

HOMETOWN HEROES WORKSHEET

Teacher Version | Javier Soto

What was Javier like as a kid?

He was active; did baseball, soccer, biking; earned lots of trophies; was a soccer all-star; always had to be moving, never sat still

Why didn't Javier pursue a career in soccer?

He had to work to support his family.

How do you think this made him feel?

[open ended]

What were some of the jobs he did when he first started out?

He was a dishwasher, clean up man, parking lot sweeper, cook, busboy, waiter, bartender, etc.

Why did Javier and his wife leave their jobs at Tortilla Flats Restaurant?

They got fired.

How did he say that made him feel?

He was worried because they lost everything; regret because they had been working so hard for the restaurant that they never took vacations and didn't have time to watch their kids play.

Why didn't he and his wife want to open their own restaurant at first?

He had been comfortable in his job; they had no money; they didn't know how to run a restaurant.

Complete this sentence: Javier would never have become a successful restauranter if he hadn't _____.

...been fired from his job at Tortilla Flats; ...been a disciplined worker; ...taken a chance

Do you remember some of the things people said about Javier in this video?

They admire him; they want to be like him; when his kids were young, he was always working; he's their best friend; he's their idol; he's their role model; they look up to him; he enjoys challenging himself; he has inspired them to be active; he's open minded; everybody loves him; he's an amazing boss; he treats everyone like family; he has a positive energy; he's not negative; he always tries to make everything better; treats others with respect; listens to people's ideas; he's humble; he's generous; despite a lot of obstacles he refused to be a victim.

We learned in the video that Javier works out almost every day. In your opinion, why does he still live such an active life?

It keeps him fit, keeps his mind sharp, because it's fun, because it's a challenge

What kind of physical activity do you like?

[open ended]

What is your special interest or talent?

[open ended]

Do you have a goal for your future?

[open ended]

How could you work toward that goal?

[open ended]

How did this video make you feel?

[open ended]

Use words or pictures to express how you feel after watching this video.

After the students fill out the sheet, lead them in sharing their answers. This can be done with the whole group, or by breaking down into smaller groups. Encourage honest sharing and good listening.