

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

STUDENT LESSON

THE
SUPERHERO
WITHIN US

Open it

1. Are there more doors or wheels in the world?

Daily Devotions

Day 1 — Today's Theme: Explore It

Read John 16:1–15.

2. Why has Jesus said all of these things?
3. Why is it to our advantage that Jesus goes away?
4. Who convicts people of their sin?
5. Fill in the blank: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the spirit of _____ has come, he will guide you into all the truth."

Day 2 — Today's Theme: Be Prepared

Read John 16:1–4.

Batman is one of the coolest superheroes of all. Not many people know this, but he is always ready for anything. In his bat belt there are so many different tools for every situation. In this passage, Jesus is trying to get His disciples to be prepared for the things they don't know are coming. Our batman belt is the Word of God. As long as we have that we will be ready in and out of season, able to fight off any villains or "sins" that come our way. Here the disciples are going to need to be prepared for people trying to literally kill them.

It's hard to understand a lot of things. Every day when you're at school and your teachers tell you some crazy fact or teach you the Pythagorean theorem; you think "when am I ever going to use this?" To be honest, I learned that stuff in school, and as an adult I haven't ever used it, but things I learned growing up in youth group have proven to be some of the most useful things in my life. Holding to Christ and what is true makes all the difference in the world.

6. What are some things that make students fall away from their faith?

7. How can you be prepared in your faith so you do not break fellowship with Jesus?

8. Do you think it is important to memorize the Bible? Why or why not?

Day 3 — Today's Theme: Our Power

Read John 16:4–8.

Do you know how Superman got his power? He was born a Kryptonian, which gave him the potential to have the powers, but it was not until he lived under Earth's yellow sun that he developed into the superhero we know today.

Much like that, we are born and created in the image of God. However, we are fallen and lost to sin until the Son sends the Holy Spirit upon us, which gives us our powers. The same power that split the Red Sea, the same power in which Jesus walked on the water and that brought Him back to life—that “Spend the day with Jesus.” However, this passage tells us that it's more important that the Holy Spirit, the Helper, come and be with us.

9. When should you depend on the Holy Spirit in your day-to-day life? Why is it hard to do this?

10. Do you always know what is right for you?

11. Why is it sometimes hard to follow the Word of God and not just do what you want in the moment?

Day 4 — Today's Theme: Rightness

Read John 16:9–15.

You might hear me say this a lot, but Captain America is absolutely one of my favorite superheroes. He has lots of cool superpowers like strength and healing ability. He can run super fast, he never gets tired and he can see faster (whatever that means). However, the reason he is the best Avenger is not because of those things, not being the strongest or the fastest or the smartest, but because he's the most righteous. From the comic books, even into the Marvel cinematic universe, he constantly refers to Christianity. He claims there's only one God (monotheism). He tries to be a man after God's own heart. And he makes sure people watch their language.

So his true power actually is making all the Avengers better. Just by having him around. He convicts them and makes them look at their lives and think they need to do better. We can be better. That is the same kind of power we get from the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit resides in us, He makes us better by transforming us.. He convicts us of sin and leads us to be more Christlike in our actions.

In this world, all decisions have consequences, and we know what is right and wrong by what Scripture tells us. It's the job of the Holy Spirit to lead us to follow Scripture for God. The Father judges and decides whether or not we are disciples of His, and when we are, we show the world His love!

Ultimately Jesus Christ is the Greatest Avenger (1 Thessalonians 4:6)!

12. As a disciple of Jesus, when you are at school, home, or other events, do you live differently than people who aren't followers of Jesus?

13. How can you teach other people to not sin even though you still struggle with sin in your own life?

14. How can you live differently than the world to show that you have been chosen by God?

15. The Holy Spirit calls you to not be the center of your own life but to put Christ as the center. What does it look like to put Jesus at the center of your life, and how do you do that?