to Connect Four</b> or <b>Jenga</b> .
Part 5	<b>A Place for Discovery:</b> Save lives by holding a community blood drive at your church or set ambitious goals for your pre-planned blood drives. Your kids will create custom <b>Blood Donor Stickers</b> and <b>Supporter Shirts</b> and other designs for lifesavers to promote and encourage donating. They'll also investigate how to <b>Get Your Heart Pumping</b> with heartrate, blood pressure, and blood vessel experiments. Families will have fun with the <b>Gospel Rules to Chutes and Ladders</b> or <b>Clue</b> .
Part 6	<b>A Place for Praise:</b> Support frontline healthcare workers by preparing cleaning supply kits and offering encouragement through social media. Your kids will take the lead in the challenge to #SupportHealthcareHeroes and make original <b>Healthcare Hero Trophies and Medals</b> . They'll also discover how our brain requires <b>Rest to Recharge</b> even when our body is ready for the next round. Families will have fun with the <b>Gospel Rules to Checkers</b> or <b>Battleship</b> .