CALLED TO BE A HERO

Following the Real Hero—Jesus

THE 4-WEEK HERO JOURNEY
KNOW HIM → NEED HIM → TRUST HIM → FOLLOW HIM BIG QUESTION: Marvel has many heroes… but who is the REAL Hero?

■ WEEK 1 — WHO IS THE REAL HERO?

■■ MARVEL CONNECTION: SPIDER-MAN

What makes someone a hero?

_____
_____

■ SCRIPTURE DETECTIVE

John 1:1 — “In the beginning was the _____, and the Word was with _____, and the Word was _____.”

John 1:14 — “The Word became _____ and made his dwelling among us.”

■ WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE TEACH?

Jesus is not simply a good teacher. Jesus is:
1. God who became _____.
2. Our _____.
3. Our _____.

■ CREATION CONNECTION

Father + Son (Jesus) + Holy Spirit → _____

John 1:1–3 → _____
Colossians 1:16 → _____
Hebrews 1:2 → _____
Psalm 33:6–9 → _____

■ HERO vs. JESUS

Marvel Hero: Fictional / has superpowers / story rescue
Jesus: _____ / _____ / _____

BIG TRUTH: Spider-Man is fictional. Jesus is _____. Jesus is _____ who became _____.

■ IDENTITY CHECK

Students often ask, “WHO AM I?”

Before we understand who we are, we need to understand:

“WHO IS _____?”

HERO CHALLENGE: Learn one thing about Jesus from one of the four Gospels this week.

■ WEEK 2 — WE CAN'T SAVE OURSELVES

■■ MARVEL CONNECTION: AVENGERS: ENDGAME

The Avengers face a problem that is too _____ for one hero to solve.

■ SCRIPTURE POWER-UP

Romans 3:23 — “For all have _____ and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23 — “For the wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is _____ life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

■ THE PROBLEM

We cannot fix our relationship with God through:
■ Good grades ■ Popularity ■ Sports ■ Good behavior ■ Trying harder

So what do we need?

A _____!

■ THE “PERFECT” MASK

OUTSIDE: What people think I am…
_____

INSIDE: What I sometimes struggle with…
_____

REMEMBER: You don't have to pretend to be perfect to come to _____.

■ EARN IT vs. RECEIVE IT

SALVATION

■ I can _____ it.

■ I must _____ it.

Why can admitting that we need help be difficult?
_____

■ HERO CHALLENGE

Talk honestly with God this week about ONE area where you need His help.

My area: _____

■ WEEK 3 — THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

■■ MARVEL CONNECTION: INFINITY WAR / ENDGAME

Superheroes sometimes make sacrifices for others. Jesus' sacrifice is far greater than a superhero story.

❤■ LOVE → SACRIFICE → HOPE

GOD'S _____ → JESUS _____ Himself → We can be _____ to God

■ SCRIPTURE POWER-UP

John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only _____…"

Romans 5:8 — "While we were still _____, Christ died for us."

✝■ THE CROSS

The cross wasn't an accident.

Jesus _____ to give His life for us.
He didn't die because He was _____.
He died because He _____ us.

BIG TRUTH: Jesus took our place so that we could be _____ to God.

■ SACRIFICE COMPARISON

Superhero: may sacrifice himself / protects people / fictional story
Jesus: _____ / came to _____ / _____

■ BECAUSE JESUS LOVES ME…

Because Jesus loves me, I _____.

Because Jesus loves me, I don't have to _____.

■ WEEK 4 — YOUR MISSION STARTS NOW

■ MARVEL CONNECTION: BLACK PANTHER

“What are we going to do with what we've been given?”

How could this question connect to following Jesus?
_____

■ SCRIPTURE POWER-UP

Luke 9:23 — “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and _____ me.”

Galatians 2:20 — “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives _____ me.”

■ FOLLOWING JESUS

Following Jesus affects:
FRIENDSHIPS → _____
CHOICES → _____
WORDS → _____
ATTITUDES → _____
SOCIAL MEDIA → _____
SCHOOL → _____
FAMILY → _____
HOW WE TREAT OTHERS → _____

■ MY JESUS MISSION

Choose ONE:

■ LIVE IT — Encourage someone who feels _____.
■ SERVE IT — Help someone without expecting _____.
■ SHARE IT — Tell someone what Jesus _____ to you.
■ PRAY IT — Pray for a friend who doesn't _____ Jesus.

FINAL HERO'S JOURNEY

KNOW HIM

Jesus is _____.

NEED HIM

We are _____ and cannot save ourselves.

TRUST HIM

Jesus _____ and rose again to save us.

FOLLOW HIM

We _____ our lives and live for Jesus.

MY TAKEAWAY

I learned that Jesus is…

_____

I realized that I need…

_____

I can trust Jesus because…

_____

This week I will follow Jesus by…

_____

FINAL MESSAGE

Marvel has many heroes, but we don't need a superhero to rescue us.
We need a _____. His name is _____.