



## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

We have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will invite a friend to next week's church service.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Matthew 28:16-20, the Great Commission

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV)*

**SUMMARY:**

Peter Parker's uncle taught him that with great power comes great responsibility. Having received the gift of Jesus, we have a responsibility to share the Good News with others.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Help us to tell others about Jesus.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*

## MEMORY VERSE

*"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV)*

*"Do everything else for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NirV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Split the main group in two. See which group can recite the memory verse from memory the loudest.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Have the kids practice saying their memory verse, and then see who can say it backwards.

# HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO

## SKIT

### MALLORY MALICE

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Superhero costumes for the Supreme Diva and Morbidman, a file of papers

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

#### CHARACTERS:

Morbidman - A grouchy hero

The Supreme Diva - Super teen extraordinaire

*Morbidman enters, reading from the file of papers. The Supreme Diva enters.*

DIVA: Hiya, Morbidman, what's going on?

MORBIDMAN: Oh hello there, Supreme Diva. I'm just doing a little detective work.

DIVA: You are?

MORBIDMAN: I was just at the police station. Now that you have Dr. Insidious behind bars, I thought I would investigate some unsolved mysteries.

DIVA: Cool! Maybe I could help!

MORBIDMAN: I bet you can. This is a case about a teenage crime spree.

DIVA: It is?

MORBIDMAN: A young woman calling herself... Mallory Malice!

*The Diva looks at the audience with a guilty, shocked look.*

DIVA: Mallory Malice? Never heard of her!

MORBIDMAN: Really? I'm surprised. It sounds like she's about your age.

DIVA: Doesn't sound familiar.

# SKIT

MORBIDMAN: She had super powers too. She could shoot laser beams out of her eyes. She had super strength. Aren't those your powers too?

DIVA: Not ringing a bell, no.

MORBIDMAN: She used those powers to go on a two day crime spree, robbing a coffee shop, a cheerleader supply store, a young women's clothing shop, and terrorizing a group of teenage football players.

DIVA: Who probably deserved it!

MORBIDMAN: Funny thing is two days after her last crime, all the things she stole were dropped on the front porch of the police station with some extra money to apologize for the crimes. No one ever heard from Mallory Malice again.

DIVA: Sounds like she felt bad and left her life of crime behind.

MORBIDMAN: But why?

DIVA: Because her uncle made her read Spider-Man. She learned that with great power comes great responsibility. She knew God had given her powers, and she could no longer use her powers for bad. Just as God wants us to use the Good News of the Gospel and tell others, she had to use her powers for good.

MORBIDMAN: Sounds to me like you had a change of heart.

DIVA: You mean Mallory Malice had a change of heart.

MORBIDMAN: Sounds like she did the right thing.

DIVA: You think so?

MORBIDMAN: You made some mistakes early in your super career, but you've done a lot of good since then. Like you said, with great power comes great responsibility.

DIVA: Thanks, Morbidman.

MORBIDMAN: No, no, no. Thank you for using your powers for good.



## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

A battery operated smoke alarm

*Have one of the kids test the alarm to make sure it's working.*

A smoke alarm has one job. If it detects smoke, it's supposed to let you know there's a fire. It's a simple job, but a very important one. They are responsible for saving our lives if a fire breaks out. They literally have the power to save our lives.

Superheroes have a responsibility to save lives too. They were given great powers, and as Spider-Man's Uncle Ben once said, "With great power comes great responsibility."

God has given us a great responsibility. As children of God, we are responsible for sharing the Gospel with our friends and neighbors. Jesus gave us this responsibility before He went home to His Heavenly Father, and no one else is going to do it for us.

God has given us His son. His son has given us a mission. It is our responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus with the people we love. Let's commit ourselves to being heroes and bringing other people to Jesus.

## LARGE GROUP GAME

### **SUPER MODIFIED CAN TOSS**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

Three aluminum cans, empty  
Three baseballs  
A basketball

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Set up the three cans on a table or stool in a pyramid.

Choose four players. Each player will choose between throwing the three baseballs or one basketball to win a prize. If they choose the baseballs they get three chances, but if they choose the basketball, they only get one. Anyone who knocks all 3 cans down wins a prize.

#### **VARIATION:**

Make this a two-player contest, one gets the baseballs, and one gets the basketball. Can they both win a prize?

#### **WHAT'S THE POINT?**

With great power comes great responsibility. The kid who throws the “greater” ball has only one chance to win and must seize the moment! We have a responsibility to share the Gospel with others.

## LARGE GROUP LESSON

### **BOTTOM LINE:**

We have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus.

### **OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will invite a friend to next week's church service.

### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Matthew 28:16-20, the Great Commission

### **INTRO:**

He's one of the most popular superheros of all time, and his story is one of the most famous. In fact after the story of Batman, the story of Spider-Man has probably been told and re-told in books and on film more than any other. Just like Batman, Spider-Man started as a kid. He was an ordinary boy until an extraordinary event happened. A bite from a radioactive spider gave him powers beyond his wildest dreams. Right away, the boy known as Peter Parker saw that he could do great things with those powers, and he put them to good use - for himself!

When we first meet Peter Parker, he's working as a professional wrestler. His skill in the ring allows him to win a bunch of money - or so he thought! The promoter cheated Peter out of the money he thought he had won, and when a common thief robbed the promoter, Peter decided not to stop the thief.

That decision proved to be fatal. The thief Peter Parker allowed to get away murdered his beloved Uncle Ben. Uncle Ben never knew that Peter was Spider-Man, nor did he know that Peter let the man who killed him get away with a crime, but the last time Uncle Ben spoke to Peter, he had shared these words of wisdom: "With great power comes great responsibility."

Peter learned that day that he had a responsibility. As a super human, he had an obligation to use his powers for good. Never again would Peter use his spider powers for profit. He committed his life to fighting crime and putting others first.

Jesus has given us a great responsibility. As Christians, He has tasked us with sharing a life-changing, life-saving message. Jesus died for the sins of the world, and He wants us to let the people we love know that He alone can save them from sin and death.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

**READ MATTHEW 28:16-20**

**MAIN POINT:**

Jesus did the one thing we could never do: He paid the price for our sin. What's more, Jesus offers forgiveness for our sins and eternal life as a free gift. He has paid the price; all we have to do is accept it!

Jesus wants everyone to call Him their Savior, and as believers, He is counting on us to share that good message with others. He has given us His Holy Spirit, and He has sent us into the world to call everyone to Jesus.

Jesus has the power to save people from sin. We have the power to share that message with people who need to hear it!

**DRIVE IT HOME:**

It's a sad fact that many who call themselves Christians never tell anyone what they believe. They are afraid someone might make fun of them or no longer want to be their friend if they speak up for the Gospel. We hide our light from the world, keep our faith to ourselves, and we never give anyone the chance to hear how Jesus saved us.

This should not be! As Christians, we need to be proud of our faith. We need to live for Jesus by loving others at all times, and we need to be able to give an answer for Jesus at any time.

God has not given us super powers, but He has given us the Holy Spirit. That Spirit can give us the courage to speak up and the wisdom to know what we should say. When we learn to live by the Spirit, we will not be afraid to speak the name of Jesus. We will share what we believe with boldness, and God can use us to lead someone else to Jesus.

I'm sure all of us have friends who don't go to church and don't know God. If we were ever to see that friend was in danger of being hurt, I doubt any of us would keep our mouths shut. If that friend were about to step off a curb into traffic, or step off a cliff, we'd scream and shout and do everything we could to save them from getting hurt!

We need that same urgency about Jesus! We need to trust the Holy Spirit and tell others that Jesus loves them. Maybe they won't listen. Maybe they won't believe. We still have to try because Jesus has given us the responsibility to tell them what we know.

Don't hide the Gospel from your friends. We are responsible for sharing with them the most life-changing news they will ever hear. Share Jesus with a friend so that Jesus can become their hero.



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

## CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Help us to tell others about Jesus.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER:

Did you receive any exciting news this week?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

1 Corinthians 10:31b

Have the kids practice saying their memory verse, and then see who can say it backwards.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a game of Superhero Charades. Give each person a chance to act out a superhero character, and see if the others can guess who they are.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Read Matthew 28:16-20**

What did Jesus do for us?

What command did Jesus give before He went home to His Father?

Who is responsible for sharing Jesus with others?

Why do we need to tell others about Jesus?

Is there a friend you can invite to church next week? How will you invite them when you see them this week?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Give us the power of the Holy Spirit so we can share Jesus with our friends.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

### ICEBREAKER:

Did you receive any exciting news this week?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

1 Corinthians 10:31b

Have the kids practice saying their memory verse, and then see who can say it backwards.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a game of Superhero Charades. Give each person a chance to act out a superhero character, and see if the others can guess who they are.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Read Matthew 28:16-20**

Who is responsible for sharing Jesus with others?

Why do so many Christians keep their faith to themselves?

Has anyone ever made fun of you for your faith?

What can we do to overcome our fear and find the courage to share Jesus with others?

Is there a friend you can invite to church next week? How will you invite them when you see them this week?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear God,*

*Give us the power of the Holy Spirit so we can share Jesus with our friends.*

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### FILL IN THE BLANK

1. \_\_\_\_\_ died to save us from our sins.

JESUS

2. Jesus said, "Go and make \_\_\_\_\_ of all nations."

DISCIPLES

3. Jesus put \_\_\_\_\_ in charge of sharing the Gospel.

US

4. We can get power from God's \_\_\_\_\_ to help us share Jesus with our friends.

HOLY SPIRIT

5. We can share Jesus by inviting a \_\_\_\_\_ to church.

FRIEND

# MAKE IT STICK

## 5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: WITH GREAT POWER



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Peter Parker's uncle taught him that with great power comes great responsibility. Having received the gift of Jesus, we have a responsibility to share the Good News with others.



#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real: Brainstorm with your kids some ways you can share Jesus with people you know. Hint: don't limit yourself to telling them about Jesus and inviting them to church. How can we share God's love with our actions?



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Whose job is it to tell other people about Jesus?
- Why is it so important that we share Jesus with people we know?
- Who will share Jesus with others if we do not?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

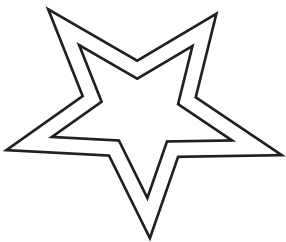
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#### PARENT TIME:

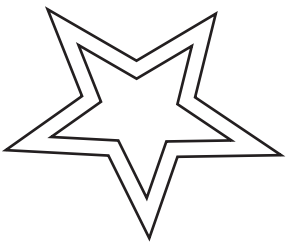
What you need to know:

Your kids have been challenged to invite a friend to church next week. Encourage them to invite one of their friends, and be ready to take that friend with you on Sunday!



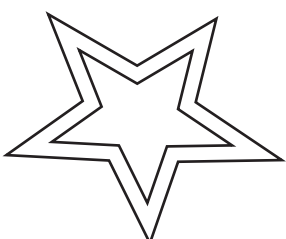
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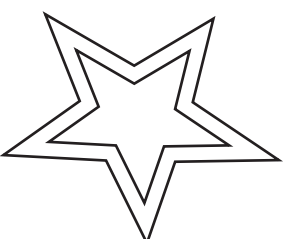
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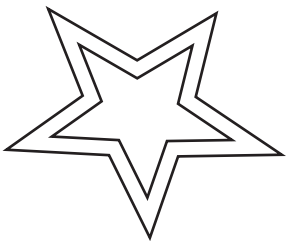
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## CRAFT ACTIVITY

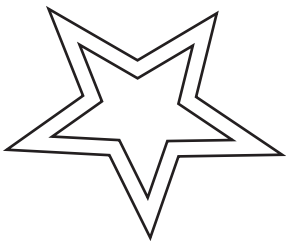
Have the kids make invitations to give to their friends for church next week. Kids can use and decorate the included invitations or make their own by drawing pictures or using stickers or stamps of superheroes to decorate the invitations.



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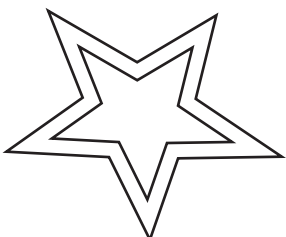
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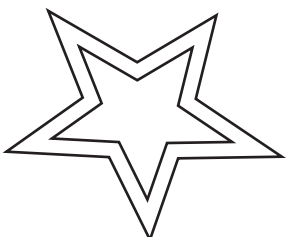
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