

St. James Faith on the Go

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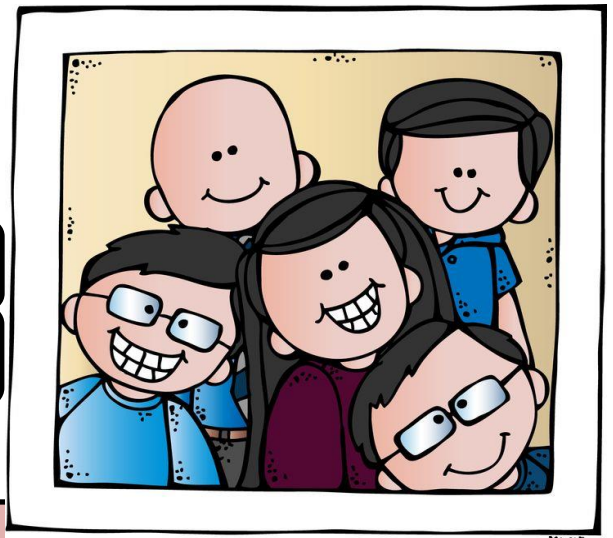
Message: Jesus Our Superhero

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Materials: Bible, Faith Journal, computer, writing tools,

Opening Prayer: God is For Me by Lifetree Kids

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Warm Up:

Who is a favorite superhero? What makes them a super hero?

Sunday is the feast of a superhero, Jesus.

You may not think of Jesus as a superhero but let's take some time to think about it.

Sunday is called the feast of Christ the King. People in Jesus' time were very familiar with kings.

Every city had a king who ruled it. They could make any rules they wanted and collect as much money from the people as they desired. Some kings were fair and kind to their subjects while others were cruel and selfish.

In the Old Testament we read about David the King who was just and kind and King Nebuchadnezzar who threw Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego into the fiery furnace because they would not worship him. Go to Daniel chapter 3 for that exciting story!

Jesus is our king but not like the kings you've heard about.

Read the Gospel which helps us understand the kind of king Jesus is.

Gospel Proclamation: John 18:33-37

Reading: Read, or have your student read the reading. It can be helpful to read it twice or have students retell what they heard.

Note: This is a difficult reading so I have tried to apply it to their lives in the discussion and activity.

Discussion:

So, is Jesus a king? He says that His kingdom is not of this world so He must be a king.

Where is His kingdom if it isn't of this world? It is God's heavenly kingdom.

The other important thing we learn from this reading is Jesus' mission. What was He sent to do?

To testify to the truth. Jesus came to teach people the truth about God the Father, how He loves His people and wants them to love each other.

He was willing to give up his life for that mission! That sounds like a superhero to me!

Let's compare Jesus to some familiar superheroes, since we are more familiar with them than with kings.

First, many superheroes are a hybrid of an ordinary person and an extraordinary being with superpowers.

Think of Batman, Spiderman, and Superman.

Bruce Wayne, a wealthy citizen, turns into Batman.

When Spiderman isn't a superhero, who is he? **Peter Parker**

And what about Superman? He is a humble news reporter named Clark Kent.

Do you know of any other Superheroes who are sometimes ordinary people?

Jesus is like that because he is both God and human at the same time!

Because our superheroes are ordinary people they can understand what we are going through.

They know we have troubles and need help. And because of their extraordinary powers they can come to the rescue!

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God knew His people needed someone to help them, to teach them the truth about Him and His kingdom.

He needed someone to bring His love to the world. So, He sent Jesus, our superhero.

He was born in a humble stable rather than a palace. He learned to be a carpenter, but all along God was training Him to use His superpowers His purpose.

Another thing about superheroes: They usually have a nemesis, and enemy that they are trying to defeat.

Does your favorite superhero have a nemesis?

Does Jesus have a nemesis? Jesus' purpose is to defeat hatred, evil, and death. Satan, the prince of darkness is his nemesis.

Superheroes have a costume they wear that helps us know who they are.

Jesus may not wear a superhero cape but he wears scars that show that He has conquered sin and death!

Another thing Superheroes have is books and movies about them.

Is there a book about Jesus? There are many but the main ones are the Gospels written by Matthew, Mark Luke and John. There have been many movies made about Jesus also.

By learning about Jesus, we learn to be heroes ourselves. God gives us the power to conquer sadness and loneliness. He shows us the way to defeat Satan with love.

Living the Message:

How is Jesus your superhero? What do you admire about Him? What can you learn from Him?

This week we'll do a fun activity about Jesus our Superhero.

In your faith journal write "Jesus is My Superhero"

Option 1: In your faith journal write "Jesus is My Superhero"

Draw a picture of Jesus as a superhero. Feel free to add a cape if you'd like!

Around the picture write the amazing things He did while on earth and things he does for you.

Write a sentence thanking Jesus for the specific things He does for you.

Option 2: Complete the Superhero comparison sheet (Jesus is King of the Universe)

Glue this in your faith journal.

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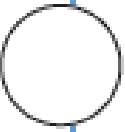

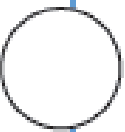

Option 3: Draw a graphic story of something Jesus did as our superhero. It could tell a miracle story or the story of Jesus giving Himself up so that we can have life in heaven with Him.

When finished, take a picture of your faith journal page/pages and email it to mfitzpatrick@sjnvi.net.

Closing Prayer: Dear Jesus, as we prepare for Thanksgiving by thinking of all we're grateful for, we want to thank you for being our hero. You cured many who were sick, you brought dead people back to life. You showed us how to love and serve others so that we can celebrate with You in heaven. When unbelievers tried to get rid of you with death, You were raised to show us that God's power is stronger than anything, even death! Remind us to turn to You to help us with any of our troubles because You love us and want to help us. We thank you for all our gifts for all good things come from You.
Amen.

Who's the real superhero?

On the last Sunday of the Church year, we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Kinda sounds like a superhero name, don't you think? That's sort of the point. We're celebrating how awesome Jesus is. Just how awesome? Try comparing the King of the Universe to your favorite superheroes. Fill in the circles with their logo or symbol.

Superhero	 KING OF UNIVERSE				
Alias (their ordinary name)					
Super powers					
Members (enemies)					
Sideways/ friends					
Mission					