

Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

"Super Heroes - My Hero, My Dad"

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Character List:	Sunday Morning First Service	Sunday Morning Second Service	Sunday Morning Third Service	Sunday Evening Service
Worship Leader				
Teacher				
Matthew				
Brady				
Hannah				
Charlene				
Girl #1				
Boy #1				
Boy #2				
Felicia (puppet)				
Dad (puppet)				

Prop List:

Puppet Stage	Student back packs - one for each	Paper in Matthew's back pack
Basketball		

SFX / Music List:

Ride Of Your Life	BG: sneaky	SFX: school bell SI 6044 69 1
Spirit Of The Living God	BG: Conscience (Foster)	SFX: 'Dragnet' theme
Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus	BG: hushed tension slow SI CDM01 08	
	BG: antagonist CDM02 28	
	BG: The Ballet (Foster)	
	BG: Morning To Morning (Foster)	
	BG: Hummingbird (George Winston)	

CUE OPENING SONG: Ride Of Your Life

WORSHIP LEADER: Yes, we are still talking about super heroes. I remember watching Mighty Mouse and thinking, “Wow! What an incredible mouse. And he’s so small but, he’s so strong and powerful! I guess that’s why they called him, ‘Mighty Mouse!’” Of course, Mighty Mouse was just a Saturday morning cartoon, but he was a hero to me! Who is your hero? Let’s watch as one boy learns a lot about heroes!

Scene One - Stealing the paper.

TEACHER: Now, class, I want everyone to finish writing the paper by tomorrow. Remember, the paper is called “My hero is...,” you fill in the blank and give me a few strong paragraphs.

CUE SFX: school bell

TEACHER: Class dismissed!

Girl #1, Hannah and Charlene gather in a group and chat about going shopping at Kohls on Saturday.

TEACHER: Matthew W., come see me, please.

Boy #1 & Boy #2 pantomime talking about “hero paper.”

MATTHEW: Yes, Mrs. Coleman! (Jumps up and then walks over to teacher and they pantomime talking about past homework)

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: sneaky

BRADY: Hey, girls?

HANNAH: (Annoyed) What is it, Brady?

CHARLENE: Who are you picking on today, Brady?

BRADY: I heard Matthew tell you he finished his paper, I’m gonna steal it and give him a heart attack tomorrow when he can’t find it! (Sneaks over to his back pack and takes out a binder and pulls out the paper.)

HANNAH: (Goes over to him) Brady, just because he’s new doesn’t mean you should treat him like that! Get to know him first!

BRADY: (Folding up Matthew’s paper) Oh, I can’t wait to read this as my own paper tomorrow. Won’t he just flip out! (Exit stage right)

HANNAH: Come on, Brady, let’s give him a chance.

BRADY: Why should I? He looks like another smarty-pants kid who thinks he can ace every test and show us up. (Puts paper in his pocket) Later girls!

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

CHARLENE: (To Girl #1 & Hannah) Why does he have to be so mean to all the new kids. I hope he grows up someday!

HANNAH: My mom says he doesn't have a dad, and his mom works all the time. So there's nobody to really help him learn to grown up. No role model!

CHARLENE: Come on. My mom will take us to the mall and we'll get some ice cream! (Exit stage left)

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Conscience snip (Foster)

FELICIA: (Up from puppet stage) Wow, I saw Brady steal Matthew's paper. Kids, should I tell Matthew?

KIDS: Yes!

FELICIA: I don't know, I gotta pray about it first. Ever since I moved here, Brady's been really mean to me. He calls me, "pumpkin head," 'cuz I have red hair. But I like having red hair, it's just that now nobody wants to be a friend to a "pumpkin head," so, he might give me a worse name if I tell Matthew the truth about his paper!

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

TEACHER: (To Matthew) If you make up the math test, you'll be caught up.

MATTHEW: Thanks, Mrs. Coleman. See you tomorrow. (Exit towards puppet stage left)

FELICIA: Hey, Matthew?

MATTHEW: Um, is your last name, "Pumpkinhead?"

FELICIA: (Giggles) Ha-ha, no, that's just the name Brady gave me, my name is Felicia. I'm new here, too. Listen, I want to tell you something. (To the audience) Should I tell him?

KIDS: Yes!

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: hushed tension, slow

MATTHEW: What is it?

FELICIA: It's Brady, he went into your backpack and stole your "hero" paper.

MATTHEW: What? Why?

FELICIA: I'm really not sure why Brady does what he does. But, what are you gonna do?

MATTHEW: I'm going home to talk to my dad. He'll help me to know what to do.

FELICIA: I think Brady's supposed to be here after dinner for basket ball practice. So if you want to "talk" to him...

MATTHEW: Thanks! (Runs off exits stage left)

SLOWLY FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

FELICIA: I think there might be a fight. And it'll be all my fault! Ughhh! (Exits down)

Scene Two - Brady reads the letter.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: antagonist intro

BRADY: (Enters from stage right, alone, walking around) Too bad my mom has to work so late. I wish she was home so I could talk to somebody. Hmmm, I know, I'll sit here and read Matthew's, I mean, "my" paper! (Sits on basket ball or rock / KPC box w/ styro rock in front) Let's see. (Opening folded letter from pocket) "My hero is... (Reading) ...My Dad." Oh, wow, Matthew couldn't come up with anybody famous and talented, no, he could only come up with, his dad! Gee, what a loser! Let's see. (Begins to read) I know there are many famous people in the world, even brilliant and talented people who could be considered a hero, but I picked someone I've known all my life. My dad is my hero because he served in the Marines. He fought to keep us free and to bring freedom to others. My dad serves his family as a husband and father. When my mom was very ill, he constantly took care of her needs and mine, too. Plus he kept the house neat; And he cooked and did all the dishes. Everyday, he works hard to pay the bills and to make sure we have a roof over our head. He is a faithful servant. (Stops reading and looks at audience) This can't be real, it's so mushy, like a girlie movie! Yeah, mushy. (But he looks down and freezes during the dad and Matthew scene)

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

Scene Three - Dad and Matthew

Dad is up in puppet stage listening to son, Matthew, who is standing stage right of puppet stage.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: The Ballet (Foster)

DAD: Listen son, I think you did the right thing coming to talk to me. What do you think you should do?

MATTHEW: Well, Jesus says to love my enemies; But I don't want to get a bad grade. Maybe I should tell Mrs. Coleman, but I'm hoping Brady will realize he should give it back.

DAD: Let's pray, son, and then, I have a suggestion for you - something you can try!

Both bow head to pray - freeze.

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: Dad explains that Matthew is right to love his enemies; And he also says that Brady needs to wake up to his sin. Dad suggests that Matthew should let the Holy Spirit wake Brady up! How? By heaping hot coals of kindness on Brady's head! Watch and see! Oh, there's Brady. He's still reading! Listen!

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Morning To Morning (Foster)

BRADY : (Reading) But most of all, my dad told me that he is just a man. A man can fail himself and others at times. So, dad always points me to his own hero: The one true, perfect hero of all time, the servant king who died for our sins and the sins of the world. The one who rose from the dead as the king of kings! He points to Jesus - the hero of heaven and earth. (Touched) Oh, man, I don't know if I can read this. This is...

FELICIA: (Pops up, interrupting) Too hurtful? Does it make you cry?

BRADY: Why would it make me cry? I think it's, it's, a joke...

FELICIA: (interrupting) You wish you had a dad like that...

STOP BACKGROUND MUSIC

BRADY: (Lowers his head, angry) You, you... (Looks up and sees Matthew and all the boys and girls from class coming towards him. Shocked, he points to Matthew) You!? (He quickly hides the paper behind his back)

CUE SFX: 'Dragnet' theme

MATTHEW: Hey, Brady!

HANNAH: What's up, Brady?

BRADY: I've gotta go to basketball practice. So make it quick, what do you want?

MATTHEW: Well, two things: First of all, I just found out that "pumpkinhead" is not (Points at Felicia) her last name...

HANNAH: (Interrupting) That's right! Her name is "Felicia," right, Felicia?

FELICIA: That's right, Hannah!

BRADY: Okay, her name is Felicia! (Yells over to her) I thought you liked being called "pumpkin head," but if you want, I'll call you Felicia!

HANNAH: I think that would be a nice thing to do, Brady, thanks!

BRADY: No problem. Now, I gotta go! (Begins to walk from stage right to left)

MATTHEW: Wait a minute, I said I had two things...

CUE SFX: first half of 'Dragnet' theme

BRADY: Oh, really? What else, big guy?

MATTHEW: (Goes up to him privately and talks softly) Hey, I was wondering if you'd like to go camping and fishing with my dad and me over summer vacation. That's coming up soon. My dad said to invite you, and he already called your mom about it. I guess he fixed her plumbing the other day.

BRADY: He did? I didn't even know she had a problem with it, but that's my mom. She never complains, um, did you mean it, about the fishing?

MATTHEW: Yup. Think about it. See you tomorrow at school. (Matthew and all the kids exit stage left.)

Brady takes the paper out and unfolds it and looks at it again.
Folds it up puts in his pocket and walks stage left alone slowly.

CUE SONG: Spirit Of The Living God (a cappella)

Scene Four - Answered prayer.

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: Hummingbird (Winston)

WORSHIP LEADER: The next morning, Brady came to school with a different attitude. Something happened last night. Someone spoke to him as he was trying to go to sleep. Kids, do you know who it was?

KIDS: God, the Holy Spirit?

WORSHIP LEADER: That's right, it was God the Holy Spirit! Let's watch and see what happens next!

BRADY: (With a spring in his step, enters from stage left) Oh, hi, Felicia!

FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

FELICIA: (Shocked and nervously thrown off) Who? What? Me? Oh, hello, Brady? You said, my name!

CUE SFX: school bell

TEACHER: Good morning, class, let's get right into the essays, ah, Matthew? Let's get off to a good start and have you go first!

CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC: The Ballet (Foster)

BRADY: Um, Mrs. Coleman, I'd like to go first if that's okay with you.

TEACHER: Brady? Did you do one this time? How, unusual!

BRADY: (Comes up to front) Yes, but first, I need to return... (Takes folded paper out of his pocket) ...something I...

MATTHEW: (Jumps up, interrupting) ...borrowed, from me.

TEACHER: (Baffled) Matthew?

MATTHEW: He wanted to get a feel for how to write a hero paper, so he read mine. Thanks for bringing it back, Brady - just in time!

BRADY: (A little surprised but glad) Ahh, sure!

TEACHER: Well, Brady, let's hear about your hero.

BRADY: (Reads paper, very nervous, but gets more confident as he goes) My hero is... (Looks at Matthew and kids) ...my mom. When I thought about a hero, I couldn't help but dream of Shaq, Michael Jordan, Kobe and all the great basketball players of the past. I've always wanted to be a famous basketball star. But thinking about what a true hero is, made me realize that working hard to serve your family is all the hero I want to be. My dad isn't with my mom and me. She's the one I look to for help and for direction. She always tells me to put my trust in God. She's right. So, my hero is the one who bought me my basketball uniform and my first basketball, but even more important, she's the one who is always in the stands when I play. Win or lose...she's there with a hug for me. Now, that's the kind of hero I want to be.

All is quiet for a second, then Matthew begins to clap.

ALL GIRLS AND BOYS: (Cheer and clap) Yea! Brady! (Clap, clap clap)

TEACHER: Brady, that was incredible. I hope you'll read that on parent/teacher night this Friday. And make sure your mom is there.

BRADY: (Happy) You can count on it!

ALL GIRLS AND BOYS: (Cheer and clap) Yea! Brady!

QUICKLY FADE BACKGROUND MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADER: Who is your hero? Who do you look to for help and for protection and direction? Maybe it's your dad or mom—or maybe it's your grandpa or grandma! But, listen, I know someone who will be your perfect hero always. He will never leave you or forsake you and He has opened heaven's door for you and me! His name is...?

KIDS: Jesus!

WORSHIP LEADER: What a savior! Repeat after me:

For God so loved the world
That he gave his one and only son
That whoever believes in him
Shall not perish but have eternal life
John 3 verse 16

WORSHIP LEADER: Let's pray

Father in heaven,
You sent a perfect hero
To save the world
You sent Jesus.
Thank you!
In Jesus' name I pray
And everyone said, "So be it!"

CLOSING SONGS: Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus, Ride Of Your Life

