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Incredibles 2 (2018) | Super Faith | BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.

PRESS START

The best thing about superhero movies is seeing how the heroes use their unique powers to help others. Incredibles 2 is no exception, with even more diversity in powers than the first movie. Each hero is unique and has to learn how to use their abilities. **If you could choose any superpower to have, how would you use that power to help others?**

EQUIP

Life seldom works out exactly the way we plan. One thing that makes Incredibles 2 such a fun movie is we get to see how the supers deal with everyday life. Instead of only seeing them fight the bad guys, we see them around the dinner table, adjusting to a new home, struggling with adolescence, and trying to figure out parenthood in general. The supers use their abilities to deal with these struggles and often argue about when they should or should not use their powers. They all had to learn the most glamorous job is not always the one that was best.

Violet showed she understood this when she offered to stay and protect Jack Jack instead of saving the ship with her dad because her super shield could protect the baby better than anyone else. Babysitting was not the most exciting job, but it was the one she had to do and she had to have faith her family could take care of the rest.

God has given every one of us unique talents and abilities he wants us to use. Sometimes the way we use them is obvious, like a good singer's ability to lead people in worship. Other times, God's plan is not so obvious. Different people will give us different views and opinions based on their views or plans for life, but our focus is not to be on what other people say. In order to really use our abilities for God, we have to focus only on him and his plan, no matter what anyone else says. But this is seldom easy, and always requires incredible faith.

LEVEL UP

Following God instead of people can be hard and often scary. Two of Jesus disciples, Peter and John, faced this choice after Jesus went back into heaven. They had seen him die and come back from the dead with their own eyes. This was incredible news, and they wanted to share it with everyone they met. God had given them the gift of preaching to others about Christ. The religious leaders at the time, the Sanhedrin, were very upset about this because they thought God had given only them the ability to preach because they had been trained and educated. They also disliked the message Peter and John were preaching because they did not believe Jesus was raised from the dead.

The Sanhedrin arrested Peter and John for preaching in the temple and threw them in jail overnight. The next day, the leaders told Peter and John they could not talk about Jesus anymore.

Acts 4:18-20 *"So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."*

The same day they were released, Peter and John were filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly preached Jesus to everyone that would listen. They knew what ability God had given them and how they should be using it. Superheroes are given amazing abilities, and the Parr family knew they were given superpowers to help other people. Even when the government told them not to help and their powers made life difficult, they could not stop helping others because they knew it was the right thing to do. We need to have faith in God to do whatever he has called us to do, even when others tell us something different.

MOD

What are some different “superpowers” God has given to people? What “superpower” has he given you? (Example: Maybe you have the ability to make friends easily. You can use that to befriend someone everyone else thinks is weird.)

There were some jobs, like babysitting, that the Parr family did not want to do, but that were very important. **What is something you know God wants you to do that is hard or not fun?**

Both Peter and John and the Incredibles had a difficult choice to make between doing what was right and what the law said. God has also called us to respect authority and the law. **When faced with hard decisions like that, how can we decide which direction God wants us to take? How can our faith help in these circumstances?**

PRAY

Does anyone have anything we need to pray about?

Pray and thank God for giving us abilities we can use to follow his plan for our life. Ask Him to help us have the faith and courage to help others even when it is hard.

THE NEXT LEVEL

James 2:17 *“So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.”*

2 Corinthians 4:13 *“But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, “I believed in God, so I spoke.”*

Galatians 5:22 *“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”*

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