



THE SUPERHERO PARTY

IT'S TIME TO PARTY!

It's your party, but we are here to help. Check Out these resources:

- A Sample Schedule to Guide Your Event
- A Bible Story with Large Group Games, Large Group Lesson, Group Questions, Skit and Crazy Parent Games
- Themed Snack Ideas Plus Simple Snack Suggestions
- Craft Ideas to Take the Lesson Home
- Leader Resources to Equip Your Family to Reach Families

This Summer, we are throwing parties throughout the Crossroads so that we can introduce people to Jesus, the life of the party. To do this, we will equip your family to reach families. Think about who you could reach with a fun, family party that points people to Jesus:

- *Neighbors
- *Sports Teams
- *Friends from School
- *Family Members
- *Coworkers Families
- *Apartment Complexes
- *Underserved Areas in Our Communities

You create the connections. You pick the location, date, and time for your party. We will provide the resources (Bible Lessons, Ideas for Games, Crafts, and Snacks) and the coaching that you need to successfully build a team, reach your friends and lead people to say yes to Jesus.



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WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

TEAM PRAYER

*Before attendees arrive, please lead your team in prayer.

MAKE THE CONNECTION (15 MINS)

Use this time to interact with kids and parents while people are still arriving. Feel free to add your ideas to these:

1. Bubbles
2. Frisbee Toss
3. Football Throw
4. Sidewalk Chalk
5. Hula Hoop Competition

LARGE GROUP GAME (10 MINS)

Play the large group games we have provided or create your own that ties into the lesson.

LARGE GROUP LESSON (10 MINS)

Teach kids and parents about Jesus using the provided Bible lessons.

SKIT (10 MINS)

Use the skit to reinforce the big idea from the Bible story. If you use the skit provided, volunteers are welcome to read off of the script.

CRAFT (10 MINS)

Use the crafts if you expect to have younger kids at your party. Encourage kids and parents to work together.

CRAZY PARENT GAME (5 MINS)

Get families laughing through the recommended Crazy Parent Games

CLOSING CONNECTIONS

During this time, focus on building relationships with the kids and parents. Remember that this may be the first opportunity some of the kids have heard about Jesus. Also, some of them may have made the decision to believe in Jesus for the first time. Our job is to build relationships, invite kids to Jesus, and provide them a chance to respond to the invitation.

JUSTICE LEAGUE: LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

BOTTOM LINE:

God wants us to follow him.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will state that God wants them to be his followers.

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 6:12-16

SUMMARY:

When Jesus started his ministry, he assembled a team of followers to help him on his mission. Kids will learn that we, even today, can join the Jesus League.

LARGE GROUP GAME

Supplies: mini staplers or several rolls of tape, printed silhouettes of people to make paper chains

Divide kids into groups of two, three, or four depending on how large the crowd is. Kids will have one minute to see who can make the longest paper chain. To make it crazy, you can ask them to play one more round and instruct them to work as a team to see if they can make the chain really long by attaching all paper chains by designating a marker to reach a certain distance. (ex: a tree, a car or sidewalk in the distance)

Point of the game: Jesus wants us to link up and follow Him.



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LARGE GROUP LESSON

INTRO:

Start by asking the question, “Who is your most favorite superhero?” Allow several kids to respond.

It takes a major problem or a major threat to the world to bring these superhero teams together, but when they join up as one, they become an unstoppable force. It doesn't matter if they're fighting madmen from Earth, robots, or aliens from outer space. When the team comes together, they will stop at nothing to save the world. Saving the world is also why Jesus came to Earth. Like Superman, he traveled from far away. He was raised by Earthly parents, He had superpowers to do miracles (a miracle is an awesome, unexplainable happening that comes from God), and He did something no superhero could have done when He died for our sins. Jesus did these things because He is God's Son. He is the chosen one, the one God promised to send to save us. He alone saved the world.

Now, here's where it gets interesting. Before Jesus left Earth, He gave us a challenge. The challenge was for everyone who heard his message. It is an invitation to join him! Jesus wants us to be saved from our sins. Sin is the messy and dirty stuff in our lives. Sin is when we go against God's rules and it separates us from God. He wants us to make Him our Rescuer, but that's not all He wants. He wants us to join him in saving the world. Jesus did his part when He died for us. Now He wants us to do our part and tell the world about Him!

MAIN POINT:

Jesus spent three years traveling through Israel, a faraway country, telling others about God. But before he began this ministry, he chose twelve men to form a team. These were no superheroes by any means. Some were poor. Some may have been bad people before they met Jesus. They were all sinners. They were NOT perfect and some of them even had doubts and were afraid of a lot of things. Even though they weren't perfect and didn't have superhero qualities, Jesus still wanted them on his team. Some of their names Simon, Thomas, Matthew, James, John, Andrew, and Judas.



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For example, Peter was a fisherman who would deny even knowing Jesus. Thomas was a strong and stubborn man who refused to believe Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw Him for himself. And even Judas, who betrayed Him. He asked all of these men to be on His team. But just like you and me, they were really normal people.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Some of you may be thinking to yourselves, "Wait a minute! I'm just a kid! I barely know Jesus. Why would Jesus want someone like me on his team?"

You may be thinking you're just a normal kid, and you may barely even know Jesus or may not know him at all. But the truth is, Jesus wants you to be on His team and tell others about Him. Jesus can even use YOU to speak up for Him. He needs kids who are willing to love the other kids that no one else wants to love. He wants us to look for ways to tell others about Him and then do it. Don't let your young age keep you from joining God's team.

Remember, when I said Jesus spent three years teaching his friends? They still didn't know it all, and they still had questions. But they still wanted to serve Jesus and they ended up doing great things. So, when we make a decision to believe that Jesus is who He says He is then we can be a part of Jesus' team. So, remember, wherever you are, whatever you do in a week, God can use you right there to share His love with others. Just like the Justice League had a bunch of different superheroes, we can all be superheroes in the Jesus League.

CALL IT OUT QUESTIONS

Use these questions to help kids process what they learned:

- *Before Jesus picked his disciples, he prayed for God to guide Him in his decision. Why do you think Jesus prayed before picking His disciples? (Because He knew that these men were not perfect people, and they were no superheroes at all)
- *How do we know God wants us to be his followers? (God created us to be like Him/in His image; we know this because it is written in the Bible)
- *How old do you have to be to be on the Jesus League? (There is no age limit. Don't feel like you can't follow Jesus because you are young. God can still use you to be the example. Anyone who believes in Jesus can be on the Jesus League.)

CLOSING PRAYER;

Dear God,

Thank you for your love for me. Thank you for sending Jesus to save me. Today, I believe that Jesus is the only one who can forgive me. Thank you for giving me life. Thank you for calling us to follow you. In Jesus' name,

Amen

KEY PASSAGE

12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. 13 When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: 14 Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, 15 Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. **Luke 6:12-16**

SKIT

ITEMS NEEDED:

A fishing pole or long stick (if you have neither item, the volunteer may pretend to be holding a fishing pole)

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2 adult volunteers

CHARACTERS:

Debbie: A superhero recruiter

Dougie: A fisherman

Dougie is on stage with his fishing pole, just fishing. Debbie enters.

DEBBIE: Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, I am here to tell you the most amazing thing you will ever hear! God has sent his Son to Earth! Our God, our Creator, has sent his only Son to save the world!

DOUGIE Really?

DEBBIE: Yes, boys and girls, the world has been ruled by darkness for far too long! Jesus has come to end the reign of terror. He has come to set us free. He has come to give us new life!

DOUGIE Cool!

DEBBIE: Jesus needs your help. He needs people to take the good news throughout the world. He needs ordinary men, women, boys, and girls, to do the will of God. He needs people... (points at Dougie) like you!

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DOUGIE What? Me?

DEBBIE: Yes! You!

DOUGIE: I think that's right.

DEBBIE: Oh but it is right! God is looking for ordinary people - for kids, for... for fishermen!

Dougie looks at his pole and drops it.

DOUGIE I'm not a fisherman!

DEBBIE: For ex-fishermen!

DOUGIE: Aww , man!

DEBBIE: Don't you want adventure?

DOUGIE No!

DEBBIE: Don't you want excitement?

DOUGIE: No!

DEBBIE: Don't you want to see first hand what God is doing in our world?

DOUGIE: Can't I watch from the seats? You know, middle, about halfway up in the theater? That's really where I prefer to see everything.

DEBBIE: I won't lie to you. There will be danger. There will be trouble. There will be times you will find yourself unsure if you can keep going forward.

DOUGIE: Then count me out.

DEBBIE: But fear not! The Lord will be with you.

DOUGIE: He can be with me in the seats.

DEBBIE: The Lord will give you power!

DOUGIE: I don't want any— wait, did you say power?

DEBBIE: Yes!

DOUGIE: Can I shoot laser beams out of my eyes?

DEBBIE: No!

DOUGIE: Well then, forget it.



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DEBBIE: But God will give you the power to stand up for him in all circumstances. He will give you the power to share the good news. He will use you to save his people.

DOUGIE: Me? But I'm a nobody. I'm just a... an ex-fisherman.

DEBBIE: You are God's child. That's what he sees. That's all he needs.

DOUGIE: Okay then. Let's get started! And if there's any room for discussion on the laser beam eyes, you let me know.

CRAZY PARENT GAME

SUPERHERO CHARADES

Items needed: Preprinted index cards with Superhero names and/or missions

Preparation: Write down a few Superhero names and/or successful rescue missions.

Instructions: Parents will act out the mission and kids will guess what the mission is. EX: IronMan rescues 13 people falling out of a plane by having them link arms, Saving a kitten from a tree, Beating up a bad guy trying to kidnap a kid.



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Great for the "Justice League: League Assemble" Lesson

Thor Hammer Snacks

Ingredients needed:

- *Pretzel sticks
- *Block of cheddar or colby jack cheese

Directions:

Cut the block of cheese into 1-inch rectangles and insert a pretzel stick through the bottom.



Kryptonite Krispies

Ingredients needed: (makes 16 bars)

- *4 tablespoons of unsalted butter
- *12 oz bag of mini marshmallows
- *4 cups of Rice Krispie cereal
- *1 teaspoon of green food coloring

Directions:

Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish. Set aside. In a large skillet, combine the butter and marshmallows on medium heat. Keep stirring until the marshmallows are completely melted, then add the food coloring. In a large mixing bowl, add the Rice Krispie cereal. When the marshmallows are completely melted, stir that into the cereal. Gently fold to mix. Spread the mixture into the baking dish and gently pat down - make sure it is even all around.



SIMPLE SNACK IDEAS

- *Individual store-bought snacks (Ex: Cheez-its, cookies, animal crackers, etc.)
- *Chex Party Mix
- *Fruit Kabobs (cooler needed)
- *Drinks could include water, Gatorade, Capri-sun, etc.

CRAFT IDEAS

Fun for "Justice League: League Assemble" Lesson

Design Your Own Jesus League Logo

Supplies needed: various colors of construction paper, scissors, crayons, markers, and glue

Instruct the kids to design and make their own "Jesus League" logo that they can take home with them, showing they are part of God's team! Tell the kids that they are welcome to use an outline they've seen before, but make it their own unique design.



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