



## **Journey with the Avengers Vacation Bible School:**

### **Wanda's Road from Ultron Lesson Plan**

#### **Purpose:**

Discuss how Wanda Maximoff going from an enemy of the Avengers, becomes one of them, how that relates to Paul's Conversion on the Road to Damascus, and how it connects to our own turning away from sin to new life in Christ Jesus.

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Acts 9:1-19: The Road to Damascus

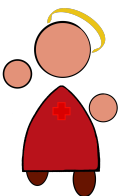
- Paul (also known as Saul) is confronted by a vision of Jesus after persecuting the early church, but is given the opportunity to be freed of his blindness and join the church.

#### **Supplies:**

- + Computer/Device to Stream (Something else to project to, depending on group size)
- + Bible
- + Clip from *Avengers: Age of Ultron*. Hawkeye talks Wanda through her guilt in helping Ultron and gives her the option to become an Avenger now. (Time stamp 1:45:34-1:48:47)
- + 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.*

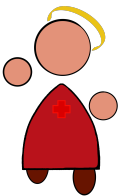


### **Pre-Presentation:**

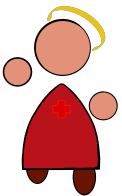
1. Go over the Scripture reading for the day. This can be done with a prayer service (example listed in the pages below) or separately.
2. For an arts and craft project, have participants draw or write anything they like based on a word or phrase that pops out at them from the Scripture reading. You 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 in *Avengers: Age of Ultron* where Wanda Maximoff escapes into an abandoned room. She starts muttering about how this is “all our fault” because she and her brother sided with Ultron before she realized he was going to try and destroy the world. Clint Barton, a.k.a. Hawkeye, is with her. Clint tells her that it doesn’t matter what she did before. If she wants, he says, he can get her brother to come pick her up later, but if she walks out of there, she walks out an Avenger. You can either continue watching or fast-forward to where she walks out, taking down Ultron robots as she goes, before giving a nod to Clint.



2. Point out how Wanda's story is similar to Paul's conversion on the Road to Damascus, using Acts 9:1-19 for the story if needed. Note that Paul (also known as Saul) started out persecuting the early church. When he realizes doing so has actually been going against God's plan, he repents and becomes a Christian himself. Wanda starts as an enemy to the Avengers because Stark Tech was used to destroy her home. She sides with Ultron against them until she learns that Ultron's plan may lead to the destruction of the world. Now realizing she's not on the side of good, she repents and joins the Avengers to stop Ultron.
3. Ask participants if there are things they have done in their lives that they are not proud of (they do not have to give an answer, just think about it). Ask if they've ever wondered if they would be forgiven. Point out that both Paul and Wanda repent and are forgiven (you can explain that "repent" means to recognize you did something wrong and to try and rectify/fix what you did). That gives us hope that we can be forgiven too.
4. Before closing, point out that both Wanda and Paul change their lives and as a result, they finally get to be good guys. The same is true for us too.
5. Also discuss Hawkeye's role. Discuss how we need a mentor from time to time to help us on our spiritual journey



## Example of Opening Prayer Session

+ Opening Prayer: “O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 minds, we hold them up to You. We ask all this in Your Most Holy Name. *Amen.*

+ The Lord’s Prayer

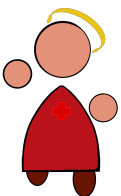
+Reading from Scripture

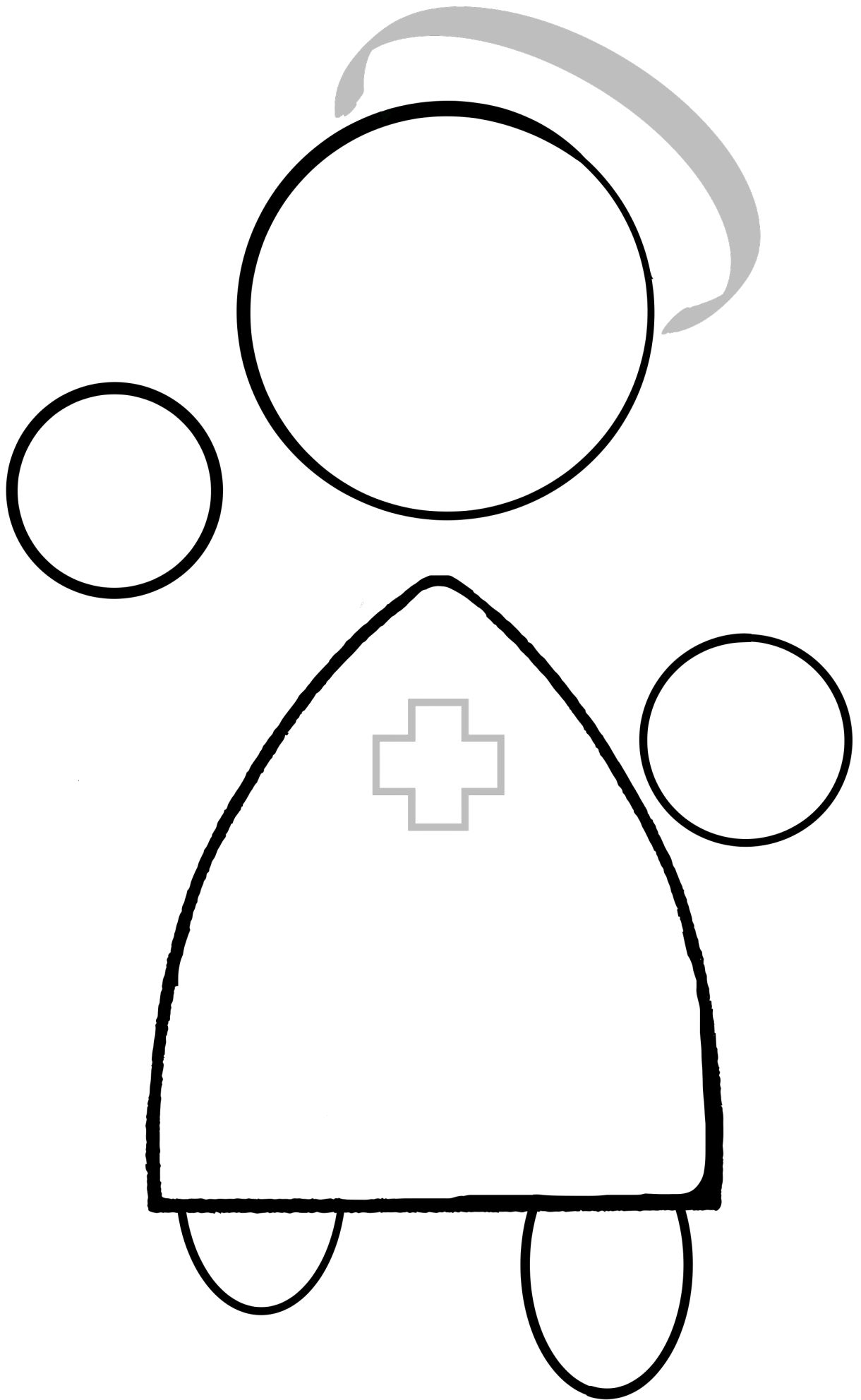
+Brief overview of the day

+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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