

**OVERCOMING CHURCH OF GOD OF AMERICA, INC.
SUNDAY SCHOOL & H.Y.P.U.**

**2015
NATIONAL
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

TRAINING SUPERHEROS FOR GOD!



The goal of this year's vacation bible school program is to help us learn that God's power in our lives can help us to be heroes.

DAY 1
AGE GROUP 4-8

The origin of the Superhero-Jesus Christ!

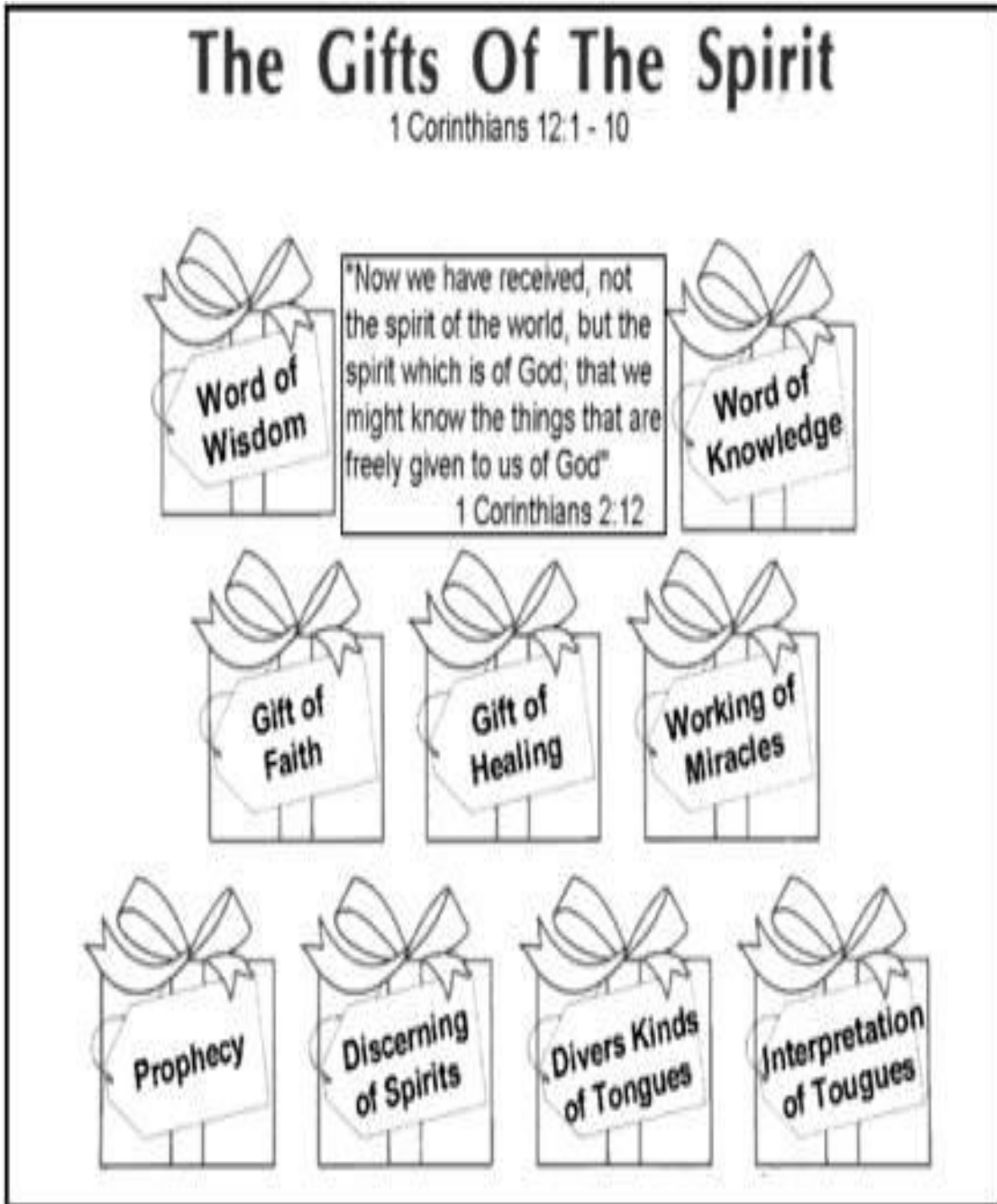


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1 John 4:4 “You are God, little children, and have overcome them, because he who is in you is greater, than he is in the world” Explain this scripture to the kids.

Day 2
AGE GROUP 4-8

Kind of superpowers Jesus give us to help us overcome bad things in our lives.



Explain this scripture to the children and let them color this page.

Day 3
AGE GROUP 4-8

1. We must have good traits to be God's superhero. Some of the traits we must process follows.

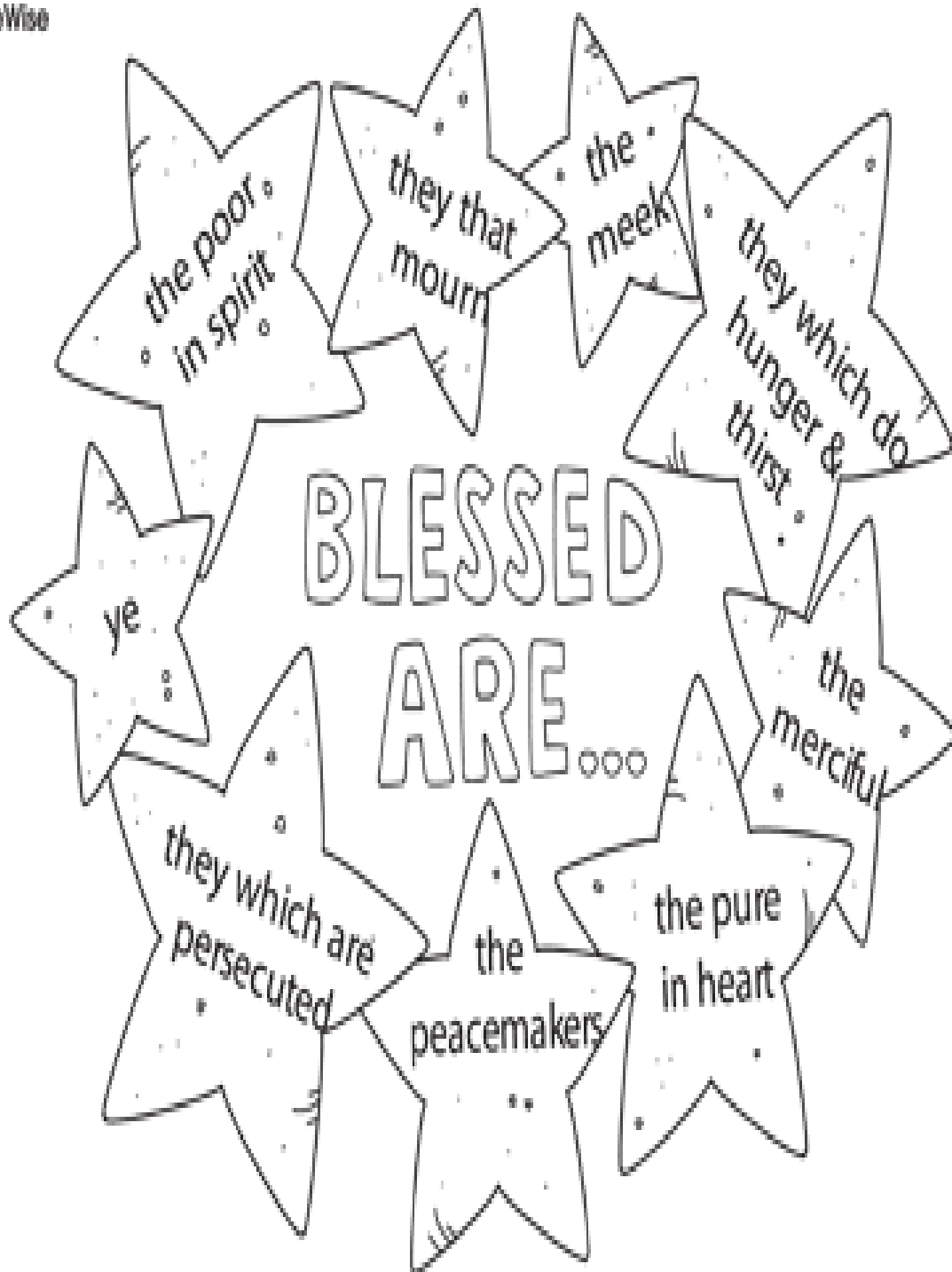
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SUNDAY - PRIMARY - UNIT 2

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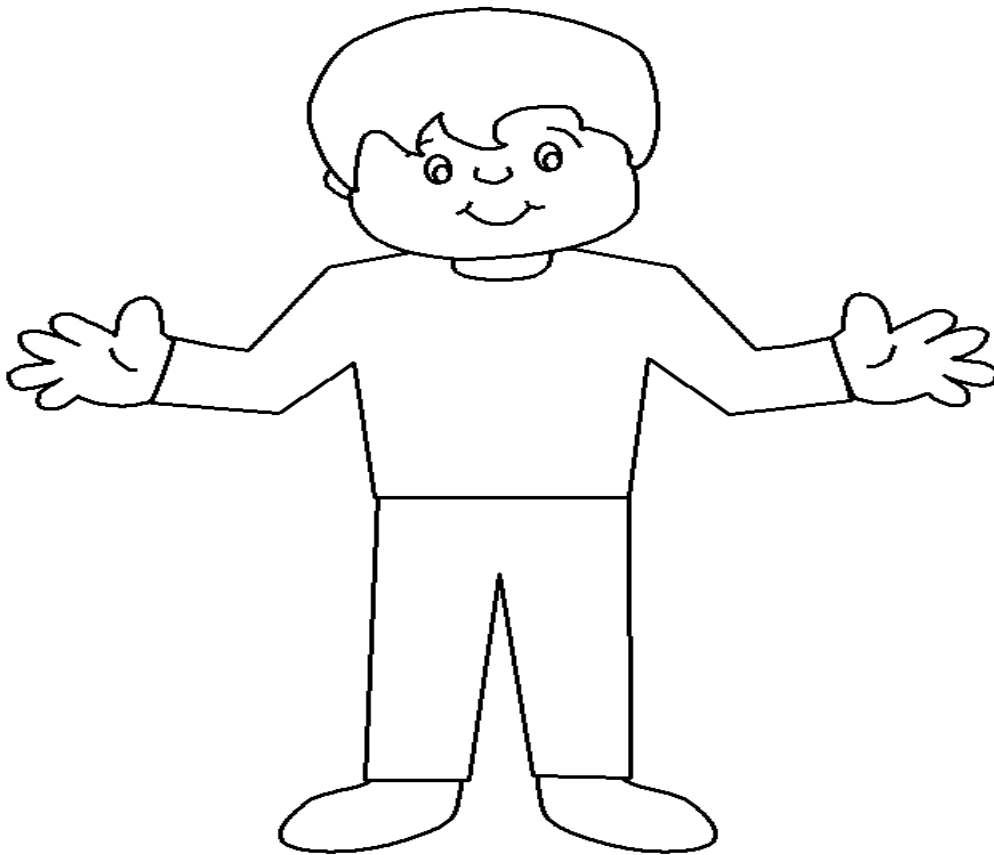


Beatitudes

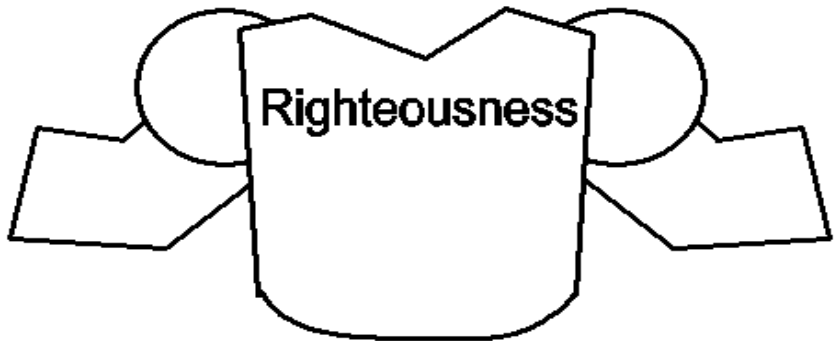
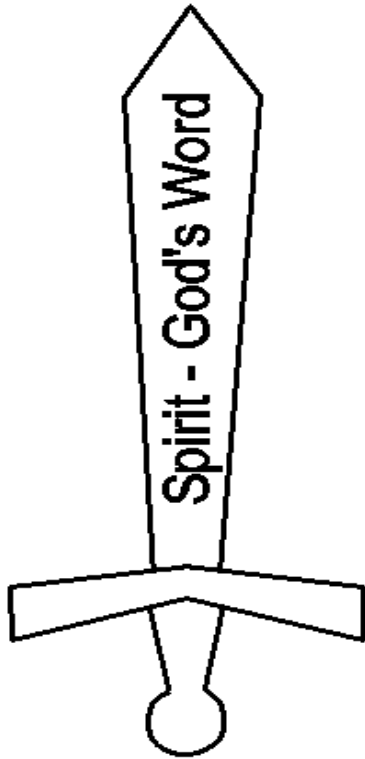
Day 4
AGE GROUP 4-8

1. We have to put on the Armor of God as our costume to save the world from villains (Satan). Ephesians 6: 13-17.

Put on the Armor of God!



Day 4 continued



Day 5
AGE GROUP 4-8

Heroes or Villain? Describe what a hero for God is and who Satan is. Explain what Galatians 6:9 and 1st Peter 5:8 means. Ask this age group who they chose and reason why. Ask the unsaved child who want to be a hero, if they want to accept Jesus as their personal savior and say the sinner's prayer with them. *Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name.*
Amen

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary
in well doing:



for in due season we shall
reap, if we faint not.

Day 1
AGE GROUP 9-12

1. Origin of Superpower.

The incredible hulk got his power from being hit by a gamma bomb. Spiderman got his power from being hit by a radioactive mutant spider. Superman was powerful because he was from another planet where people was stronger than us. However, we as Christian, get our power from Jesus Christ. We are powerful superheroes through Jesus Christ, who first loved us. We have the power to overcome the bas things we face in our lives through him. (1st John 4:4). Explain what the scripture means.

Answer the questions regarding 1st John 4:4

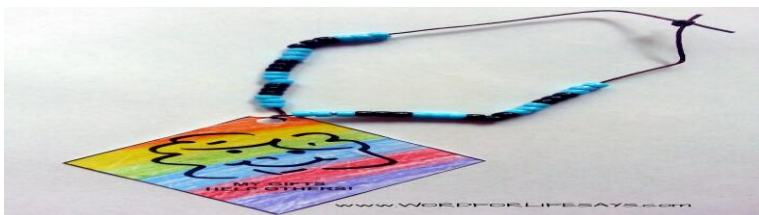
What in us is greater than false prophets and even Satan? In what sense have we overcome them?

Day 2
(Group 9-12)

2. What kind of superpower do we get from Jesus Christ?

Some of the kinds of superpowers that Jesus Christ equips us with are wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, speaking in tongues, and interpretation of tongues (1st Corinthians 12:7-11, Ephesians 4:7-13, and Romans 12: 3-8. He gives us the powers to help and bless others.

Craft: Draw a self portrait in the diamonds below. Then, punch a hole in the top. String it through with yarn or string. Add beads or cut up straws to decorate.



Day 3
AGE GROUP 9-12

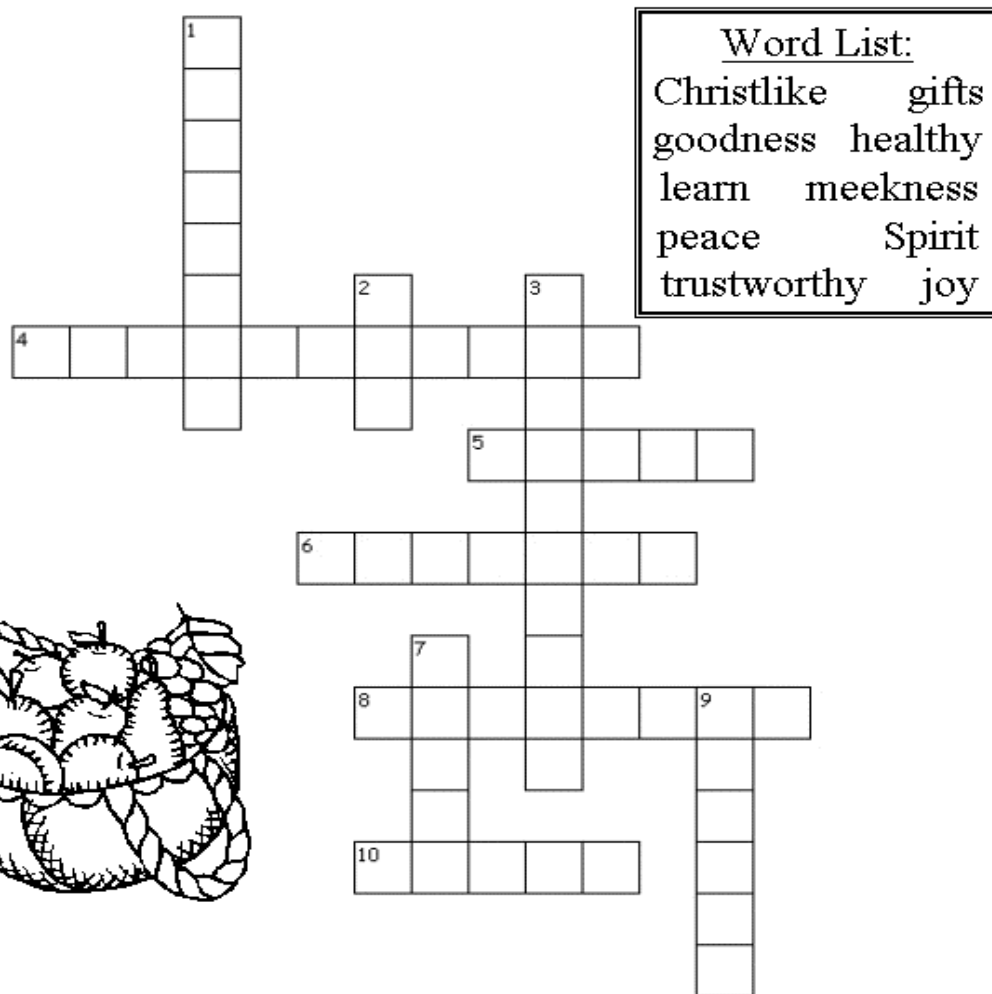
3. Heroic Traits.

Movie superheroes, such as avengers, x-men, or superwoman, have traits that are good like justice, courage, strong moral code, selflessness ect..

As Superheroes for God, we must also carry good traits. We must have traits found in the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-24, the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and boldness (2nd Timothy 1:7) to be known as a Superhero for God to others.

Craft: Ask the student to pick out a beatitudes they like and why.

Fruit of the Spirit Crossword



Word List:
Christlike gifts
goodness healthy
learn meekness
peace Spirit
trustworthy joy

Across

- 4. This fruit of the spirit is a bit like faithfulness or being dependable.
- 5. God will give us these fruit or ____ if we ask and work on it.
- 6. Just like real fruit, the fruit of the Spirit also makes us this inside.
- 8. This is another word for gentleness.
- 10. If we try to ____ by reading the Bible we will understand how to become more fruitful.

Down

- 1. Having this fruit means you will turn away from bad choices.
- 2. This fruit of the Spirit is about being more than just happy.
- 3. When we have more fruit of the Spirit we become more ____.
- 7. Being full of this means that you don't worry but believe God to take care of things.
- 9. This part of God helps us develop the different fruit in our lives.

Day 4
AGE GROUP 9-12

4. Costume of a Superhero.

Superheroes are known by the costumes they wear and to protect them from Villains. God has give us an armor to wear for protection from Villains (Ephesians 6:13-17).

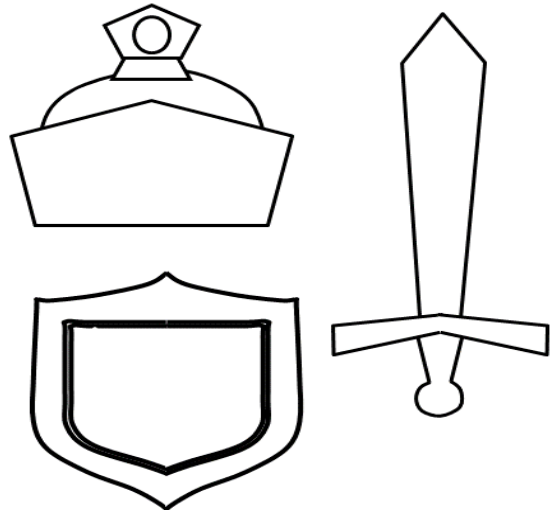
Craft:

Armor of God Word Search

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HELMET
PEACE
PRAYER

PROTECT
SALVATION
SPIRIT
SHIELD
SHOES
STAND
SWORD
TEMPTATIONS
TRUTH
WEAR



Day 5
GROUP 9-12

1. A Hero or a Villain? It is your choice either to be a Hero and save the world with the power from Jesus Christ or be a Villain to spread the power of evilness and sin from Satan to destroy others and eventually yourself. Ask the youth to explain scriptures Galatians 6:9-10 and 1st Peter 5:8.

Questions: In what should we NOT grow weary in Galatians (6:9) ?

To whom should we do good when there is opportunity in Galatians (6:10) ?

To what animal does Peter liken the devil in 1st Peter (5:8) ?

Ask the unsaved child who wants to be a hero if they want to accept Jesus as their personal savior. If they do, say the sinners prayer with them.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen

Day 1
AGE GROUP 13-18

1. Your secret identity. You have a “secret identity” who you with the capacity and power to defeat anything that comes your way. If you have made Christ your Lord, then he lives on the inside of you. Before you accepted Christ as Savior, you were like Clark Kent, an average person and you got your nature from Adam, the first man, but when Jesus came inside of you, you were changed from Adam to the In-Christ young man or woman. So that’s your secret identity. The secret is that when Christ died on the cross, your old identity, the Adam man, died there too. The only one that lives is the Christ in you. You are found in Christ and Christ is found in you. Christ is your secret identity that gives you the power you need to overcome the obstacles you face on a daily basis.

Scripture: 1st John 4:4, Galatians 2:20.

Explain 1st John 4:4.

For Galatians 2:20 answer the following questions:

1. What does it mean to be crucified with Christ and have Christ living in us (v20)?
2. List some things the Bible says Christians must die to or be dead to.
3. How should we live instead? List some things the Bible says Christians must live to or live in.

Day 2
AGE GROUP 13-18

Your Superpowers. Jesus equips you with his power through the Holy Spirit to overcome obstacles you face on a daily basis. There are gifts from the Holy Spirit that each one of you possesses and they are listed in the following scriptures.

Scripture: 1st Corinthian 12: 7-11, Ephesians 4:7-13, Romans 12:3-8

Give the teen student a spiritual gift analysis quiz to determine which gift they have. The web link follows:

<http://www.cokesburystudents.com/files/cokesburystudents/COKESBURY%20YOUTH%20Spiritual%20Gifts%20Test.pdf>

Day 3
AGE GROUP 13-18

Traits of a superhero. We must carry certain traits, to be God's superheroes. We must have traits found in the fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-24, the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), and boldness (2nd Timothy 1:7).

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-24, Matthew 5:1-12, 2nd Timothy 1:7

We can have all the fruits of the spirit, but we are stronger in some fruits than others. Here is a quiz to let you know which fruit is your strongest and which could use a little work.

1. You're watching T.V. and the power goes out. You.....

- A) Do your best to remain calm and not to call the electric company.
- B) Smile and put on some candles. The electricity will come on soon enough.
- C) Use the time wisely to get some things done around the house.
- D) Enjoy the family conversation while waiting for the lights to come back on.
- E) Start up a game of some sort.
- F) Go around and make sure everyone is okay.
- G) Take a nap or read a book.
- H) Comfort those who are afraid of the dark.
- I) Spend some time in prayer and reflection.

2. You're at a party with friends. You...

- A) Stay with the group rather than sneaking off with your boyfriend.
- B) Hang out, even though a group of people is being a little annoying.
- C) Offer the girl who spilled punch a t-shirt out of your car.
- D) Enjoy the small conversation going on outside on the patio.
- E) Start the party games.
- F) Offer to get more drinks when the soda gets low.
- G) Break up the fight going on between two guys in the corner.
- H) Leave the fun to console your friend who just got dumped.
- I) Walk away from the party when it becomes too tempting.

3. You're studying and your friend calls on the phone to tell you about an argument with her mom. You...

- A) You tell your friend you are studying and you will call him back when you're done.
- B) You listen as your friend relays the argument she got into with her mom, knowing you will have to get back to studying eventually.
- C) You set aside your studying, because you're already ahead. It's important to help your friend out.

- ___ D) You soothe your friend's anger by offering some consolation.
- ___ E) Start cracking jokes to make your friend laugh. Then she might not be so angry and sad.
- ___ F) Offer to let her come over to your house for a movie night so she can let things simmer down a bit.
- ___ G) You offer your friend advice on how to make things right with her mom.
- ___ H) Go over to your friend's house and give her a hug. She needs to feel loved right now.
- ___ I) Take some time to pray with your friend about her relationship with her mother.

Now, add up your A answers, B answers, etc. Write down your scores for:

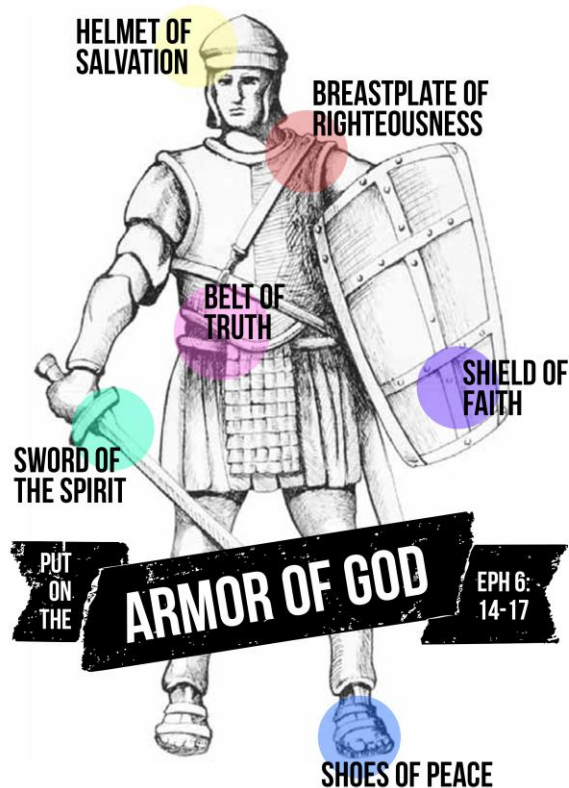
- A: ___ Self-Control
- B: ___ Patience
- C: ___ Goodness
- D: ___ Gentleness
- E: ___ Joy
- F: ___ Kindness
- G: ___ Peace
- H: ___ Love
- I: ___ Faithfulness

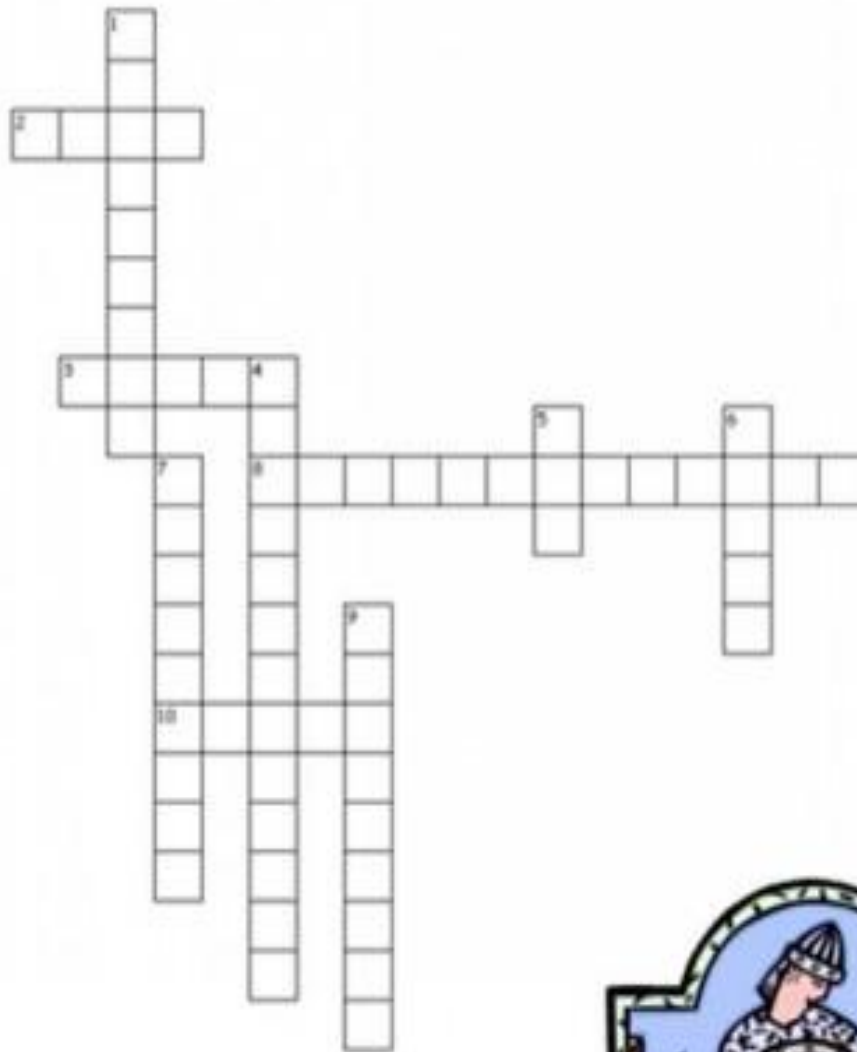
So what is your strongest fruit of the spirit and what fruits do you need to work on?

Day 4
AGE GROUP 13-18

4. The Costume of a Superhero. All superheroes are most known for the costumes they wear. These costumes also provide protection for the superheroes. God has given a armor to wear to equip us to fight against Satan (Ephesians 6:13-17) We must have salvation, the word of God, righteousness, truth, faith, and the gospel of peace to have the perfect costume or armor to defeat Satan.

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 13-17. Call on the teen students to explain each verse of the scripture passage and ask how they would apply the verses to their daily lives to overcome obstacles in their lives.





Across

2. Stand _____
 3. Be strong in the lord and his mighty
 8. Feet ready for the _____
 10. Belt of _____

Down

1. Sword of the spirit which is the _____
 4. Breastplate of _____
 5. Put on the full armor of _____
 6. Take up the shield of _____
 7. Take the helmet of _____
 9. 6:10



Day 5
AGE GROUP 13-18

5. A Hero or a Villain? The choice is yours to either use your superpower through Jesus Christ to go save the world or be a villain through Satan destroying others and eventually destroying yourself.

Scripture: Galatians 6: 9-10
1st Peter 5:8

True or false about Galatians 6:9-10

- 1____ Verse 9 gives us strong exhortation to continue to do good.
- 2____ Verse 10 is not referring to church responsibility but individual responsibility.

List and explain ways in which the devil is similar to a lion (1st Peter 5:8)

Ask the unsaved teenager who wants to be a hero, if they want to accept Jesus as their personal savior. If he or she does, say the sinner's prayer with them.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen

Day 1
Adult Class

II. OVERCOMERS through Christ. Through Jesus Christ the Christian is an “overcomer” victorious over the invisible evil power of Satan, set to doom him or her.

Questions

1. Let's read 1 John 4:4. Who does John say we have overcome? (False spirits, the antichrist attitude, the world) C. Why have we overcome? (Because Jesus/the Spirit of God is in us.) 1. Does this put "flesh" on the bones of the doctrine of the nature of Jesus? (God is "with us" because Jesus has reconciled us to God. (Colossians 1:18-22) This "doctrine" for testing the spirits is key to our confidence that we have overcome!)

Day 2
Adult Class

1. Spiritual Gifts from the Holy Spirit. In the scripture passages below, Paul us of one basic principle: Now to each one the manifestation of Spirit is given for the common good. The Holy Spirit gives gift(s) to every Christian and the gift(s) is/are intended to be used to benefit the church and Christian community.

Scripture: 1st Corinthian 12: 7-11, Ephesians 4:7-13, Romans 12:3-8

List the gifts of the spirit that are referred in the passages of these scriptures. What is Paul's point in writing the list?(vs. 11). What gifts are most affirmed, and what gifts are not affirmed as applicable for today (i.e., in the Overcoming Church of God of America, Inc and in your local church)? Why?

What responsibility does possession of a spiritual gift of gifts place upon the believer? How should spiritual gifts be discovered, encouraged, and affirmed in the Church?

What is/are yours? How is it contributing to the "common good" in the Overcoming Church of God, Inc and your local church?

Day 3
Adult Class

1. Character Traits of Christians. The Holy Spirit produces character traits which are listed in the scripture passages below which are found the personality or disposition of a Christian. They are results of Christ's control and cannot be obtained without Christ's help. As Christians, we need to be bold in Christ to show the effectiveness of God in our lives. The power of the Holy Spirit can help every Christian overcome fear in their lives. To be a Christian leader you need power, love, and wisdom and are readily available through the Holy Spirit that lives in us.

Scriptures: Galatians 5:22-24, Matthew 5:1-12, 2nd Timothy 1:7

Questions: 1. What is the purpose of the fruits of the spirit?
2. Who makes us eternally secure?

Day 4
Adult Class

1. Armor of God. Paul is counseling the Corinthian church, body of Christ, individuals of the Corinthian church and Christians on the need to be prepared through putting on the Armor of God assessing the power of the Holy Spirit to fight the evil forces of fallen angels headed by Satan on a daily basis.

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 13-17. Read this scripture passage and answer the following questions below.

1. What happens when one really hears the gospel and believes it
2. The Holy Spirit is what part of our inheritance?
3. In what way did Paul continue to remember the saints at Ephesians?
4. What was the first thing that Paul prayed the saints might come to discern?

Day 5
Adult Class

1. Whose side are you on God or Satan? In, Galatians 6:9-10 Paul challenges the Galatians and Christians to keep on doing what is right and to trust God for the results. In due time, Christians will reap a harvest of blessing. In 1st Peter 5:8 Peter warns Christians to watch out for Satan especially during the vulnerable times when you are sick, feeling helpless or alone, or cut off from other believers.

Scripture: Galatians 6:9-10 and 1st Peter 5:8

Ask everyone who side are they on and if they are saved. For the unsaved person who wants to be on God's side, ask them if they want to accept Jesus as their personal savior. If they do, say the sinner's prayer with them.

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen