



Journeys in the Spirit

Children's work

Additional Resource 106.A

Engage

What are super powers?



The Story of the Good Samaritan

A teacher of the law once asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" and Jesus replied with this story:



One day, a man who was travelling from Jerusalem down to Jericho was attacked by a gang of robbers. They took everything he had, and then they beat him up and left him badly injured by the side of the road.

There was a great priest of the temple who travelled this road. As he went along the way he came to the place where the injured man lay. When he saw him lying there, he crossed over the road and went on his way. Another man who worked in the temple was travelling on the same road that day. He was one of the people who

helped the priests in the temple. He took care of the temple and helped with the music – he was called a Levite. When he came to the place where the man lay, he too crossed over and went on his way, leaving the injured man.

There was another person travelling on the road who did not live in Jerusalem. He was visiting from a country called Samaria. The people in Samaria did not like the people from Jerusalem, and the people in Jerusalem did not like the people from Samaria. When the stranger from Samaria came to where the injured man lay, he bent down next to him and saw he was injured. The stranger bandaged his wounds, covered him with a coat, placed him on his donkey and took him to an inn for the night.

The stranger stayed with the injured man all night, and in the morning, gave the innkeeper enough money for him to stay there until he was well.

Jesus, after finishing the story, asked the teacher, "Which of these three men was a neighbour to the stranger on the road?" The teacher answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied "Go then and do the same."

The Story of Rosa Parks

One day in December 1955, Mrs Rosa Parkes got on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She had had a busy day and was tired. She was tired of sitting at the back of the bus.

There was a law in Alabama that persons of colour had to ride at the back of the bus and give up their seat to a white person if it was needed. Why should she have to sit at the back? Why should she give up her seat just because of her colour? That day when the bus driver told her to move to



allow a white person to be seated, Mrs Parks refused. She didn't argue – she just refused. The driver called the police and she was arrested and put in jail for a day. Rosa was well known. She had an important job. People who knew her knew that she was softly spoken, gentle and kind. Martin Luther King junior heard of her arrest and called a meeting in his church. The people really wanted change from these unfair laws but were afraid. They didn't want to be arrested or attacked. This was how things were. Dr King believed there could be change. The people arranged a boycott of the buses – when the people refuse to ride on the buses. This would cost the company a lot of money.

On the morning of 5 December, people refused to ride the bus. Instead they walked, rode mules and shared cars if they had them. It took a long time for the boycott to work. It took 381 days. Change came in November 1956 when a court ruled that the laws on buses, were illegal. Over a year after Rosa refused to give up her seat, Dr King, a black minister and his friend, Reverend Smiley – a white minister, rode together on the front seat of a city bus.

The story of the Good Samaritan can be found in Luke 10:25-37. The story of Rosa Parkes can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zbvb4wx> or is widely available in print.



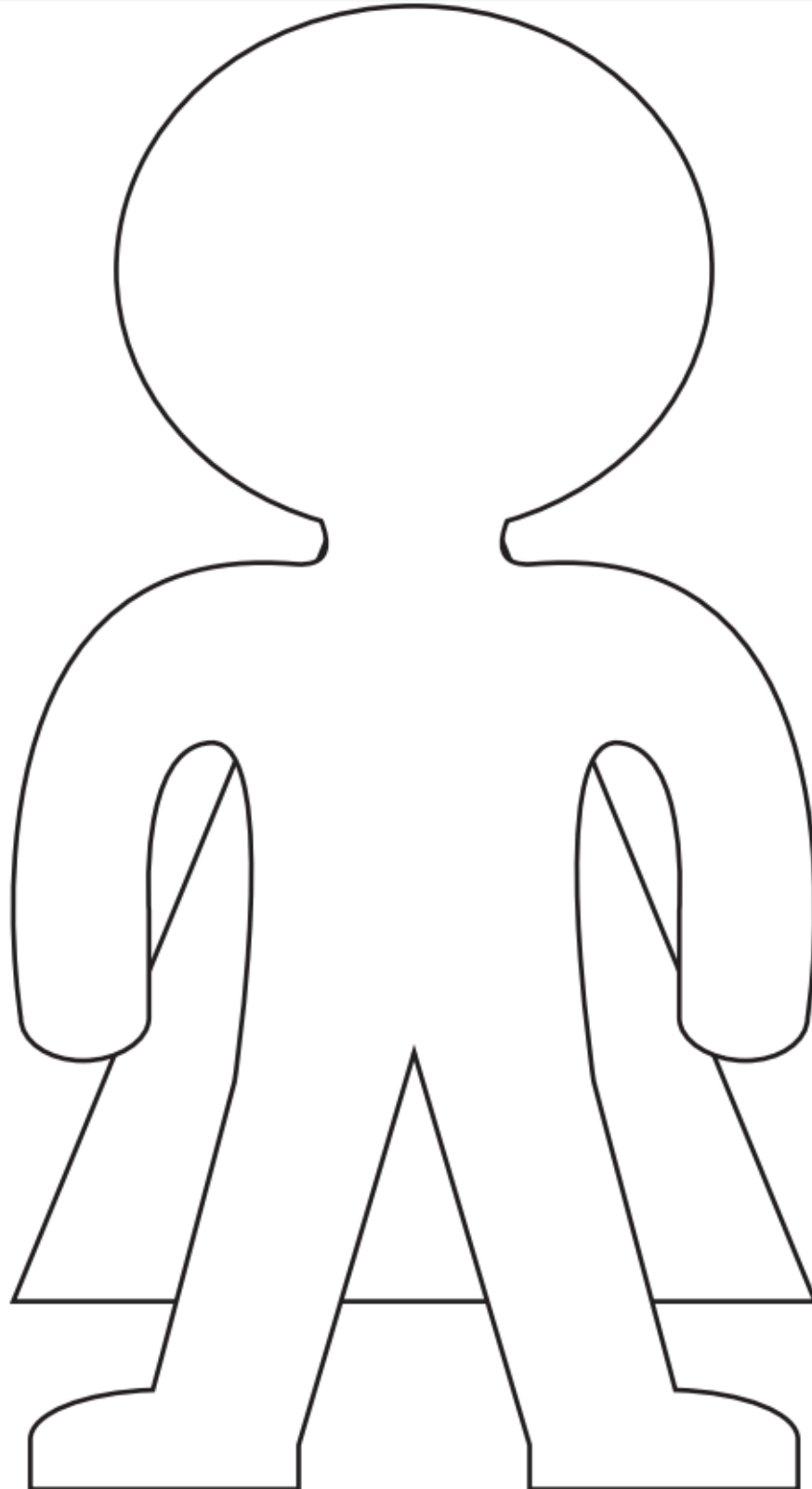
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Respond

Are you a superhero?





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Are you a superhero?



Superhero: Job Application

Name _____

Answer the questions below to apply for this job.

What talent or skill of yours is your superpower? _____

Why would you do with your superpower? _____

What do you think would be the best part of this job? _____

What do you think would be the worst part of this job? _____
