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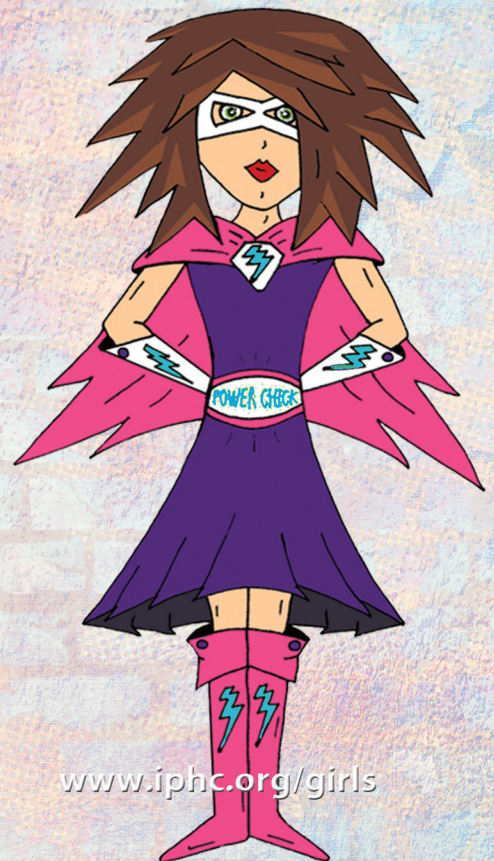
SUPERHERO

Annual Theme Booklet

**A
Champion
of
Justice**



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Just Things
(Phil. 4:8)**



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Girls' Ministries Week

September 8-14, 2019

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The ideas presented on these pages are meant to guide and inspire you as you plan your upcoming GM Week. At the same time, allow it to inspire you to find ways to carry the *Superhero* theme into the 2019-2020 school year.

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Dear Ladies,

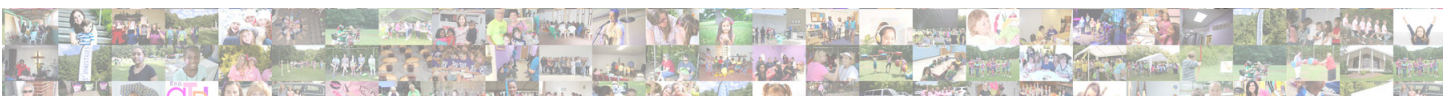
If you joined us at Power Chicks '19 this year, I trust that it was as powerful for you as it was for me personally. If you were there, you also know that I have announced my plans to retire in October as director of Girls' Ministries. I will admit that it is sad to think about the fact that this will be my last time to write the Girls' Ministries Week theme booklet. I love writing, planning, and developing the ideas God gives me. However, after 18 years in this position, and 45 years of serving in the IPHC Global Ministry Center (some part-time, some full-time), I have chosen to pass the baton, or should I say cape, on to someone else. Watch the website for updates.

As the new school year kicks off, Girls' Ministries Week is just around the corner. GM Week means we get to focus on a generation of girls and young women who are unique and have so much to offer the church. This booklet is designed to give you inspiration and ideas for promoting and implementing GM Week using the new theme *Superhero*. This theme is then carried forward throughout the 2019-20 school year.

The ***Superhero*** theme ties in to the 2019 denominational theme which is our sixth core value—"We Prayerfully Value Justice." Each year, we have chosen to develop our Girls' Ministries theme around the current year's core value. Because GM Week falls in September, we always join the theme a little later in the year. However, that allows us to make good use of the videos and articles released by the IPHC highlighting the year's core value. We encourage you to use that material and have included links to it at the end of this packet.

Thank you for the steps you take to help girls determine exactly where they fit into God's story and how they can be superheroes to their families and friends! We want our girls to know that their superhero strength does not come from a cape or a mask! It comes from walking in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Irvina Parker,
IPHC Girls' Ministries Director



GM Day/Week Checklist

As Soon As Possible:

- ☐ Verify date with pastor for GM Day/Week
- ☐ Have planning meeting with sponsors
- ☐ Give copies of resources to sponsors
- ☐ Determine schedule, events, skits, etc.
- ☐ Start advertising in bulletin or newsletter
- ☐ Copy posters and post around church
- ☐ Ask church to set aside Sept. 3 as a day of prayer & fasting for Girls' Ministries Week
- ☐ Begin units with Friends & Girls Only that enhance theme of GM Week
- ☐ Collect prescription bottles (1.25" diameter)

Four Weeks Ahead of Time:

- ☐ Send poster home with girls; pray
- ☐ Decide which crafts/activities you will do
- ☐ Start purchasing or bringing in supplies
- ☐ Make decorations for GM Day/Week
- ☐ Ask WIN director to spearhead prayer day
- ☐ Begin units with younger girls that enhance theme of GM Week
- ☐ Make GM Day Offering containers

Three Weeks Ahead of Time:

- ☐ Finalize details for sleep over
- ☐ Make invitations for girls' guests
- ☐ Promote Day of Prayer & Fasting/Sept. 3
- ☐ Make props for song and/or skit presentations to be used on GM Day
- ☐ Set practice times for GM Day program
- ☐ Start collecting quarters in containers
Ask each girl to fill at least one

Two Weeks Ahead of Time:

- ☐ Announce GM Day and offering in bulletin
- ☐ Make sure invitations have been delivered
- ☐ Begin practicing for GM Day program
- ☐ Distribute Prayer flyer (set for Sept. 3)
- ☐ Continue to collect quarters for GM Day

One Week Ahead of Time:

- ☐ Send a finalized schedule to parents
- ☐ Copy bulletin insert for GM Day
- ☐ Finalize all plans; Day of Prayer & Fasting
- ☐ Complete your collection of quarters

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by Irvina Parker

I have to admit that the topic of superheroes as it relates to the comic book and modern day characters is way out of my league. I have honestly never been a fan. When my husband and children (all of whom are big fans) tuned in to watch, I pulled out a craft project of some kind. When they went to watch one of the movies, I saved my money for something a little more meaningful.

So it is rather ironic that my search for a unique approach developing the core value of justice for Girls' Ministries Week led me to superheroes. I fought it at first. After all, outside of the obvious ones (Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman), I am clueless. My grandchildren (and their parents as well, I'm sure) think I'm archaic. I don't know any of their names and I sure don't know what superpowers they apparently possess.

I am very aware of the fact that these superheroes are almost always on a mission to make sure that good triumphs over evil. And I suppose in the end, that is why irony won the battle in my office the day I pursued this theme. Ms. Power Chick, as we like to call her, was towering over my desk reminding me that we had created her as a mascot for our second national girls event. She highly resembles one of the comic book heroes complete with cap, belt, lightning bolts, etc.

I was quickly reminded that we wanted to create a visual reminder for the girls that there was a greater purpose for the Power Chicks event. We wanted them to know that they have full access to the power of God. There is no greater power on earth than the power of God. When John wrote to the believers about false prophets, in 1

John 4:4, he was quick to remind them who they were and that their power was greater. "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (ESV).

We are overcomers because Jesus won the victory over Satan on the cross. Then, after He ascended into Heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent to give us power to spread God's love.

God has called us to be champions of justice. Micah 6:8 is the verse that the IPHC is using for this core value. "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

The difference between the on screen superheroes and us is the
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source of our power. If you want a great description of a godly superhero, look no further than Paul's prayer for the Ephesians: "I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit** in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." He goes on to say, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to **his power that is at work within us**, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen" (Ephesians 3:16-20).

It is clear that our power comes from God. We should pray for this power to go with us as we face the injustices of the world. The superheroes either have superpowers or weapons that are unique to them. We must never try to do things through our own strength.

Paul's prayer earlier in Ephesians is another confirmation of exactly where our power is derived: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

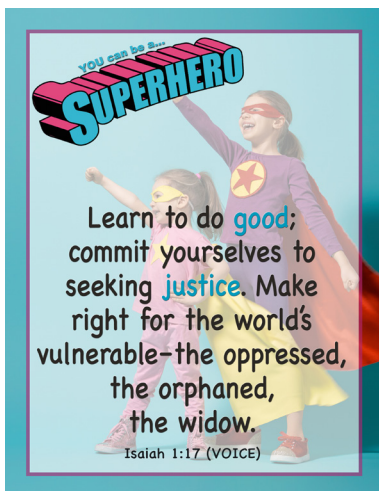


glorious Father, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may know him better. **I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms..." Ephesians 1:17-20

With God's wisdom and revelation directing us, who needs

all the fancy gadgets of the superheroes. When the eyes of our heart are enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hope catapults us into action. Whether it's helping at a local feeding program or ministering hope to someone who seems lonely or in despair, God is ready to help us extend that hand of justice.

Our girls code from Philippians 4: 8 challenges us to think on the things that are honest, just, pure, or lovely! As you think on "just thoughts," ask God to help you to see those places where you can make a difference and help bring justice.



As you prepare for Girls' Ministries Week, be sure to read through this entire packet for an overall view of the various aspects of how we are focusing on this year's Superhero theme. For instance, the poster to the left is an art rendition of the Scripture verse for our theme. It can be printed as artwork for your classroom. We have produced it in two versions: one in print for younger readers and one in cursive for older girls. Use the theme poster (p. 7) to promote GM Week.

There are bulletin inserts that you can print, a prayer guide for your prayer team, and other helpful items such as the label master to use on medicine bottles (or old-fashioned film canisters) to collect quarters for the GM Day Offering.

There is also a table tent for decor. Print it on card stock, fold it in half, then fold on the dotted lines. Tape bottom flaps together for the base.

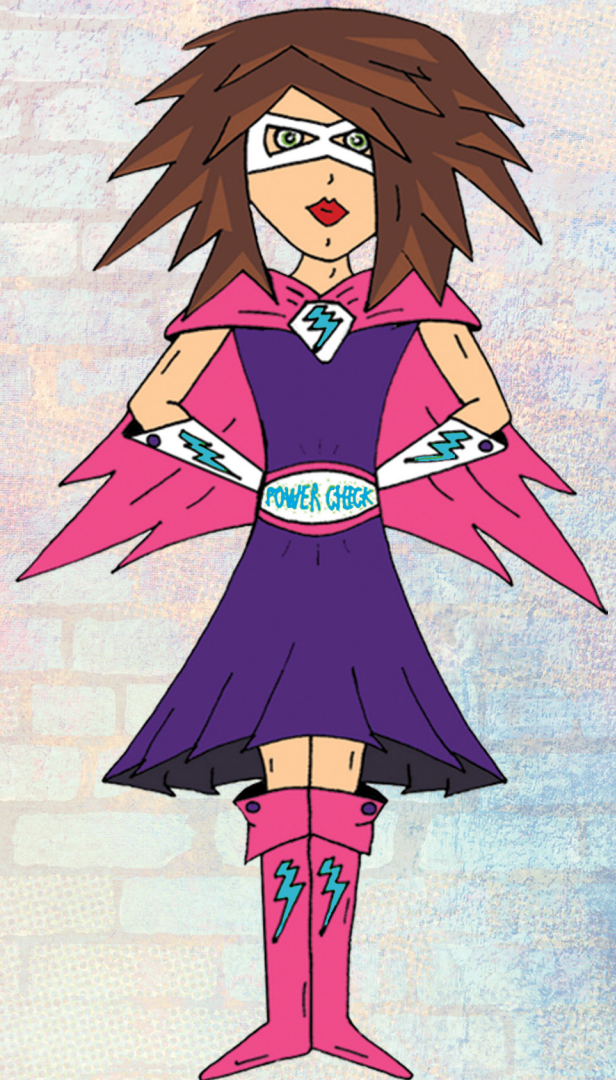
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SUPERHERO kid time

The Unlikely Hero

with Irvina Parker, GM Director

You probably know the story very well. It takes place in the Old Testament. It's the story of a brave shepherd boy named David. He is believed to have been somewhere in the 12 to 15 age-range when this incident took place. Three of his brothers were fighting in the battle against the Philistines and his father, Jesse, sent David out to check on them and to take them some food.

What David found when he arrived was very upsetting to him. He found a bully—a rather large bully! His name was Goliath and he was so tall that he had become known as the giant. His actions were even more intimidating than his size as he harassed the Israelite soldiers day and night for 40 days.

He was calling them names and telling them how weak they were. No one was brave enough to fight him. They were all afraid of him, until David showed up that day. He could not understand why the Israelite soldiers would let this bully speak against God's army. David asked King Saul for permission to go out and kill the giant, but Saul told him he was much too young to go up against such a strong soldier. David quickly responded: "Your Majesty, I take care of my father's sheep. And when one of them is dragged off by a lion or a bear, I go after it and beat the wild animal until it lets the sheep go. If the wild animal turns and attacks me, I grab it by the throat and kill it. Sir, I have killed lions and bears that way, and I can kill this worthless Philistine. He shouldn't have made fun of the army of the living God!" (1 Samuel 17:34-36 (CEV)).

What do you think David wore when he went into battle that day? What weapon do you think he used? King Saul insisted that if David was going

to fight the giant, that he should wear all of the king's gear. None of it fit properly though, and David was not used to having all that extra weight from the sword, the helmet, and all the other gear. He could not even walk around with it on! David took the gear off. Instead, he picked up his shepherd's stick and went to the stream where he chose five smooth stones for his slingshot.

How would you like to face a giant with just one slingshot and five stones? Can you imagine the laughter coming from the giant as he saw this boy coming toward him with no armor and no real weapon? By now, his taunts were most likely echoing from the mountains that surrounded the valley where the battles had been taking place.

"What an unlikely soldier you are sending my way," Goliath probably shouted while laughing. "He will never be able to bring me down."

Those were the last taunts that the Israelites ever heard from that giant. David's aim was perfect and the force with which the stone hit Goliath came from the power of God that was alive and well in David.

David was not just a warrior, he was **God's** warrior. The stone sent him crashing to the ground and then David picked up Goliath's sword and killed him with it.

David was an unlikely superhero that day in the eyes of everyone on the battlefield. The difference was that he was willing to let God speak and work through him. What giant are you facing today? Like David, you can fight through God's strength! "Christ gives me the strength to face anything" (Philippians 4:13 CEV). The Armor of God as described in Ephesians 6:10-18 is the best line of defense against all evil. Use the [Armor of God memory game](#) in the bonus ideas to talk about each element of this armor.



Other Superheroes in the Bible

Bible Character	Scripture	Brief Synopsis
Moses, Aaron, and Miriam	Exodus 3-4	Moses was chosen as the one to lead the children out of Egyptian bondage. When he asked God for someone to help, Aaron his brother, was chosen as his spokesperson. Their older sister Miriam was also used by God to help save baby Moses (2:4) and during the exodus.
Esther	Esther 1-10	Esther was an ordinary girl who was called by God to fulfill His plan for justice for the Jewish people. She rose to a prominent place in the kingdom of Persia and was chosen by the king as his new queen. Her wisdom and courage to speak out at just the right moment, led to the Jewish people being saved from a death sentence.
Ruth and Naomi	Ruth 1:1-13 Ruth 2:1-8	Ruth was a daughter-in-law to Naomi. Her father-in-law had already died and years later when Naomi's sons died, she told her daughters-in-law to go home to their own families because she herself was returning to her home in Bethlehem. Ruth, however, was devoted to her mother-in-law and moved with her. It is a story of devotion, kindness, and God's faithfulness.
Deborah	Judges 4	Deborah's story is found in the book of Judges and she is the only female judge. She fought injustice from her outdoor courtroom (Judges 4:5). However, she is also depicted as a prophet and mighty warrior. Her wisdom and courage make her victorious on the battlefield. Deborah was indeed a superhero to the nation of Israel both as a judge and warrior.
Dorcas	Acts 9:36-42	Dorcas (also called Tabitha) was a compassionate woman "who was always doing good and helping the poor." She used her gift as a seamstress to help the less fortunate.

Use the chart above and think about which generational examples would be age-appropriate for discussing with your group of girls. Combine it with the information on the previous page and use the *Superhero* Memory Game to reinforce the concepts (watch for it here: <http://iphc.org/discipleship/girls/gmweek/bonus-ideas/>).

Looking Ahead...

As you think about what you can do with your girls beyond Girls' Ministries Week, be sure to check out our Facebook page and the website for updates. We will give you ideas and reminders about how you can keep the "Justice" theme alive as you recognize the importance of pulling all the generations into your ministry.

Some of the ideas are things we've been doing all along while others might be brand new ideas. Consider, for instance these things:

- Participate in Baby Hope Club in January; it is a great way to give back to a ministry in our denomination—the Royal Home where the

gift of life is at the forefront of their ministry. Look for a March for Life event near you.

- Offer help to the schools in your community.
- Do Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets for one or two families in your neighborhood or church body.
- Take cookies or flowers to a nursing home, fire department, or your local police station.
- Give to missions projects such as People to People or Hope4Sudan.
- Have some adventures together this year as you strive to bring justice to situations around you! We are better together.



SUPERHERO teen time

Power Chick Heroes

with Irvina Parker

The IPHC Core Value for 2019 says that we “prayerfully value justice.” Our Girls’ Ministries Week theme, Superhero, challenges each of us be a superhero, aka a Power Chick” to our friends, family, and beyond. Isaiah 1:17 instructs us to “Learn to do good; commit yourselves to seeking justice. Make right for the world’s most vulnerable—the oppressed, the orphaned, the widow” (VOICE).

Whether or not you are a fan of the superhero stories that are on the big screen, I am sure you are at least familiar with them and some of their stories. Near the top of the list of DC and Marvel Comics are Wonder Woman and Captain Marvel. In fact, Wonder Woman was one of the founding members of the Justice League, a superhero team (DC Comics) that combined forces to fight for justice in the 2017 film of the same name. Wonder Woman is described as strong, empathetic, compassionate, and the voice of reason. She is also brave and independent.

That description of Wonder Woman reminds me of a woman from the Old Testament named Deborah. Her story is found in the book of Judges and she is the only female judge. She fought injustice from her outdoor courtroom (Judges 4:5). However, she is also depicted as a prophet and a true warrior. Her wisdom and courage make her victorious on the battlefield. Deborah was indeed a superhero to the nation of Israel both as a judge and warrior. Deborah stepped up when the army’s leader refused to go into battle without her.

There are so many characteristics of superheroes that we too should strive to have prominent in our lives. Deborah definitely had the voice of reason since she was a female judge. Clearly, though, she also was a brave leader since she accepted the commander’s challenge to lead them into battle.

Just as Deborah had superhero characteristics,

so did some other female Bible characters. I want to challenge you to emulate these ladies. Ask God to give you the commitment of Ruth and the courage of Esther.

In today’s world, we are bombarded with the idea that it is fine for us to do “whatever” makes us happy. The idea that our decisions should never consider the feelings or opinions of others is part of a self-centered mentality that has no place in our Christ-centered lives. Ruth stands out above most other Bible characters in level of commitment. Her grace and compassion toward her mother-in-law earned her a prominent place in the Bible! There was nothing self-centered about Ruth. She

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left her own country to take care of Naomi and God rewarded that commitment by meeting their financial and physical needs when he gave her a husband (named Boaz), to love her and provide for her. Her kindness was an incredible gift.

When you think of courageous women in the Bible, Queen Esther is perhaps the first one that comes to mind. We know that Queen Esther’s beauty is what won her the place in the king’s *castle*, but it was her inward qualities that had won her favor with God. He had such confidence in her boldness that He placed her in the palace for a very specific purpose—to save the Jewish nation.

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Going before her husband (and king) to expose the truth and plead for her people could have resulted in death. Yet she embraced the identity God had given her and came up with a plan to save the Jewish nation. When God calls you for a specific job, you can be sure that He will equip you with the skills that you need.

Ask Him for the boldness that you will need to walk out His purpose. Like Esther, you may very well have to take the first step.

Chances are pretty high that God will not call you to save an entire nation as He did Esther, but don't think for a minute that he can't use you to accomplish some great things in His kingdom.

As you read your Bible and pray each day ask for God to open your eyes to see those who are vulnerable to the injustices of this world. It may be as simple as another girl who eats lunch alone every day. Chances are she's longing for a friend to come over and say hello. It may be

as serious as the girl who is constantly being bullied by a Goliath (read the kids devotion).

Perhaps it's an older person in your congregation that needs some light housework done or the nursing home close with patients that simply need to see a smiling face. The list is endless.

My challenge to you is this: Determine ways that you can stand up for the vulnerable and do things that can either change the situation or make it more bearable. You CAN make a difference.

Our prayer for you comes from Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to **his power** that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Small Group Activity with Teen Girls:

Look for ideas on our bonus page for activities and crafts: <http://iphc.org/discipleship/girls/gmweek/bonus-ideas/>. Don't forget to check our Pinterest boards at www.pinterest.com/iphcgm/boards/



Tuesday
September 3, 2019

Day of Prayer and Fasting

- ✚ Pray that God's anointing will be upon each sponsor and local coordinator (name them) as they pray, plan, and prepare for this special time—Girls' Ministries Day on September 8th and GM Week (8-14).
- ✚ Pray that God will begin to prepare the heart of each girl (call each name individually) as she makes choices that will define her effectiveness. Pray specifically that she will:
 - ...receive the gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8) and eternal life (Romans 3:23).
 - ...find joy while pursuing God through daily prayer and Bible reading (John 15:7)
 - ...be transformed by the renewing of the mind (Romans 12:2; Hebrews 12:14)
- ✚ Pray that God will provide adequate funding to make it a great week.
- ✚ Pray that God will speak to each person in your church about supporting the GM Day offering (divided half & half between your local church and your conference GM treasuries).
- ✚ Pray that the entire church will join the girls in doing good and seeking justice.

Planning Your GM Week

Sunday–Celebrate Girls’ Ministries Day

Goal: To promote Girls’ Ministries in front of the entire church, to share the goals set forth for GM Week, and to help the church understand we have been called to do good and seek justice for the world’s vulnerable.

- Secure permission from pastor to have at least 15 minutes of the Sunday morning worship service.
- Recognize local GM coordinator and all teachers and helpers.
- Read Isaiah 1:17 “Learn to do good; commit yourselves to seeking justice. Make right for the world’s vulnerable—the oppressed, the orphaned, the widow” (VOICE).
- Use suggested program ideas centered around the “Superhero” theme (see helps entitled “Celebrate the Day” for an overview & read the articles and devotionals included to pull together a presentation that works best for your church.
- Receive the Girls’ Ministries Day Offering (send half to your conference GM treasury).
- Invite the church to join the girls in a specific justice-seeking mission.
- Use the prayer guide to pray for the girls, leaders, and Girls’ Ministries Week.
- In 2019, **Grandparents Day and GM Day are the same**. It’s a perfect opportunity to bring honor to those who are sometimes overlooked. Find a way to blend the two.

Monday–Family Night

Goal: For parents and grandparents of girls to have a chance to get to know each other better and to interact with their daughters’ teachers

- Sponsor a family night before kids, parents, and grandparents get so involved in school and organized fall sports. Plan special activities (team style) for everyone!
- Share with the parents the goals and plans for GM week and the new school year.
- Provide a list of items needed for the upcoming week or even things needed for the new year in Girls’ Ministries. Have them bring them in on this night.

Tuesday–Activities Night

Goal: To provide a night of fun for the girls and sponsors

- Go bowling, skating, biking, indoor swimming, or something which calls for minimal prep work on the part of you and your sponsors.
- Meet for pizza and chill out together or take the night off.

Wednesday–Club Night

Goal: Use this night to discuss the *Superhero* theme. (Use ideas from the articles and kid and teen devotionals included in this booklet.)

- Set up a corner in your club room with items used by people who help bring justice (such as police officers, lawyers, judges, foster care, etc.).
- Consider having a door decorating contest among your various clubs using the Superhero theme.
- Ask people of different backgrounds to share their stories of injustice.
- Review, copy, and use this booklet and online bonus ideas for preparing your lesson.
- Come up with craft ideas and provide snacks.

Planning Your GM Week

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Thursday–Craft Night

Goal: Create a fun t-shirt or mask that can be worn to the sleepover to sport the “Unmasking the Truth” theme for the night.



- Download the t-shirt full-color art (shown at right) from the website and print it on a transfer sheet to iron onto the shirt; follow the instructions on the transfer package. Adjust the size for smaller t-shirt sizes. (Or, create your own design if you prefer.)
- Make a sample t-shirt ahead of time to curb any unexpected problems.

Friday–Wrap-Up Sleepover or Fun Night

Goal: To provide an opportunity for the girls to bring their friends to the church (or someone’s house) for a night of fun, food, and fellowship!

- Start the evening with appetizers, finger foods, hamburgers, or taco salad.
- Check out Oriental Trading for suggestions on making masks.
- Give the visitors an opportunity to make a shirt or mask like the other girls made on Thursday night. Their friends can help them since they have already had practice.
- Purchase items to make and decorate masks. Or ask each girl to come wearing a mask if you want the element of surprise.
- Tonight can either be a Masquerade party where everyone is sporting a mask or you can invite two or three mystery guests to come in a mask and then the true identity is revealed at some point.
- Watch our Facebook page and Pinterest boards for links to our Spotify playlist that will suggest music to enhance the theme.
- Check out our Pinterest site with lots of boards (<https://www.pinterest.com/iphcgmb/boards/>), including a specific board for GM Week. There are craft ideas, poster ideas, and links for using now and throughout the year. There is also a board for “We Value Justice.” <https://www.pinterest.com/iphcgmb/we-value-justiceiphc-core-value-6/>
- Choose your own craft or find one in your club sponsor guides and/or on Pinterest.
- Discuss Psalm 37:30 which says: “Wisdom fills the mouth of the right-living; justice and truth roll from their tongues.” Let Psalm 43:3 be your prayer: “O my God, shine Your light and truth to help me see clearly.”
- Lead the girls in a time of prayer; offer to pray the sinner’s prayer with any girl who might want to accept the gift of salvation.

Saturday–Morning Wrap-Up

Goal: To challenge girls to be aware of the dangers of hiding behind the mask of injustice.

- Serve a light breakfast.
- Remind girls to think of the church as a hospital for the hurting. We are the doctors and nurses who can help bring healing as we seek justice for the vulnerable.
- Invite new girls to join you at your next Girls’ Ministries meeting.
- Challenge all the girls to invite their friends to join them in making the choice to attend Mpact & TGM club meetings (or other format) on a regular basis!

Bonus Ideas:

- **Download theme related bonus ideas** (www.iphc.org/discipleship/girls/gmweek) from the GM website. Beginning in late-August, bonus ideas will be added periodically. These will include things such as the games, crosswords puzzles, and more.

Celebrate the Day

Ideas for GM Day

Decor for Classrooms & Stage: Use girls not involved on stage to enter the sanctuary carrying items to create the setting. Encourage all clubs to participate, including sponsors! Options could include:

- Recreate a courtroom or police station.
- Items reflecting the jobs of some of the people whose jobs include taking care of those who are the victims of injustice.
- Create a giant board with some of the items mentioned above.
- Download the Girls' Ministries poster and scripture artwork that you see in this booklet and print it as a poster to use.



Musical Options:

- **Entry Music:** Use the GM song, *Honor You*. “Honor You” by Marcus Jones—available only on CD now @ <http://lifespringsresources.com/girls-ministries-theme-songs-cd>
- **Other songs to enhance the theme on GM Day or in the classroom in various styles:** “You Say” (Lauren Daigle); “Justice and Mercy”— (Matt Redman); “God of Justice” (Aaron Keyes)
- **Hymns and/or Chorus Suggestions to highlight theme**
 - “Hope of the World” (Hillsong Worship) & “Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” “I Love to Tell the Story”
 - Involve your praise & worship leader in finding suitable hymns, choruses, etc.
- **Watch our Facebook page and Pinterest boards for links to potential *Spotify* and/or *You Tube* playlists**

Main Program:

- Option 1:** Use ideas from the various articles in this booklet which highlight this year’s theme. Read Isaiah 1:17 to set the stage for the day!
- Option 2:** Download the PowerPoint slide show (www.iphc.org/girls/gmweek) based on the “Superhero” theme (available late-August). First and foremost we want to make sure the girls have accepted Christ as Savior. Next we want to make sure they understand the importance of having people in their lives who can disciple and nurture them.
- Option 3:** Use the Discipleship Ministries video ([click here](#)) and then follow up by focusing on how Girls’ Ministries fits into the Discipleship framework.
- Coordinator:** Explain the purpose of the Girls’ Ministries Day Offering. This is a once-a-year offering that is split 50/50 between your local GM and your conference GM treasury. (Remember, your conference needs your support.)
- Offering:** Display the containers the girls used to save their quarters for this special offering for GM Day. (Use the label master in this booklet, place on medicine bottles, old-fashioned film canisters, or jars and **save quarters** for the girls to present on GM Day!) Encourage the congregation to give generously as well. Ask the pastor to pray over the offering, Girls’ Ministries around the world, and the girls as they make life-defining decisions.



Pulling it all Together for Your Club Meeting

Opening Activity: Choose from some of the bonus ideas (such as a crossword puzzle which will be posted on the [website](#)) as the girls come in to the classroom. Work as a team or individually according to the ages of your girls. Choose one geared toward your age group or design your own opening activity after you read through this material. Remember to check your specific club Sponsor Guide for ideas as well if you want more help.

Lesson Focus: To challenge each girl to understand that God is calling us to be champions of justice.

Decorating: Check out the “Celebrate the Day” decor ideas for GM Day.

Adapting to Age: Because of the wide span of ages in Girls’ Ministries, giving you one lesson for several clubs wouldn’t make much sense. Instead, in this section you will find several ideas and a lot of information that you can choose from and adapt according to the club you teach. You know your girls better than anyone else, so customize the lesson to fit their abilities to understand and grasp the concepts. Your youngest girls (and boys), for example, can relate to the stories of superheroes. GM Director Irvina Parker has written two short devotionals—one geared for kids and the other one for teens. Read the material, then choose the best method for presenting it to your group.

Lesson–Superhero: A Champion of Justice: Use the various articles and devotions printed in this booklet and determine the best way to use it. Isaiah:17 declares: “Learn to do good; commit yourselves to seeking justice. Make right for the world’s most vulnerable—the oppressed, the orphaned, the widow” (VOICE).

- Talk with the girls about what that really means. God wants nothing but the best for us, and He wants to use those who are older than us (and even the ones younger than us) to love us and instruct us. Talk about some of the great men and women throughout the Bible who stood up as champions for injustice and accomplished a lot of great things. Many of your sponsor guides will have units on some of these people. Here are some suggestions about justice for discussion time:
 - Batman and Robin were referred to as the Dynamic Duo and worked together as superheroes. The chart on the following page lists three sets of God’s dynamic duos. Discuss these with your girls and then talk about the last two
 - The IPHC Scripture theme for justice is Micah 6:8: “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
- Let Psalm 43:3 be your prayer: “O my God, shine Your light and truth to help me see clearly.”
- Psalm 106:3 pronounces a blessing over those who key in on justice: “Blessed are those who work for justice, who always do what they know to be right!”

- Before you try to go out and save the world, remember that you must first develop a personal, private time for daily prayer time, Bible reading, and spending one-on-one-time in the presence of your Lord and Savior.

Resources: There are good resources in some of the Sponsor Guides. Look for units that enhance the ideas that were discussed in the various articles such as a unit on Ruth or Esther. Be sure to check the GM website (www.iphc.org/discipleship/girls/gmweek) to download other helps that might be designated for your club meeting with the girls. Look for “Bonus Ideas.”

Activity: Play the *Superhero Memory Game* which will be provided as a bonus idea on the website. The document will have two pages: 1) a page with pictures to represent the generations alive today or other related ideas; and 2) a page with info to match the pictures. For the youngest children, simply print page 1 and cut the boxes to use as flash cards. For the slightly older classes, print page 1 twice and let them match the pictures, Memory game style. For older girls, print both pages and match picture to reference. Also look for the crossword puzzle and other classroom tools in the “Superhero Worksheets” document on the [Bonus Ideas](#) page.

Craft Idea: [Click here](#) to check out our Pinterest boards with lots of ideas for IPHC Girls’ Ministries. Make simple gifts to take to your senior adults. Some of those might be unable to attend as regularly as they would like or they might be in a nursing home. Either way, they are a valuable resource for wisdom, and chances are, they need to feel as though they are valued.

Snack Time: You can use your imagination to create some fun snacks. Don’t forget to check the age-level Sponsor Guides and [this Pinterest link](#) for some creative snack ideas.

Challenge & Prayer Time: It is no mistake that you are alive today and that God has a specific purpose for your life. Ephesians 2:10 is clear: “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Other scriptures clearly call us to action with specific guidelines such as seeking justice for the world’s vulnerable.

Dynamic Duo	Scripture	Food for Thought
Moses & Joshua	Deut. 31:108; 34:9	God chose Moses to lead the children of Israel out of bondage. Joshua was called to serve Moses and later took over as the leader who led the Israelites into the Promised Land.
Elijah & Elisha	1 Kings 19:16-21 2 Kings 2:1-16; 3:11	The calling of God was clearly upon Elijah as His prophet. God also called Elisha and Elijah took on the role of mentor and affirmed his ministry. Elisha was a willing vessel and received all that God had to offer through Elijah.
Paul & Timothy	Acts 16:1-3 1 Tim. 1:2; 4:12-15 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15	Paul chooses Timothy to come alongside him in ministry. Throughout the New Testament, we find references to his mentor relationship to Timothy. We also learn that Timothy has a great family heritage and learned the things of God through a mother and grandmother who were strong in the faith.
The Titus 2 Model	Titus 2:2	Girls’ Ministries was born when women of the IPHC took this Scripture to heart. It is a great example of inter-generational mentoring. A key understanding is that mentoring is about developing a relationship that is conducive to learning.
You & _____		Who has God placed in your life to this point as a mentor? Which generation do they represent and how have you learned from them? How do you see yourself doing the same for the girls in your class?



Scripture Focus: “I praise You, Father—Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed Your truths to the lowly and the ignorant, the children and the crippled, the lame and the mute. You have hidden wisdom from those who pride themselves on being so wise and learned” Matthew 11:25 (VOICE).

Purpose: Plan a sleepover to wrap-up the week and kick off the new school year!

GM Week Wrap-up: As you come to the end of a great Girls’ Ministries Week, set aside a special time to review the discussion throughout the week about our call to be champions of justice. Whether you spend an evening together or have a sleep over, it is important to provide a time for your girls to meet together outside of the classroom. Let them invite their friends if possible. (Use the ideas suggested in the “Planning Your GM Week” section.)

Homework Challenge: Do a little research about the benevolent institutions that are operated by the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. They are hard at work seeking justice for those who cannot do it for themselves. Think Falcon Children’s Home, Turbeville Home, the Royal Home and the adoption agency, and the Children’s Center in Bethany that gives care to children who are either disabled or have life-changing illnesses. Create a unique mask for each one and let the girls guess which one goes with which ministry.

Unmasking the Truth Devotion: Have several different colors and styles (or pictures) of masks lying around the room. What is the purpose of a mask? **Wikipedia** says: “A mask is an object normally worn on the face, typically for protection, disguise, performance, or entertainment. Masks have been used for centuries for both ceremonial and practical purposes, as well as in the performing arts and for entertainment.” The oldest known mask is about 9,000 years old. Superheroes use masks most often to hide their identity. Hiding from the truth is rarely a good thing. Masks are sometimes used to frighten people as well. The Bible is clear about being truthful. In fact, John 8:32 tells us that when we know the truth, “the truth will set you free!” Psalm 15:2 says it this way: “Here is the answer: The one who lives with integrity, does what is right, and speaks honestly with truth from the heart.” Ask the girls if they know what the question might have been. Go back and read verse one to get the question: “Who is invited to stay in Your dwelling? Who is granted passage to Your holy mountain?” When we respond as God’s Superhero, there is no need to hide behind a mask. In fact, we need to boldly call upon the name of the Lord if we want to wash away the injustice.

Other Activity Suggestions:

1. **Play Truth or Dare or Never Have I Ever...** Check out your sponsors guides for other ideas on games and activities.
2. **Do some type of Superhero craft for the girls to have as a keepsake of the week.** Check out www.orientaltrading.com and type in “superhero crafts” for a selection of ideas. They have masks that you can make, posters to buy for your rooms, and lots of other inexpensive ideas.

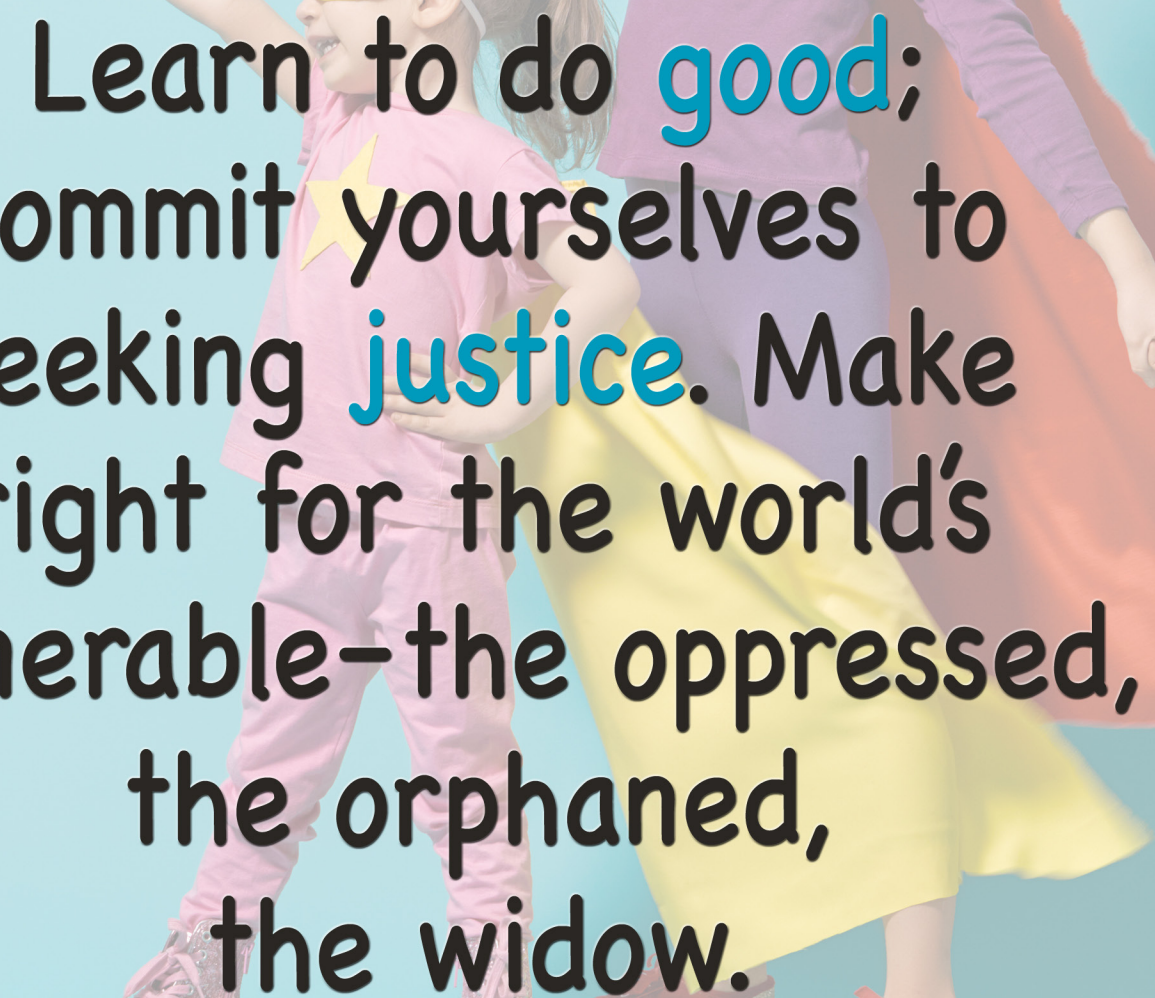


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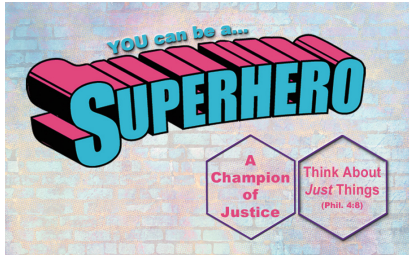
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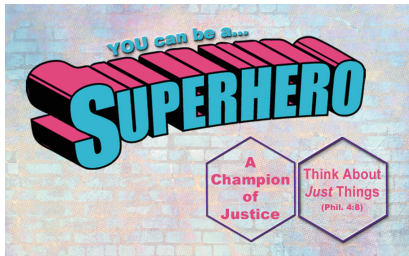
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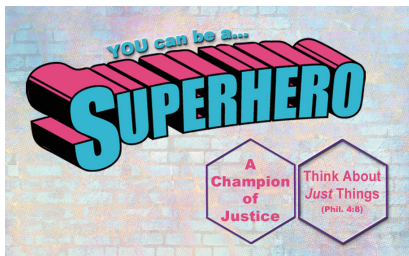
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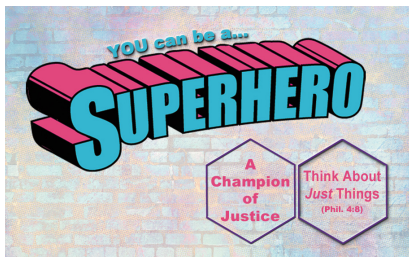
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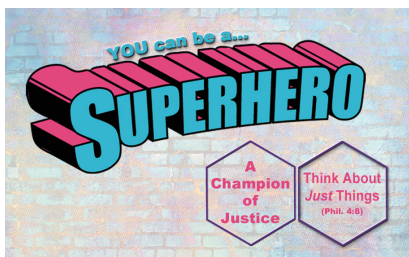
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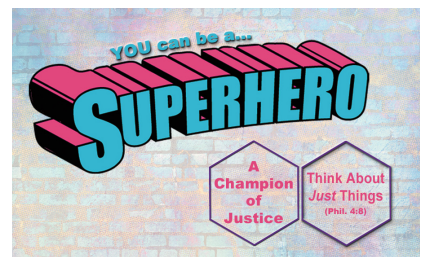
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Resources on Valuing Justice



Place of Hope. People of Promise.

The IPHC has created several promotional pieces to use during this year's emphasis on Justice—our sixth core value. We highly recommend that you check out some of these resources for your own personal use and then determine what you can use with the girls over the next year. The visual below shows you the items that are available to date at <https://iphc.org/corevalues/justice/>. There are several videos available to date, as well as numerous book recommendations and articles to read.

“As a church,” the website points out, “we are called to corporately and individually see justice established. We intercede for those who have no voice. We stand with the poor, the weak and the oppressed. We will not be silent in the face of injustice. We will be a Place of Hope.”

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- We prayerfully value **Scripture**
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- We prayerfully value **Holiness**
- We prayerfully value **Christ's Kingdom**
- We prayerfully value **All Generations**
- We prayerfully value **Justice**
- We prayerfully value **Generosity**

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3. A Voice to the Church – Justice in the New Testament
4. A Voice for Today – Our Responsibility

On this web page, you will also find a list of recommended books on the subject of justice if you would like to do more research. Older articles as well as going new articles are listed there as well.

While this core value of Justice as a denominational-wide emphasis will end when the calendar year ends, our *Superhero* theme will continue throughout the 2019-20 school year.