

# The Hero's Shot

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## Curriculum & Activity Guide

For Classroom, Small Group, or Family Learning

### At-a-Glance Overview

- Grade Level: 3–4
- Reading Level: ~3.5
- Estimated Reading Time: 25–30 minutes
- Group Size: Individual or Small Group
- Themes: Confidence, Legacy, Integrity, Leadership, Identity

## Hero Vocabulary Words

- Legacy:
- Discipline:
- Confidence:
- Shot:
- Barbershop:
- Focus:
- Pressure:
- Fadeaway:
- Respect:
- Intention:

## **Before Reading: Discussion Starters**

- What does it mean to leave a legacy?
- Who is someone in your family or community that others look up to?
- Have you ever had to perform under pressure?

## **During Reading: Think-Aloud Questions**

- Why does the barbershop scene carry so much meaning for Bennett?
- What does Naomi's note reveal about how others see Bennett?
- How does Lucky the basketball symbolize more than just a game?

## **After Reading: Reflection Prompts**

- What would your 'hero shot' look like in life?
- How do you want to be remembered one day?
- Journaling Prompt: My Legacy Starts With...

## **Hero Challenge Activities**

- Create Your Legacy Crest: Draw a family or personal legacy shield.
- Pressure Shot: Write about a time you had to perform under pressure.
- Barbershop Wisdom: Interview an elder about their life story.
- Leave a Note Like Naomi: Secretly encourage a friend with a kind message.

## **Bonus SEL Writing Prompt**

"Heroes don't always talk... sometimes they just show up."

→ What does this mean to you? Write a 5-sentence story or poem.

# Certificate of Completion

## The Hero's Shot Champion

Presented to:

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For showing courage, leadership, and legacy-building like Bennett!