

We can be Superheroes too!

Author's note:

This is aimed at 7-10 year-olds and the intention is to try and get the children as involved as possible.

See this script as a guide. Feel free to adapt, change and amend this script for your specific context – you know the children you're working with best.

Finally, have fun with it!

Script

Alex and Chris are best friends and they enter the stage together. They've just been watching the latest superhero film at the cinema.

Alex: Wow! That was SO good!

Chris: I know! I love going to the cinema.

Alex: Me too! Superhero films are my absolute favourite.

Chris: Definitely! There are just so many awesome superheroes and horrible baddies and–

Alex: Don't forget the awesome battles.

Chris: I love Iron Man best because he has that flying suit.

Alex: I like Thor because he has a HUGE hammer. *(To audience)* Hey, do you guys like superheroes? *(repeat question if they're a bit quiet)* Oh you do! What's your favourite superhero? *(pick several children to answer and ask them why – what can they do? What do you like about them?)*

Chris: *(To audience)* They're all amazing superheroes, thanks for telling us your favourites.

Alex: Yes, some excellent choices! So Chris, what are you doing at the weekend? Anything fun planned?

Chris: Actually I'm getting ready to start my new school on Monday.

Alex: Oh great, that's exciting!

Chris: Yeah I guess so. But what if no one likes me? What if I don't make any friends?

Alex: Yeah, starting a new school can be really hard.

Chris: I just feel a bit... scared.

Alex: You know what, I know a superhero story that I think might help!

Superhero Story

For the Superhero Story you will need the following:

Captain Hurricane – one volunteer

Doctor Despair – one volunteer

Civilians – three volunteers (or more if others put their hands up)

The idea is that when the name of the character is in **bold** you get the volunteer to do say their phrase but otherwise you don't.

Alex: (To audience) Right, we need your help. Do you think you can help us? Great! Okay, I need a volunteer to be our superhero, **Captain Hurricane**. (volunteer is selected and comes to front. Get audience give round of applause as each person comes forward) Brilliant, now I need someone who is really good at doing an evil laugh and wants to be our villain (volunteer is selected and comes to front). Finally, I need a few people to come and be our civilians (several volunteers are selected and come to front).

Get Doctor Despair to stand on one side of the stage, Civilians on the other and Captain Hurricane in the middle. Chris joins in with the Civilians and generally helps with the phrases/actions.

Alex: Before we start we just need a practise. **Doctor Despair**, whenever I say your name I need you to do your most dastardly evil villain-laugh, like this (demonstrate: Mwahahahaa) Do you think you think you can do that? Great!

Captain Hurricane, when I say your name I need you to say, 'I'm a superhero! You're going down, Doctor Despair!' Can you do that? Excellent!

Civilians, you are all afraid of Doctor Despair, so when I say **The Civilians were scared**, you are going to say 'Oh no, we're a bit scared!'. Can you do that for me? Very good!

You could also add an action for each character e.g. spinning around for Captain Hurricane, rubbing hands gleefully for Doctor Despair, hands on sides of face for Civilians.

Alex now tells the story, emphasising character names in **bold** and reminding them to say their phrase/action. Judge the crowd but you can also get the audience to cheer or boo for the hero or villain.

One day, there were some lovely people just going about their daily business. When suddenly, who should appear but the dastardly villain, **Doctor Despair!** And the **Civilians were scared**.

But thankfully, help wasn't far away. Because who should come and save them but the great superhero, **Captain Hurricane!**

So the people were saved! But before he/she left Doctor Despair said, 'You won't always be able to protect them, Captain Hurricane!' And with that he/she left.

'How can I protect all my friends?' thought Captain Hurricane. But then, he/she had an idea. 'What if I can remind them that they're all superheroes too? Then they will be able to stand up to Doctor Despair.' So that's exactly what he/she did.

The next day the people were going about their daily business again when who should appear but the dastardly villain, **Doctor Despair!** And the **Civilians were scared.**

But then the Civilians remembered that Captain Hurricane had told them that *they* were all superheroes too! So they said all together; **Civilians**, repeat after me, '**We're all superheroes too! You're going down, Doctor Despair!**'

And Doctor Despair was defeated and never bothered the people ever again. All because Captain Hurricane had reminded them that they were superheroes too! Well done everyone, give our volunteers a big round of applause.

Chris: Ohhh I get it. I'm a superhero, just like all the civilians and that means I don't have to be afraid of starting my new school. But I don't have Captain Hurricane to help me.

Alex: Well that's where Jesus comes in. You see, he's a bit like a superhero and he says that he will help you to do things that are really hard. Like starting a new school.

Chris: That's really cool! How do I do that?

Alex: You just ask him. Shall we ask him together? *(They pray)* Jesus, please help Chris on Monday when he starts his new school. And remind him that he doesn't need to be afraid because he is a superhero and you are with him. Amen.

Chris: Amen. Thanks Alex and thanks for your help everyone!

Alex: We'd better get off home. See you soon!

They exit.