

Jesus: More than our “Super Man”

Goals of Meeting

- Kids will better appreciate Jesus and his sacrifice through looking at scripture and the parallels in the *Man of Steel* movie.

Fellowship

You may consider seeing the film together, or start by watching a trailer.

Teaching

Questions to Get Conversation Started

- What did you like about the movie?
- What do you find most compelling about the Superman character?
- What does Superman discover to be his purpose?

One ad for the movie declares:

A young boy learns that he has extraordinary powers and is not of this earth. As a young man, he journeys to discover where he came from and what he was sent here to do. But the hero in him must emerge if he is to save the world from annihilation and become the symbol of hope for all mankind.

- What parallels do you see between Superman’s story and Jesus’?

Scripture and Discussion Questions

Part 1: What was Jesus’ mission?

In the movie, Superman first offers himself to save the earth. Superman loses, earth wins. But then he realizes he must *fight* to save the earth and *stay* to keep saving the earth. Christ didn’t just give himself over to reverse the judgment against us, he did that then rose victorious – and continues to fight for us. These truths are reflected throughout the New Testament.

- See John 3:16-17
- (Verse 16) Why did God the Father send his Son?
- (Verse 17) What was Jesus’ purpose?

Part 2: How Does Jesus See Himself?

A character in the movie tells Superman: “If people find out who you are, the world will never be the same.” Through his powers Superman could have ruled the world. This was true of Jesus, too. Instead of lording it over them, however, he chose a different approach.

- See Mark 10:42-45
- (Verse 42) How could Jesus have been tempted to lead?

- (Verse 45) Instead, how does Jesus choose to lead?

Part 3: How does Jesus prove his love for the people?

- Superman never met a person in trouble he didn't feel compelled to save – even the annoying kid on the school bus who didn't deserve saving. That's a great theme in the movie – we're worth saving.
- See John 15:12
- (Verse 13) How has Jesus demonstrated his love for us?
- (Verse 15) How does Jesus see us?
- (Verse 16) What evidence does Jesus give that he thinks we're worth saving?

Vision

Application Questions

- How does knowing that God the Father loves you enough to send his Son to earth (not just to live but to die for you) change your perspective on yourself?
- In what ways can you live the life of a servant? How can you resist the temptation to be served?

Challenge

Spend time daily thanking God for how he's demonstrated his love for you. Thank Jesus for being willing to sacrifice his life for yours. Ask God to show you where he would have you to serve. Thank Him for the opportunity to honor Him through serving others.