

# INCREDIBLE FAITH

## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Put your faith in Jesus.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will be challenged to accept Jesus as their Savior.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Matthew 26:36-46, Jesus Prays in the Garden

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Lord who rules over all, blessed is the person who trusts in you." Psalm 84:12 (NirV)*

**SUMMARY:**

Jesus is the greatest example of faith because he trusted God's plan no matter what. When he prayed in the garden he showed that he trusted God completely even when he knew obeying God meant he would have to die to save the world. Kids will learn when we put our faith in Jesus and ask him to be our Savior we can have an incredible future because of what Jesus did.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for Jesus!*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*

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## MEMORY VERSE

*“Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.” Psalm 84:12 (NIV)*

*“Lord who rules over all, blessed is the person who trusts in you.” Psalm 84:12 (NirV)*

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Pick out some kids at random from the crowd and see who can recite the memory verse. Then repeat it all together.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

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## SKIT

### HERO AUDITIONS: THE MIGHTIEST HERO

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

A clipboard  
An ordinary citizen's costume  
A cell phone

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

1M, 1F

#### CHARACTERS:

Martin - A casting director  
Mary Magdalene

*Martin enters while on the phone.*

MARTIN: Hey, it's me... Yes, the auditions are finally over... Yes, I think we found some great heroes here. We will put together the greatest super hero team the world has ever seen... Who's going to be the leader? Well, I'm not sure. I met several leaders. Builder Man was promising. So was Mr. 300 Man Army... But I don't know if we've found him yet...

*Mary enters.*

MARY: Excuse me, are the auditions for the super hero team over?

MARTIN: Yes, ma'am, they are.

MARY: They can't be! You have one more hero to consider, and I won't go home until you do!

MARTIN: I'm sorry, you should have been here earlier and taken a number.

MARY: It's not me! It's someone I know. Someone very special.

MARTIN: *(on phone)* Let me call you back in a bit. *(hangs up)* So you're not the hero?

# SKIT

MARY: Not at all. I'm one of his closest friends and his biggest fans.

MARTIN: I get it, the Lois Lane type. Well tell me about this guy.

MARY: He's the most powerful man I know. He can heal the sick. He can heal the blind. One time he fed 5,000 people with one little boy's lunch.

MARTIN: Amazing!

MARY: He can even raise the dead!

MARTIN: Whoa, whoa, raise the dead?

MARY: You heard me, Mr. Audition Man! As a matter of fact, he came back from the dead himself. He saved the whole world when he died, and when he rose from the dead, he went up to His Father's House and started building rooms for everyone who believes in him.

MARTIN: I think I know who you're talking about.

MARY: I'm talking about the Prince of Peace. The Mighty God. The Wonderful Counselor. The Messiah. The Mightiest Hero of All Time!

MARTIN: His name wouldn't happen to be... Jesus?

MARY: Yes!

MARTIN: I thought so.

MARY: Mr. Audition Man, please believe me. Your super hero team just won't be complete without him.

MARTIN: Relax. I was just talking to someone about how this team needs a leader. I can't think of a better person to lead it than Jesus.

MARY: Oh that's wonderful! Simply wonderful! He won't let you down, I promise!

MARTIN: I don't need your promise. I have his. Jesus is an amazing hero, and I love him too.

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## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Spinach

How many of you have ever tried spinach? How many of you like spinach? Spinach has a lot of vitamins and minerals. It's a very healthy food to eat, especially raw. It's a food that can give your body a lot of the nutrients it needs. It's also the food that gave the old cartoon character, Popeye, his strength. One can of spinach, and Popeye went from a whimpering little sailor man into an iron-fisted warrior!

Today we're talking about the greatest hero of the Bible, our Savior Jesus. Jesus is the mightiest of all Bible heroes. He's the one who saved us from our sins. He's the one who can give us the courage to become heroes ourselves. We just have to put our faith in Him!

God wants us to renew our faith in Jesus every day. He wants us to read the Bible and pray. He wants us to see the world through the eyes of Jesus. If we eat our daily spinach and give Jesus our full attention, there's no limit to the heroic acts we can do.

It all starts when we give our heart to Jesus. If you haven't made that step, we want to encourage you to do that today. Ask Jesus to be your Savior. Ask him to give you an incredible faith. Jesus is the mightiest hero you'll ever meet, and if you put your faith in him, he will make you a hero of the faith as well.

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## LARGE GROUP GAME

### LAUNCH BERRIES

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

A spoon  
Berries  
A table

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose four players for this game. Each player will get two chances to launch berries as far as they can shoot them by placing the berry on the flat end of a spoon and hitting the cupped end, shooting the berries like a catapult off a table. Whomever has the mightiest toss wins!

#### VARIATION:

An alternate game would be tug-of-war to see who can have the mightiest pull.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

Jesus is the mightiest hero in the Bible, and he wants to be our hero!

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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

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### **INTRO:**

Over the last eleven weeks, we've met some incredible heroes. We got to know people like Abraham, Joseph, Gideon, Nehemiah, Rahab, Esther, and David. We met heroes who did amazing things. We met heroes who, in times of crisis, were able to step up and save the entire nation of Israel. We met heroes who were ordinary people in extraordinary times, willing to step out on faith and do what was needed.

Our heroes had many differences, but faith is the one thing that united them. Faith led Abram to leave his family behind to travel to a new land. Faith kept Joseph going in the dungeons of Egypt. Faith led Rahab to hide the Israelite spies from her own people. Faith led Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Faith led Esther to seek an audience with the king so she could save her people. Faith led a shepherd boy to become a giant slayer!

Each week, we've seen how faith can make heroes of us as well. We can have the same courage and wisdom as these Old Testament heroes if we have faith ourselves. Today, we're going to meet one more hero, and this one is the most important of all. Why? Because he's the hero God wants us to put our faith in!

Of all the heroes in the Bible, no one can match Jesus. No one had the power that Jesus did. Jesus did miracles, healing the sick and disabled, feeding 5,000 people, turning water into wine, and even raising the dead. No one had the authority of Jesus either. As the Son of our Creator God, Jesus is the rightful ruler of all Creation.

No one had the faith of Jesus either. You see in order for Jesus to become our greatest hero, he had to become human. He had to submit himself to a scary and dangerous plan that God the Father laid out for him. Jesus had to endure one of the most horrible deaths ever conceived by man.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

But in his darkest hour, Jesus found the faith to fulfill his destiny and become our mightiest hero!

## **READ MATTHEW 26:36-46**

### **MAIN POINT:**

This isn't the Jesus we normally think of when we start to talk about Jesus. We like to think about the Jesus who walked on water, fed the 5,000, and welcomed the children. We don't often take time to remember how human Jesus was. Jesus felt pain. Jesus felt fear. Jesus would gladly have skipped the cross if there was another way to save us.

Deep down Jesus knew there was no other way. He had to sacrifice himself so the rest of us could live life eternally. Jesus had the faith to see his mission through, and now, he invites us to put our faith in Him.

Jesus wants to be your hero. He wants to be your Savior!

### **DRIVE IT HOME:**

Some incredible stories have been told in comic books over the years. Stories about Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Captain America, Wonder Woman, and more. But no super hero can even come close to the story of Jesus. Jesus had powers super heroes could only dream of. Jesus died to save the whole world. Best of all, Jesus isn't some character invented at Marvel or DC Comics. Jesus is real.

God wants us to put our faith in Jesus. Through Jesus, God wants to give us the courage to take a stand like Esther, to face obstacles like Nehemiah, and make tough choices like Daniel. Jesus can give us courage to stand up for him when no one else seems to believe. Jesus can help us to stand up for what's right. He can help us to keep our faith in hard times. He can use us to do something heroic and point others to a relationship with Jesus.

Jesus invites us all to have a personal relationship with him. He is not some distant hero, watching over the city like Batman. Like Lois Lane and Superman, he is a personal God who wants to have a personal relationship with us.

If you want to begin your walk with Jesus today, we would love to help you make that step. Come see one of our adult leaders, and let us pray with you. Let us show you how to make Jesus your Savior and begin a life of faith.

There is no mightier hero than Jesus. Accept him today, and begin your own hero's journey of faith!



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

## **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for Jesus!*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER:

If you could become a super hero, what would your hero name be?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

#### Psalm 84:12

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Give the kids some masks and capes. One at a time, let the kids put on a cape and a mask and step inside a hula hoop. Once in the hoop, they must introduce themselves as a super hero and tell their super power!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#### Read Matthew 26:36-46

Where did Jesus go to pray?

What was Jesus praying about?

Why was Jesus afraid?

What did Jesus do to save us?

How can we become Christians?

### SIMPLE PRAYER:

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#### Read Matthew 26:36-46

What was Jesus praying about?

Why was Jesus afraid?

Why did Jesus choose to die?

What do we need to do to make Jesus our Savior?

Is anyone ready to make the decision to follow Jesus today?

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

### FILL IN THE BLANK.

\_\_\_\_\_ went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.

JESUS

Jesus was overwhelmed because he knew the time was coming when he would

\_\_\_\_\_.

DIE

Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but \_\_\_\_\_ be done."

YOUR WILL

Jesus died so he could forgive all of our \_\_\_\_\_.

SINS

God wants us to have an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus.

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# MAKE IT STICK

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

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### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THE MIGHTIEST HERO OF ALL



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Talk to your kids about some of their favorite heroes - real or fictional. Share some of yours as well. Ask the kids how all these heroes measure up to Jesus and what he did for us.



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Who is the Mightiest Hero of All?
- What did Jesus do to become our hero?
- How can we make Jesus our Savior?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

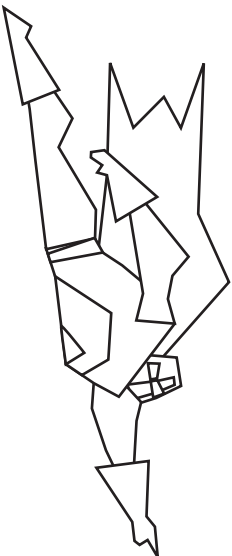
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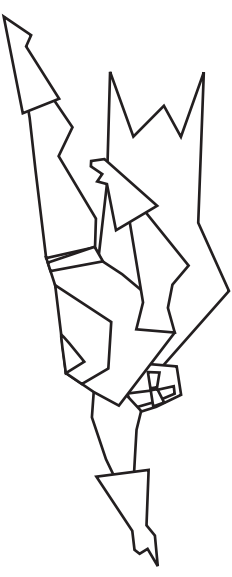
#### PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

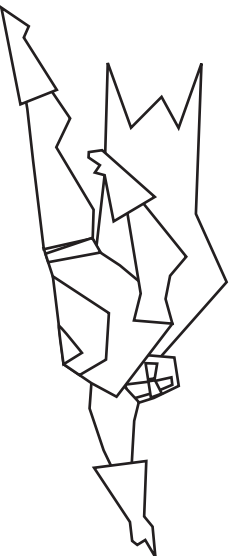
This week, we challenged the kids to accept Jesus as their Savior. If your child made this decision, celebrate with them and encourage them as they begin their walk with Christ.



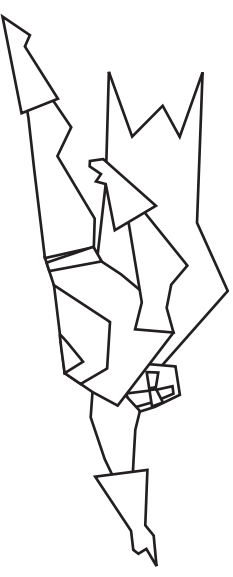
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## CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids do a coloring page or create a comic book cover about The Mightiest Hero of All, Jesus.