



SUPERMAN OUR SAVIOUR

PART OF THE NIGHT AT THE MOVIES THEMED PROGRAMME



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

A look at a man with a special destiny, who uses unique powers to do good. A man who battles for justice and truth and who will sacrifice his own life in order to bring a better way. But are we talking about Superman or Jesus here?

This activity explores the similarities between Superman and Jesus and their purpose on Earth. Are they here to save the world? What does the world need 'saving' from?

Use the discussion sheet to work through the different group questions. Feel free to expand the questions, based on what the group discuss. Within the discussions is a moment to share a clip from Superman Returns. This can be found here - <https://youtu.be/XOVJ4621zQA>. This clip can be shown in full or you could just use the first 3 minutes.

After working your way through the discussion sheet, finish by asking the final questions. These could just be rhetorical, for young people to think about over the coming days. Finish with a prayer.

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Superman Our Saviour Discussion Sheet
- Superman Video Clip (YouTube)



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

When using screenshare, make sure to check the screen / sounds you are sharing are appropriate and don't contain sensitive / personal information.

SUPERMAN OUR SAVIOUR?

SETTING THE SCENE

Superman returns to Earth after spending five years away. When he returns he finds things have changed while he was gone - even to the point that Lois Lane wrote an article called "Why the world doesn't need Superman". Superman must once again prove himself important to the world. Compare the similarities between Superman and Jesus and look at why the world needs both Superman and Jesus.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/XOVJ4621zQA> (Watch it all or just the first 3 mins)

DISCUSSION POINTS

Ask the group, 'who is your favourite Superhero and why?' Now consider who do you look up to an admire in real life? Give the group a few names (Prime Minister, sports stars, celebrities, influencers, teachers, BB leaders etc) and ask for their immediate thoughts, feelings or judgement about that person. Finish with Superman, then Jesus. Write down the thoughts for both Jesus and Superman and look at how they compare?

Are Superman & Jesus similar? Superman is an only son and comes from a heavenly father. He has a special destiny, he uses his unique powers to fight the good fight. He wages a never ending battle for justice & truth, he alone will sacrifice his life in order to bring a better way to the oppressed and afflicted humanity? Does this person sound familiar? That description could be Jesus though, couldn't it?

Watch the video clip. What similarities can we see between Superman and Jesus in this clip? Superman says that everyday he can hear the world crying out for a saviour. Does that ring true in the world we live in today? What might people be calling out for a saviour from today?

Some say we don't need a Saviour when things are going good and everyone's happy with their lot and with the world; but when things go wrong we often need someone to blame and we long for someone to rescue us from the way we are feeling and to put things right again. So perhaps even though we don't always want to admit it, we do need that Saviour.

But unlike Superman, who only appears at a specific time of trouble or danger, we really need a Saviour that is there all the time. Not just when we are in trouble and need saving, but one who loves us no matter what, will guide us if we let him, who comforts us when we're feeling down, who assures us that we are the person he wants us to be, forgives us when we do wrong and above all else, loves us.

So is Jesus your Superhero? Do you believe that he is there for you 24/7? Are you willing to let Jesus save you?

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Finish with a prayer.