



## Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# Dr Horrible's Sing-along Blog

(Season One: Acts 1-3)

### Media Information

URL: Official Site:  
<http://drhorrible.com>

Official Fan Site:  
[doctorhorrible.net](http://doctorhorrible.net)

### Description

This musical tells the story of Dr. Horrible (Neil Patrick Harris), a shy underachieving super-villain who's trying to impress the girl, gain entry into the Evil League of Evil, and begin world domination through a freeze ray that stops time. He's really quite lovable, except for the whole evil thing. His nemesis is Captain Hammer (Nathan Fillion), an egotistic not-too-bright jerk (the 'hero'). Penny (Felicia Day), the girl, falls for Captain Hammer, which pushes Dr. Horrible to complete and use his freeze ray on him but with tragic results. While Dr. Horrible gets the membership and the fame, the girl is lost forever.

### Related

#### Scripture:

Genesis 3:1-6

Luke 4:1-13

#### Catechism:

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### Faith Connection

If we're honest, we've all wanted things at one time or another that were not good for us. The theological term for that is "concupiscence" (the inclination to evil resulting from the damage done our human nature in Original Sin). In this web-distributed film, Dr. Horrible wants to be powerful and famous, partially for their own right and partially to get the girl he doesn't feel confident enough to woo on his own. He's tempted to evil (the Evil League of Evil, to be precise!) in order to get what he wants. And yet, just when he's achieved his goals, defeated the hero and reigns powerful and famous, he loses the thing most precious to him (the love of his life, Penny). Evil tempts with promises of gain, but in the end always takes. Remember, Satan promised Jesus everything, comfort, ease, dominion. But Jesus rejects the emptiness of these promises, knowing that true fulfillment comes from God. Likewise, we must remember to reject the lure of power and popularity if by getting it we give away things like friendship, integrity, or love. Evil is seductively easy (i.e. betray this one little confidence and you will gain from it). Love is hard, but so much better for us.

### Discussion Questions

1. How do you deal with not-good-for-you temptations?
2. Ever lose something by seeking it the wrong way?
3. How do you feel about fame or power? Do you want them? Why or not?
4. What's the best way to handle lack of confidence?
5. How could you involve God more in your personal struggles with either temptation or insecurity?

