

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Take Charge of Your Example,” the High School Sunday school lesson for October 4, 2015. The lesson is found on page 29 of *High School Teacher* by Standard Publishing.

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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” People have been asking this question for centuries. You’ve probably answered it dozens of times in dozens of ways. Maybe you’ve had your heart set on the same career since you could talk. Maybe you’re still trying to figure out what your goals are. Maybe you just want to graduate high school at this point! You may not have it all worked out yet, but when a group of 4,000 elementary-age kids was recently surveyed, *they* sure did! Here’s a list of the top 10 things they want to be when they grow up:

10. **Santa**—Milk, cookies, shiny boots, and a SWEET ride! Why not? Plus you only really work one night a year.
9. **Police Officer**—Great news. Most kids still want to side with the good guys.
8. **Chef**—Mixers, whisks, and spatulas . . . the stuff dreams are made of.
7. **Astronaut**—18% of those surveyed want to go “to infinity . . . and beyond!”
6. **Prince/Princess**—We can totally relate to this one. Still waiting on our crowns.
5. **Teacher**—Maybe it’s the apples, but we expect there’s more to it. 24% of kids want to be teachers.
4. **President of the United States**—Lead the free world AND name the First Dog. It’s a win-win!
3. **Doctor**—33% of kids want to be doctors. Open up and say “AH-some!”
2. **Celebrity**—No specifics here. Kids just want to be rich. And famous. And completely bored with their “perfect” lives.
1. **Super Hero**—“It’s a bird! It’s a plane!” Nope. Just the kid next door—here to save the day!

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

Did any of these answers surprise you? When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grow up?

Who is a super hero in your life? Why?

How do you strive to be like the people you admire?

Do you think anyone strives to be like *you*?

There are many role models in our society—some good and some bad. We need to be aware that others may be looking to *us* as examples to follow too. Let’s look at three principles to help us be good role models for others.