



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God wants us act quickly to help others.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will identify one way they can act quickly today to serve someone in need.

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 10:25-37, The Good Samaritan

MEMORY VERSE:

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

SUMMARY:

Some heroes like Flash and Quicksilver become great because of their awesome speed. God wants us to move quickly when people are in need and not wait for someone else to act.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Give us super speed so we can be a help to others.

*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:

Bring as many adult leaders up on stage as possible. Let the adults go first, reciting the memory verse from memory, then let the kids go. Who does the best job?

SMALL GROUP:

Read the memory verse aloud for each kid. Each time you do, leave out one word. See if the kids can tell you what word you left out.

HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO

SKIT

TOO LATE

ITEMS NEEDED:

Superhero costumes for the Supreme Diva and Morbidman

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

CHARACTERS:

Morbidman - A grouchy hero

The Supreme Diva - Super teen extraordinaire

Morbidman runs on.

MORBIDMAN: Hey kids! It's me, Morbidman! I just got a call from the Mayor's office. There seems to be a little problem at the Clown College downtown. Someone called the school and told them that there was a bomb in one of the clown cars! I don't have to tell you what a disaster that would be! I mean one bomb goes off in a clown car, boom! There goes a hundred clowns, am I right? The Mayor said they needed a hero, and I said, "Sure! I'll be glad to come. Right after I finish this episode of SpongeBob. Hey, don't laugh! I know you guys like SpongeBob too, right? And this was a really funny one! This is the one when they make a marching band! You know what the best part is? It's when that little guy, what's his name? Plankton? He's trying to play a harmonica, and he has to keep running back and forth to blow through the different holes in the harmonica to make the music? It's so funny. Anyway, after I finished, I was about to head out and I thought, you know, I don't have any theme music. Why not race to the scene of the crime with some theme music playing? So I went to my computer and started going through my music. I listened to some rap, some metal, some country. Well, not a lot of country. Country isn't very superhero. But metal is, and I found the perfect song for me! So I better get down to the Clown College and—

The Supreme Diva enters.

DIVA: Hi, Morbidman! Whatcha doin'?

MORBIDMAN: Oh hey, Supreme Diva. I was about to go down to the Clown College and defuse a bomb in a clown car.

SKIT

DIVA: The clown car? Don't worry about it. I just took care of it.

MORBIDMAN: What??

DIVA: No need to thank me. Just doing my job!

MORBIDMAN: But that was my job! The Mayor called me!

DIVA: Then why didn't you race down there and do it?

MORBIDMAN: I was going to... as soon as my show was over and I picked out a theme song.

DIVA: Morbidman, you weren't watching SpongeBob instead of fighting crime, were you?

MORBIDMAN: Yes.

DIVA: When there's crime to fight, you can't delay. You have to race there like the Flash. Or Quicksilver. Or—

MORBIDMAN: Or you?

DIVA: Well, I did get there first. Come on, Morbidman, the city needs us heroes to be ready to go on a second's notice. What if there's a giant robot attacking the city? Will you finish your show first?

MORBIDMAN: No. I will run and hide and let you take care of it.

DIVA: Wrong! You will turn off the TV and go. Heroes are people with super speed. They may not move at super human speed, but they move quickly when someone needs help.

MORBIDMAN: You're right. I should have raced right down there. I'm sorry, Diva. I'll do better next time.

DIVA: Good. Because right now, we're needed on the east side. There's a giant killer lizard attacking the mall!

MORBIDMAN: There is?

DIVA: No, but there are some kids trapped in a burning building that we can help.

SKIT

MOBIDMAN: Then why are we standing around talking? Let's go!

They run off together.



OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A men's tie

A clip-on tie

You know something? Kids are fast. They like to run. They like to go from one thing to the next quickly. They even get dressed fast. In fact, I'm going to prove it. I'm going to prove that a kid can be a sharp-dressed man faster than an adult.

Pick a boy in a shirt with a collar and an adult with the same. Give the clip on tie to the kid, and the regular tie to the adult. Have them race to put on a tie.

OK, I admit it. The clip-on tie is an unfair advantage. You can't possibly tie a real tie that fast. But what I said about kids being fast holds true. As soon as you learned to walk, you all learned to run. Kids have boundless energy, more than adults. They are quick to move into action, and that means you are made well to do the work of God.

God wants us to move quickly when we see people in need. He doesn't want us to sit back and wait for direction. He wants us to move so that we can be great helpers.

God can use you to touch a lot of people if you use your super speed for Him. Ask God to show you when someone is in need. Then don't wait. Move quickly, and go where God shows you to go.

LARGE GROUP GAME

BEAT THE CLOCK

ITEMS NEEDED:

Two kids basketball hoops
A small basketball
A stopwatch

INSTRUCTIONS:

Set up two hoops (preschool free-standing hoops, or the kind that stick to a wall) on opposite sides of the room.

Choose two or three players for this game. Each player will take a turn shooting hoops. They will start at one hoop, dribble to the other and shoot a basket, then dribble back and shoot in the first hoop. Time them with the stopwatch. Then see if the next person can beat their time. Continue with the third, and give a prize to the kid with the best time.

VARIATION:

You can make this game longer by adding extra laps. You can also make it more exciting by putting a timer on the big screen. For the final player, have a count down from the best time to zero and see if they can beat it.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God wants us to move quickly and help those in need.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

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INTRO:

What super power do you think would be the best to have if you could only choose one? Would you choose super strength? Super strength would allow you to do a lot of big things. You would have a big advantage in a fight. You would be resistant to pain because it would take a lot to hurt you. You could lift up tanks and airplanes and doomsday devices and all sorts of dangerous things and clear them out of your way!

What about super intelligence? If you had the mind of Batman, or Tony Stark, what would you do? Would you build a flying suit? A suit of armor? What kind of gadgets and weapons would you devise to fight crime?

How about super speed? Sounds kind of silly at first when you think about it. When we think about the Flash, we think of a guy who can run fast, but he's still human and he doesn't have near the strength of other heroes.

But the Flash doesn't need super strength in a fight. He has his speed. Not only can he run fast, he can duck, dive, dodge, kick, and punch fast. When you're that quick in a fight, strength doesn't matter. You will land a hundred punches to your enemy's one, and you'll force them into submission.

Super speed can help you do one other thing even more important than fighting. It can get you where you are needed quickly. The Flash can get from one side of the city to the other faster than anyone just by running. Spider-Man can't swing that fast. Batman can't drive that fast. Flash will be there ready to help long before anyone else.

Speed is often the difference between life and death. Even in the real world, speed can mean a lot to people in need. As Christians, Jesus wants us to have super speed.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

No, He won't make us run like the Flash, but if we are willing, we can be the first and fastest to lend a helping hand.

READ LUKE 10:25-37

MAIN POINT:

Most of the time when we read this parable, we focus on what it means to be a neighbor. Jesus used this story to say that a neighbor is someone who helps a person in need, no matter who they are. Two religious men saw the man lying on the side of the road and left him there, while a Samaritan, a man most of Jesus' listeners would think was a bad guy, stopped to help.

But that's not the only message in this story. The man on the side of the road was dying. He did not have much time for someone to help him and save him. The priest and the Levite had the chance to reach out and save him, but neither man did. The Samaritan didn't hesitate. He saw the man, he stopped, and he helped him immediately.

This is what it means to have super-speed. God wants us to stop what we're doing the moment we see a chance to help someone, and He wants us to race into action.

DRIVE IT HOME:

God is always putting people in our paths who need help. Did you know that? God wants all of us believers to be on the look out for people in need. God knows that by helping others, we can show them the love of Jesus. He wants us ready and willing to go at a moment's notice with super speed!

Super speed isn't always the first thing we think of. We think about the other things we need to do. We have homework. We have a game to finish playing. We have a book we want to finish reading. Helping means putting other things aside to go out of our way for someone else. We are willing to wait on the things we want to do so that someone else doesn't have to wait for help to come along.

Other times we think about what others would think if we helped. What if my friends saw me helping that kid? Or we think about whether someone else will step up to help before we do. Maybe a teacher will see that kid needs help and step up so I don't have to.

That's not the kind of reaction Jesus wants us to have. Super speed means we don't worry about others and we don't wait for someone else. We move and love because Jesus wants us to be there for someone in need.

You don't have to be as fast as Flash to have super speed.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

You need a willing heart, ready to move when you are needed. Ask God to open your eyes and show you when someone is in need. Then ask God for super speed, and the ability to race into action where you are needed. Don't wait for someone else to help. Be quick, and be first to race in and show someone Jesus loves them!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Give us super speed so we can be a help to others.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

Which is better: super speed or super strength?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

1 Corinthians 10:31b

Read the memory verse aloud for each kid. Each time you do, leave out one word. See if the kids can tell you what word you left out.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a game of hot potato with a ball. How fast can everyone pass a ball around a circle? Don't be the one holding the ball when the music stops!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 10:25-37

What help did the man on the road need?

Why was it urgent for someone to help him quickly?

Who stopped to help the man?

How does God want us to respond to people in need?

What is something you can do to move quickly and help others?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 10:25-37

Why was it urgent for someone to help the wounded man quickly?

Why do you think the first two people ignored him?

What are some things that hold you back from helping people?

How does God want us to respond to people in need?

What is something you can do to move quickly and help others?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO

POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

FILL IN THE BLANK

1. A man was walking down the road when he was attacked and left for _____.
DEAD
2. _____ men saw the wounded man needed help but kept on walking.
TWO
3. When the Samaritan saw the man, he _____ and helped him.
STOPPED
4. The Samaritan put the man on his own _____ and led him to safety.
DONKEY
5. Jesus wants us to have super _____ and quickly move to help others.
SPEED

MAKE IT STICK

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

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: MOVE FAST



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home: Some heroes like Flash and Quicksilver become great because of their awesome speed. God wants us to move quickly when people are in need and not wait for someone else to act. Luke 10:25-37, The Good Samaritan



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Make it a friendly competition this week to see who can respond the quickest when there's a need around the house. How speedy can you and the kids be when someone needs a hand?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why didn't the priest and Levite help the man in the story of the Good Samaritan?
- What might have happened if the Samaritan hadn't acted quickly?
- Why does God want us to be quick and speedy when we help others?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

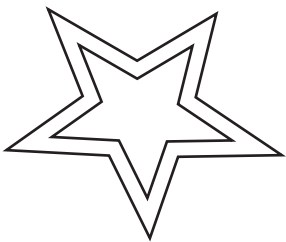
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PARENT TIME:

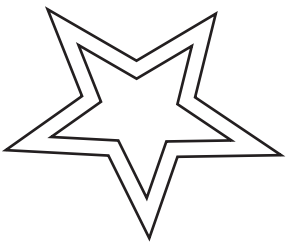
What you need to know:

Christians need to be first on the scene when there's someone in need. God wants us to act, not to wait for someone else to do it. Pray that God will make you and your kids alert so that you can be speedy when God shows you where you are needed.



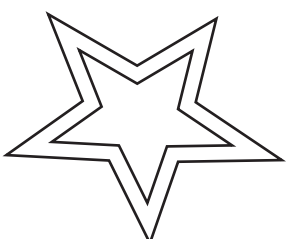
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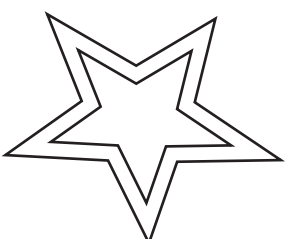
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HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO

CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids make tiny “wings” they can put on their shoes. Use a stiff fabric or card stock for the wings. Then, cut out and decorate your wings. Tape or tie them onto the kids’ shoes.