



Journey with the Avengers Vacation Bible School:

Avengers Assemble Lesson Plan

Purpose:

To discuss how the Avengers each have many different skills, and how we too as Christians have our own individual gifts God has given us. Like the Avengers, we all use these gifts to achieve one purpose: serving God in this world.

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:4-13: Many Gifts, but One Body

- This passage speaks of the variety of gifts we have in the church, but how we are all still one in Christ Jesus.

Supplies:

- + Computer/Device to Stream (Something else to project to, depending on group size)
- + Bible
- + Clip from *The Avengers* that swirls in on all the Avengers standing side by side (Time stamp 1:51:08-1:52:23).
- + Paper and coloring utensils

Note: if you have younger viewers, make sure you get signed permission

from parents. This film has a PG-13 rating.





Pre-Presentation:

1. Go over the Scripture reading for the day. This can be done with a prayer service (example listed in the pages below) or separately.
2. For an arts and craft project, have participants draw or write anything they like based on a word or phrase that pops out at them from the Scripture reading. You can read the lesson over again to help them. You can even have participants take turn reading. Alternatively, you can give them a template of the Gospel according to Superheroes icon (provided in the pages below) and ask participants to draw in the colors of the first hero that comes to mind when they think of the reading.
3. Snack or Game Time can come before the presentation.

Main Presentation:

1. Show the clip from *The Avengers*.
2. Ask participants about what each of the Avengers' powers are. You can use this chart to help the conversation:
 - i. Captain America- Strength, indestructible shield, strategist
 - ii. Black Widow- Training, smarts, and special gadgets
 - iii. Iron Man- Metallic Armor built with his engineering skills
 - iv. Thor- Possess Mjolnir which allows him to fly and shoot lightning
 - v. Hawkeye- advanced archer who never misses, also a strategist
 - vi. Hulk- Super Strength (beyond Cap), as Banner super intelligent





3. Ask participants what they notice that's similar between the Avengers with their skills. Also ask them what is different.
4. Ask participants if there are skills they have that are different or similar from one another.
5. Go over 1 Corinthians 12: 4-13. Discuss how Paul says there are a variety of gifts.
6. Now discuss how Paul says there is "the same Spirit". Ask participants what that means to them.
7. To wrap up, tell participants that they each have different gifts God has given them. All of those gifts are meant to help us come together to serve God in the church and in our communities, just like the Avengers come together to use their powers to fight evil. Emphasize that though we are different, we all come together to form one community.
8. If there is time, ask participants what they think their gifts are. You can also ask how they think they should use those gifts in their community.





Example of Opening Prayer Session

+ Opening Prayer: “Almighty God, You opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Send this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”
Amen.

+ *Invite participants to offer up their prayers with these words:*

Lord, You hear all our prayers. We offer up our prayers to You at this time either aloud or within the confines of our hearts...

After some time has passed.

... for these and all other things in our hearts and mind, we hold them up to You. We ask all this in Your Most Holy Name. *Amen.*

+ The Lord’s Prayer

+Reading from Scripture

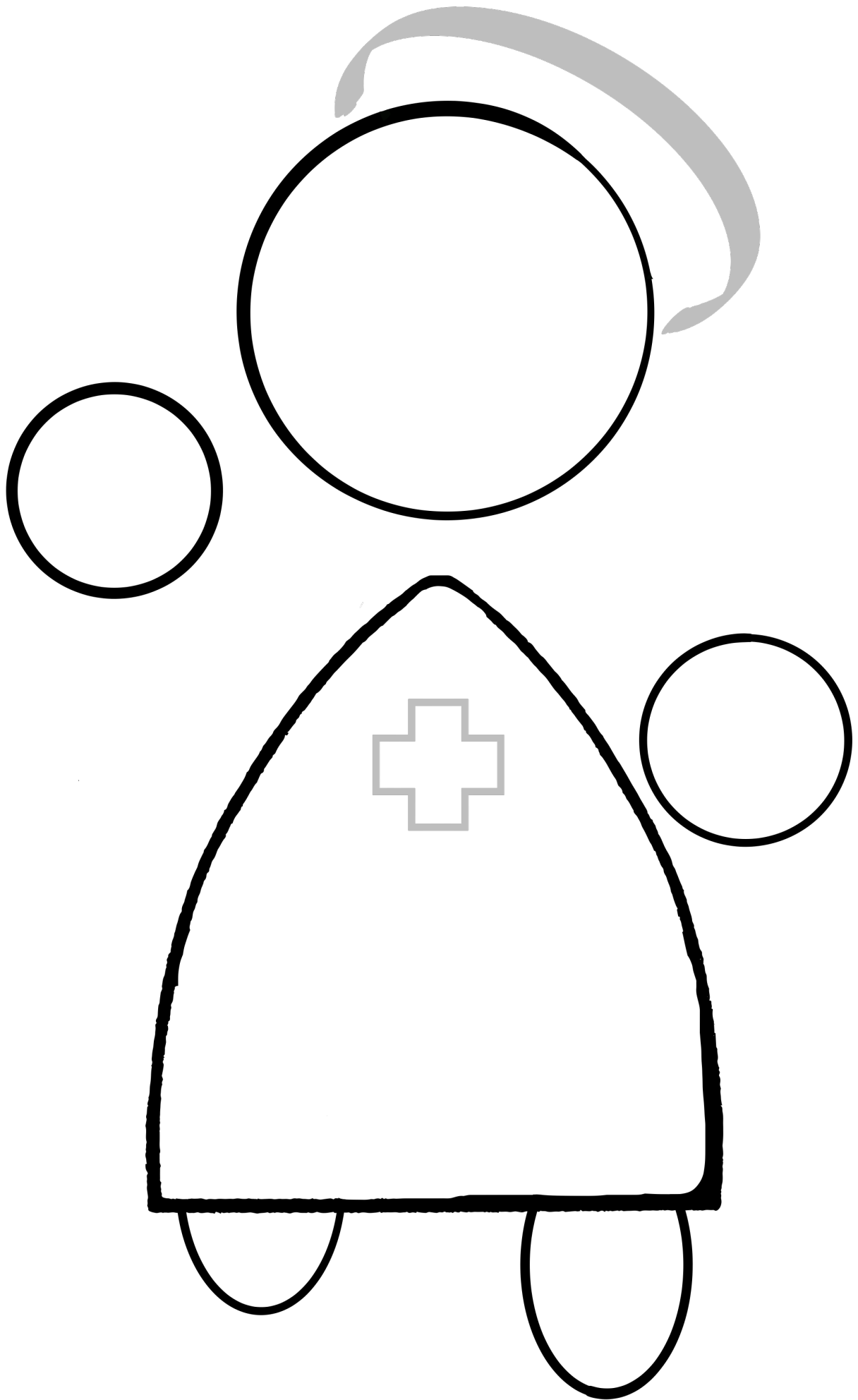
+Brief overview of the day

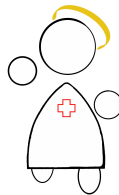
+Singing

+Final Prayer: “Give us, O Lord, the presence of Your Holy Spirit and an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love You, and the gift of joy and wonder in all Your Works.” *Amen.*

Please note that all prayers in quotations are adapted from The Book of Common Prayer.







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