

IDENTITY & SELF ACCEPTANCE | WEEK 11

LEADERS GOAL

Help students to consider what makes a villain and how we can overcome them

SCRIPTURES

The story of David and Goliath
(focusing on Goliath): 1 Samuel 17:1-58

ACTIVITIES

Disney and Marvel Villains Bingo

PRAY

SUPPLIES

- Disney Villain images, printed for Bingo
- Bingo cards of Disney Villain images (1 per student)
- Bingo Tokens
- Bible
- Create welcoming space by engaging with students as they enter the space

BOTTOM LINE

God helps us face and overcome the 'villains' in our lives.

AS STUDENTS ARRIVE

Who likes to watch movies? What is your favourite movie?
What villains can you think of from movies you've seen or books you've read?

STORY CONNECTION

What is a villain?

Gr 2-5: A villain is a character in a story who does bad or unkind things and causes problems for others. The villain often tries to stop the hero or make things go wrong.

Gr 6-12: A villain is a character who works against the hero and creates problems in a story by making harmful or selfish choices. Even if they think they are right, their actions hurt others and move the conflict forward.

Who is the villain of our story? Scar

Scar is jealous that he is no longer heir to the throne because of Simba.

What does Scar do? (Recruits the hyenas and plots to become king) (Be Prepared, Script, p44)

What is a plot: A plot is what happens in a play from beginning to end. It is the order of events that shows the problem, what the characters do about it, and how the story ends.

What does Scar's plot include? (Leaving Young Simba alone in the gorge and signaling to the hyenas to scare a herd of wildebeests.) (Scene 8, Script, p59)

Scar is mischievous and willing to do anything to be ruler.

We also know he didn't feel loved. "Nobody loved me even as a cub." (Script, p86)



Scar alerts Mufasa, who leads the stampede to save his son. (Script, p63) What happens next? Mufasa saves Simba, but Scar pushes Mufasa back into the gorge, where he is trampled and killed. (Script, p64)

What does Scar do next? (He takes over as king in Mufasa's place.) (Script, p68)

OUR STORIES

- Thinking of villains in movies and stories, why do they act the way they do?
- What happens if the villains do not get what they want?
- Do you think villains are all bad, or do they have any good qualities?
- What are the consequences of a villain's actions?
- Why do we include villains in movie plots or storylines?

TRUTH & TREASURE

Goliath, the Villain – 1 Samuel 17:1-58

Students choose roles for Goliath, David, and members of the Philistine and Israelite armies. As the Small Group Leader narrates, students silently act out the story.

One of the villains we meet in the Bible is Goliath- a massive, intimidating soldier from the Philistine army. He stood over nine feet tall and used his size and strength to scare Israel's army. Day after day, he shouted insults and challenges, daring anyone to come and fight him.

For forty days, no one stepped forward. The soldiers were afraid- and honestly, it made sense. Goliath looked impossible to defeat. He felt like a villain no one could overcome.

Then David arrived. He wasn't a soldier- he was a young shepherd bringing food to his brothers at the camp. When David heard the way Goliath mocked Israel and their God, he couldn't understand why no one had responded. Unlike the others, David wasn't focused on how big Goliath was. David focused on who God is.

David trusted God, the One who has all power. He believed that this story didn't belong to Goliath, it belonged to God. Armed with only a sling and five smooth stones from a nearby stream, David stepped forward. He said to Goliath:

"You come against me with sword and spear, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty... The battle belongs to the LORD."
(1 Samuel 17:45-47)

Imagine the sound of Goliath laughing as he looked down at a boy who barely reached his waist. Confident in his own strength, the giant moved toward David. But David didn't hesitate. He ran toward Goliath, placed a stone in his sling, and released it. The stone struck Goliath in the forehead, and the giant fell to the ground. David then used Goliath's own sword to finish the fight.



When the Philistine army saw their strongest warrior defeated, they panicked and ran away. The Israelites were saved- not because of weapons or size or strength, but because the battle belonged to God.

David overcame the villain not by being stronger, but by having faith.

Additional Discussion Questions:

- How did David overcome the villain in this story?
- How do you think the story would have ended if David had focused only on Goliath's size and not on God?
- What difference did David's faith make in this story?
- If Goliath had known God—or trusted Jesus—how might his choices have been different?
- If you were in the story, what would you want to say to the villain?

DISCOVERY

GAME | Disney Villains Bingo

Supplies: Bingo Cards, character cards for bingo

Each student gets a unique bingo card. Small group leader calls out one Disney villain at a time as students fill their cards using little tokens. First to get 5 in a row wins. If time allows, have students swap cards and play again. Play as many rounds as desired/time allows.

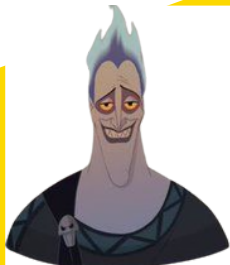
PRAYER

God, when we face villains in our lives- things that scare us, worry us, or try to hold us back- help us remember that You are stronger than all of them. Give us courage to trust You, even when we feel small or afraid. Thank You that the battle belongs to You. Amen.

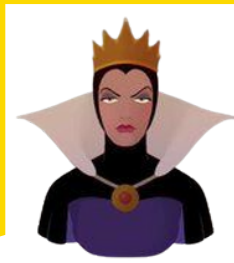
WEEKLY CHALLENGE

If you watch a movie or read a book this week, look for the villain character, and remind yourself that God is the LORD of Hosts. He will help you face any giants in your life.

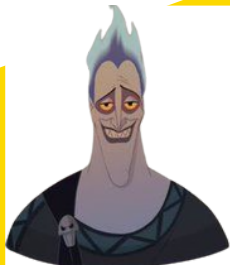
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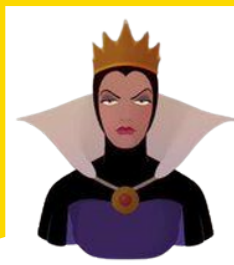
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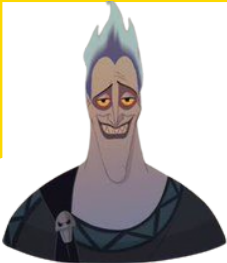
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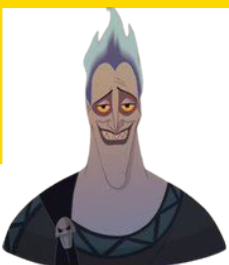
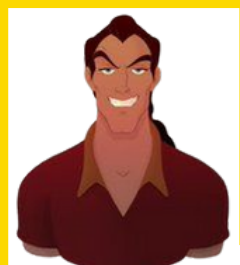
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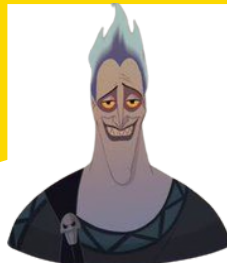
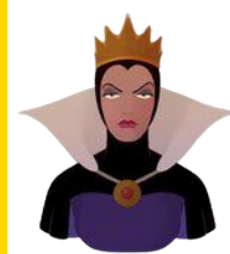
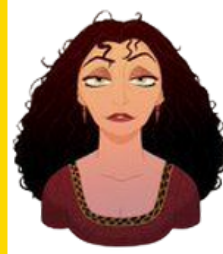
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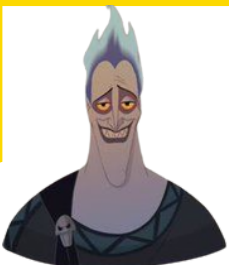
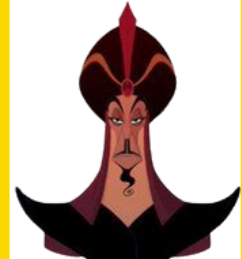
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