## A Kind, Compassionate Hero Audience Participation

*Utah National Parks*

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| **ERIC** | I’m a Cub Scout! |
| **CHICK** | Peep, peep |
| **MICHAEL** | Thanks, friend. |

**ERIC** is a real hero. One day, he and **MICHAEL** were goofing off down by a pond that was in a remote area by where they lived. No one else was around.

**MICHAEL** was wading along the shore when he suddenly disappeared under the water. **MICHAEL** came to the surface sputtering and splashing wildly. **ERIC** did not know how to swim that well, but he seized a long branch and pushed it into the water toward **MICHAEL**. It didn't quite reach, so he waded in cautiously and pushed it further. Finally **MICHAEL** could get hold of it and was pulled to shore safely.

**MICHAEL** and his father were so grateful, they tried to give **ERIC** some money, but he wouldn't take it. He said he was a Cub Scout and wanted to help others.

**ERIC** is a hero in other ways, too. One rainy, cold day he was on his way to school. In the weeds he spotted a **CHICK**. It was cold and glassy eyed. He picked it up and cuddled it in his warm hands.  He thought he would take it to school and show it to everyone, but instead he looked under a bush and saw a mother hen on a nest. He set the **CHICK** down close to her and it burrowed under her wing. She clucked at **ERIC** and pecked his hand. He knew the **CHICK** would be safe.

In **ERIC’S** school class there was a bully named Johnny. He especially loved to pick on Robert. Robert was timid and quiet and was never chosen to play games. One day **ERIC** got to choose the teams at recess. He chose Robert first. All the guys looked surprised, and Johnny jeered. That afternoon, when they were walking home from school, Johnny grabbed Robert and forced him to the ground. **ERIC** pulled Johnny off and stood between them until Robert could get up. Johnny threatened to hit them, but with two boys to fight, it wasn't so easy. Finally, Johnny left and the two boys walked home together.

**ERIC** always helps fold up the chairs and pick things up at the end of Den and Pack meetings.

All of us can be KIND HEROES. We may not save a life, but we can show compassion and be helpful to others.