



CityHill
Kids

DISCOVER YOUR SUPERPOWER

Gifted resource pack (Age 8+)

DISCOVER YOUR SUPERPOWER

Week 1



"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." - Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

What is this series about?

The next 6 weeks will focus on the 7 "superpowers" that Paul talks about in this verse. These are 7 ways that God gifts His people to be able to serve Him and each other SUPERnaturally!

What are these "superpowers"

There are 7 gifts:

- prophecy
- service
- mercy (kindness)
- teaching
- encouragement
- generosity
- leadership.

Most people are strong in one or two gifts especially - so we might say, "She is a prophet!" or "He is such a great teacher!"

BUT God gave all of the gifts to all of His people, and at times, each of us will prophesy, serve, teach, encourage, be kind to and lead others in the church and outside it.

What should I do each week?



Watch that week's video!
It's on Youtube (CityHill Kids Ministry) and the church website
(www.cityhillchurch.co.za)



See superpowers in action!
Each week comes with the story of someone in the Bible who demonstrated that gift. Fill in the blanks as you learn more about the gift.



Practice your superpower!
We have given you some activities for each gift to do at home - we pray you will discover how God has gifted you!



Build your super suit!
Each week comes with a craft activity to make a piece of your superhero's outfit

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Let's get started!

1 Corinthians 12:27 says that we are all part of the "Body of Christ," and each have a specific part to play. Every gift is important, and God cares for every person!

Who is part of your church's "body"?
List as many people as you can, from
pastors and worship leaders to the
friends you see on a Sunday!

What happens in your church? List all
the things you can think of that
happen on a Sunday and during the
week.



**God has a special role and a special gift for you! You are a part of His body,
and we pray that over these 6 weeks, you will start to discover the incredible
ways that God has gifted you.**

SUPERSUIT: FLYING SUPERHEROES



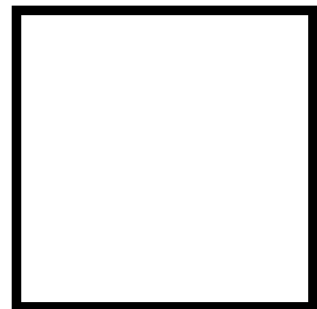
What you will need:

- The superheroes on this page
- The straw from the pouch at the front of the booklet
- Scissors
- Cellotape



Instructions:

- Cut out any of the superheroes from this page
- Cut out the square of paper on the right
- Wrap the square of paper around the top of the straw (not too tight) and secure it with cellotape. Leave about a quarter of the length of the square sticking off the top of the straw
- Fold the quarter over on one side and tape it to the paper cylinder you made
- Use some more cellotape to stick your superhero onto the paper cylinder
- Blow your superhero off the end of the straw to make them fly!



PROPHECY

Week 2



"So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you." Romans 12:6 (NLT)

What is it?

Prophecy is when God gives someone a message from Him to share with a person or a group of people. It is speaking God's words to His people.

What is it for?

Usually, prophecy is for strengthening, encouraging and comforting God's people and His church. It's about highlighting truths from God's word and helping people understand the way God looks at things and what is important to Him.

Superpower in action

John the Baptizer. Find him in Matthew 3, Mark 1 and Luke 3, and fill in the missing words below:

John was quite an interesting character! Matthew and Mark tell us that he wore clothes made of _____, and lived in the desert eating _____ and _____. John had a message from _____ - that His son, _____, was coming and the people needed to repent and be _____. Many people were baptized by John in the _____ river. Luke 3 shows us how different groups of people – tax collectors, soldiers, and ordinary people – asked John what the news about Jesus meant for them and what they should do, and John explained to them what God's will was for each group of people who was asking. He communicated God's will for the people – that they should stop sinning and follow Jesus, and he helped people understand how they could follow Jesus in their everyday lives.

Who do you know?

Can you think of someone you know who has this special gift? Write their name here!

Pray a special prayer thanking God for the way this person's gift helps the church.

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Here are some things you can do to practice this prophetic gift! Choose one, two, or all three!



A picture of love

God often speaks to us using pictures in our mind's eye. Ask God to give you a picture or an animal to describe how He feels about someone you know. Comfort and encourage the person by sharing with them the picture that God gave you, and the wonderful things that God shows you about them using that picture. It's a good idea to ask the person for feedback about how they felt about the picture – that can help us know if we have heard from God clearly.



How am I dressed?

Use the blank piece of paper on the next page to draw an outline of yourself. Ask God how He sees you dressed. As God begins to answer and you start to draw pieces of clothing, ask Him more questions like: "Why am I wearing that?" "Is that how You see me?" "What is on my head?" "What would you like to put in my hands?" Let God show you what He sees about you and your purpose.



A winner for...

Pull out the yellow cardboard with medal shapes on it - you can find it in the pouch at the front of this booklet. These medals symbolise that each of us has our own race to run – our own God-given purpose. Cut out one medal, punch a hole at the top, and thread a ribbon or string through the hole. Write on it what God says you are the winner for here on earth and in heaven. Then, ask God to show you for another person what purpose He has given them and the race they will win at running. Write it on the other medal and present it to them!

Guidelines for sharing prophetic words and pictures:

- 1) Sometimes God will give you the whole message before sharing, other times only as you start to share will He provide you with more details.
- 2) Ask the Holy Spirit for help. Sometimes we don't understand or aren't meant to share a picture that God gave us – and that's ok! We need to trust Him to guide us.
- 3) Don't say, "This is what God says..." but rather, "I think / feel God is saying that..." All humans sometimes make mistakes, so it's good to be humble when we share.
- 4) Don't worry if your words or pictures are very simple! Trust God, share them, and in His time, He might give you bigger or more complicated messages.

HOW AM I DRESSED?



Use this page to draw your picture of how God sees you dressed

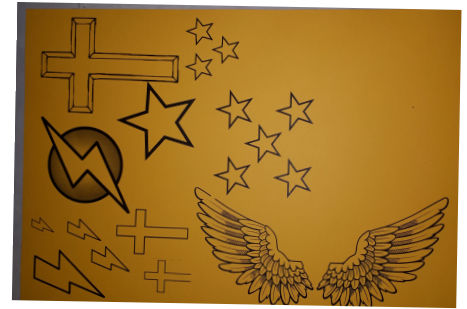
SUPERSUIT: MASK



Every superhero needs a supersuit! For week 2, we will be making a mask. A mask surrounds the eyes, reminding us that the prophetic gift is given by God to allow people to see in the supernatural.

What you will need:

- Mask template (find in the pouch at the front)
- Decoration template (also in the pouch)
- Some ribbon, string or elastic
- A pair of scissors
- Glue
- A hole punch



Instructions:

- Get the mask template from the pouch in the front of this booklet and cut it out.
- The two circles are to mark where the holes should be. Use your punch to make these holes, thread the ribbon and tie it to the one side the mask . Make sure it fits your head before you tie it to the second side!
- Remove the page with all the stars and lightning bolts and choose what you want to use to decorate your mask.
- You can add some decorations from home, cut them out and glue them on.

SERVICE AND MERCY



Week 3

"If your gift is serving others, serve them well... And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." - Romans 12:6-7; 8 (NLT)

What is it?

People with the gift of service can see what needs to be done and do it. They help meet others' needs in physical ways, and often don't ask for recognition.

The gift of mercy is a gift for showing compassion – people strong in this gift want to help people experience God's father heart and how He shepherds His people.

What is it for?

The gift of service is for meeting the needs of God's people in so many ways – from helping out a leader or friend who needs it, to making sure the day-to-day things happen that make the church run.

The gift of mercy brings people together, helping them to experience and understand the love of God through the compassion they show.

Superpower in action

Dorcas - Acts 9:36-41

Peter visited the home of a lady named Dorcas, otherwise known as _____. She demonstrated the gifts of service and mercy - the Bible says that she was continually helping and doing good deeds for others! Peter was called to Tabitha's home because she had _____. He went up to the upper _____, where there were many _____ who were crying and showing him the clothes that Tabitha had made for them. Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, and many believed in God!

This was a lady who was ready to meet the needs of the people around her, always helping and building up the church. She probably lived quietly, but she impacted so many people!

Who do you know?

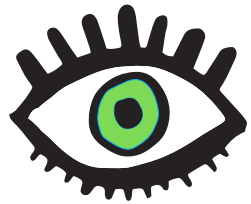
Can you think of someone you know who has this special gift? Write their name here!

Pray a special prayer thanking God for the way this person's gift helps the church.

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Here are some things you can do to practice the gifts of service and mercy. Choose one, two, or all three!



A gift for helping

The gift of service helps us see what could be a help to those around us. Choose one adult in your home, and ask for God's help in thinking of something you could do each day for a week to make their life easier - from making them coffee in the morning to sweeping the kitchen floor each evening. Then, make sure you do that thing each day!



Reach out

Do you know someone who is having a hard time right now? Reach out to them with a text message, voice note or video call (I'm sure there's an adult you know who would let you use their phone!) Remind them that God is there with them and He cares about what they are feeling. Ask them if there's a way you can help - by messaging them often, helping them laugh, or just listening to how they are feeling.



Serving my sibling

An unexpected act of kindness can make someone's day! Choose something you can do to spoil your brother or sister (or mom or dad if you don't have a sibling!) Here are some ideas:

- Make their bed for them
- Help them with or offer to do something that is usually their job
- Put away their toys or clothes
- Play a game with them that they love to play

SUPERSUIT: CUFFS



Every superhero needs a supersuit! For week 3, we will be making some cuffs for your wrists. When we act out the gifts of service and mercy, we are being God's hands and feet on earth.

What you will need:

- Two toilet roll inner
- Symbol stickers (in the pouch at the front of this booklet)
- Scissors
- Paint or coloured paper
- Glitter if you have some and want to use it!



Instructions:

- Get two toilet roll inner and paint them or cover them with paper
- Decorate them using the stickers provided or any other supplies you have
- Use your scissors to slit open the underneath of each toilet roll inner lengthways
- Place them on your wrists

NOTES

Use this page to take notes as you watch the videos



ENCOURAGEMENT AND TEACHING

Week 4



"If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging."
- Romans 12:7-8 (NLT)

What is it?

Encouragers can lift people's spirits and faith, helping them to keep going when things are hard or to take action when they need to.

Teachers can easily understand God's word, and help others understand and get excited about it.

What is it for?

Teaching helps people understand the amazing things in God's word!

Once we understand, the gift of encouragement calls people to do more and better - to step into the plans God has for them and live out what His word says.

Superpower in action

Paul - 2 Timothy 1

Paul (also known as Saul) wrote much of the New _____. He taught people all over the world about Jesus, and encouraged the believers in their faith. One of the men Paul wrote to was a younger man named _____. Paul says that Timothy is like a _____ to him, and he encourages Timothy to stay strong in the faith and keep following _____ in the way that Paul has taught him to. Because of Paul's teaching, believers all over the world were able to understand truths about God and His word, and were encouraged to stay true to the faith. In fact, the _____ that Paul wrote are a huge part of the Bible, teaching and encouraging believers today just as they did when Paul was alive!

Who do you know?

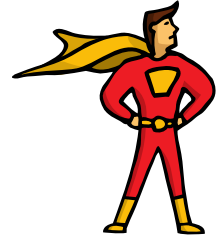
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Pray a special prayer thanking God for the way this person's gift helps the church.

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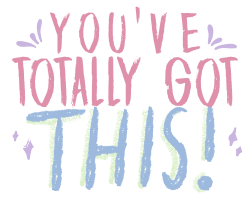


Here are some things you can do to practice and appreciate the gifts of encouragement and teaching. Choose one, two, or all three!



Thank you for teaching me!

Think about someone who has taught you a lot about what it means to be a Christian and to follow Jesus. Use the thank-you card that you can find in the pouch at the front of this booklet (it is shaped like a cape) to make a special card you can give to them as thanks for being a special teacher in your life.



Encouraging everyone who sees

Check with an adult that they are ok with this one! Take some chalk (we've included a piece in the pouch at the front of the booklet) and draw something on your driveway to encourage everyone who comes into your house! Or, you could take a big piece of paper and make a poster to stick in your lounge or kitchen that will encourage everyone in your family. If you'd like, you could ask an adult or older sibling for ideas about what to draw or write.



The treasure in you

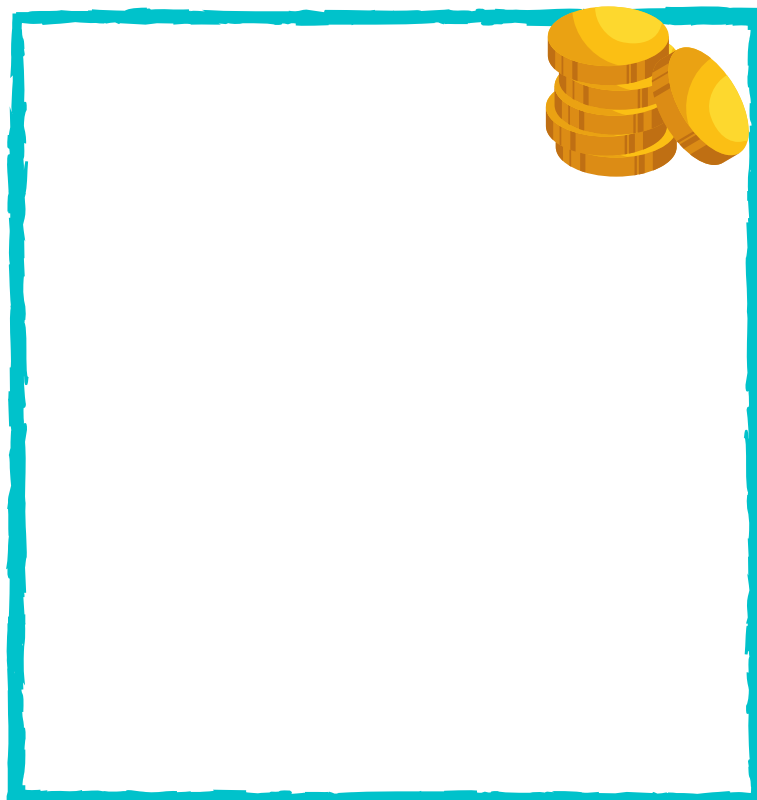
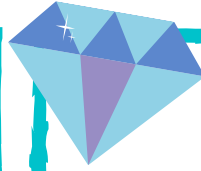
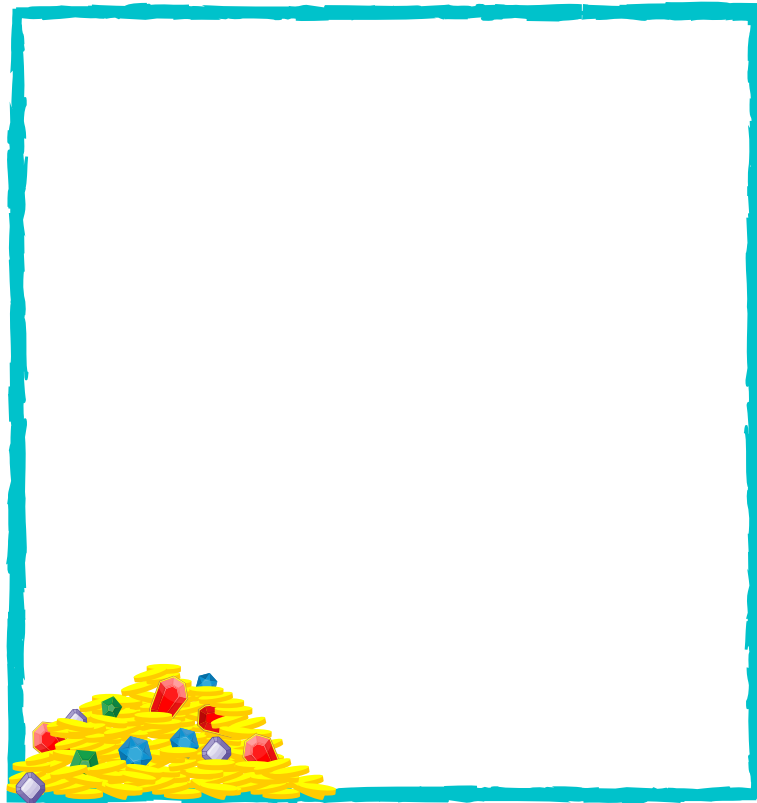
Encouraging someone can mean telling them what you see that is special about them! Use the next page to write down or draw pictures of the things you treasure (and that you know God treasures) about four people in your life - friends, family, or leaders. Then, find a way to share with those people the things that you have seen and appreciated about them. That could mean sending them a voice message, giving them a big hug and telling them in person, or writing them a special note.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND TEACHING



The treasure in you

Use the four blocks on this page to explore the things that are special about four people in your life



SUPERSUIT: CAPE



Every superhero needs a supersuit! For week 4, we are adding a cape. When we empower people with teaching and inspire them by our encouragement, we are giving them wings to fly!

What you will need:

- An old t-shirt (the bigger, the better!)
- A pair of scissors
- A superhero logo - cut one from a different coloured fabric, or make one using paper or cardboard
- Fabric glue (or a stapler will work!)

Instructions:

1. Cut off the sleeves



2. Cut up the side seams of the shirt, stopping when you reach the collar

3. Pull the front and back out so that they lay flat with the collar in the middle



4. Where you have cut along the seams, continue around the front of the collar so that the whole collar is attached to the back of the shirt

5. If you wish, trim any excess bits of fabric off your cape

6. Stick your superhero logo onto the cape. You are ready to fly!



GENEROSITY

Week 5



"If your gift is ... giving, give generously." - Romans 12:7-8 (NLT)

What is it?

God gifts some people to love giving things away! This is called the gift of generosity - when someone gives BIG, gives joyfully, and spends wisely so they have more to give away.

What is it for?

Generosity comes from a grateful heart, and it helps others to understand the extreme generosity of God! God uses this gift to provide for the needy and to bless His children.

Superpower in action

The Shunammite woman -2 Kings 4:8-37

Kings tells about the prophet _____ going to a place called Shunem where a wealthy woman lived. Whenever he came by, he would stop at her house and _____. The woman made a special _____ and put furniture in it so that Elisha could stay there whenever he came! Elisha blessed the woman, telling her she would give birth to a _____. She did, but later on her son died! She went to Elisha, and he came back home with her and raised her son from the _____. This story shows how a wealthy _____ used her resources to generously bless God's prophet, and God blessed her in return - first by giving her a _____, and later by raising her son back to life after he had _____!

Who do you know?

Can you think of someone you know who has this special gift? Write their name here!

Pray a special prayer thanking God for the way this person's gift helps the church.

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Here are some things you can do to practice giving generously. Choose one, two, or all three!



Who can you bless?

If you get pocket money or spending money, think about a friend or a brother or sister you could get a little gift for. Maybe they have a favourite sweet that you could give to them, or they love a particular type of toy. Think about what you know about that person and their preferences, and then plan a gift that will be a blessing to them.



Generous with your time

Sometimes generosity is not about money or things, but just about time. You could give your time generously by volunteering somewhere! Talk to your parents about volunteering at an animal shelter, a baby home, or at your local church. You could spend a few hours, or choose to go regularly to volunteer your time and energy.



Using what you have

Check with an adult in your home before doing this one, just to make sure they are fine with it! Choose an area of your home to find what you can give to someone in need. Either:

- Go through your cupboard and see if there are clothes you have outgrown or no longer wear that are in good condition. Think of a person or organisation who might appreciate them. You could probably ask an adult to help you come up with some ideas! Or
- Go through your toys or games to see which ones you don't really play with. Work with an adult to get them to someone who might love them! Or
- Go through your pantry and see what cans of food are there that your family aren't using. Ask an adult to help you give them to a family or organisation in need. Maybe you could even add some groceries to your family's next shopping trip!

SUPERSUIT: SUPER SHOOTER



Every superhero needs a supersuit! For week 5, we are making a super shooter so we can shoot our generosity out to all those near and far!

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- A paper cup or toilet roll inner
- A balloon (in the front pocket of this book)
- A pair of scissors
- Pom-poms (in the front pocket of this book)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Cut the bottom off your paper cup or use a toilet roll inner
- Tie a knot on the open end of the balloon
- Cut a little off the bottom of the balloon
- Stretch the cut edge of the balloon over the one side of your toilet roll inner or the bottom of your cup
- Decorate your shooter
- Place a pom-pom in and shoot away!

GENEROSITY



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LEADERSHIP

Week 6



"If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously." - Romans 12:8 (NLT)

What is it?

The gift of leadership is a God-given ability to unite, motivate and direct people to accomplish God's purposes.

What is it for?

Leaders help people and groups to get from where they are to where they could be. They help people see God's picture for their future, and then work to get there.

Superpower in action

Joshua - Exodus 17, Numbers 13&14; The book of Joshua

Joshua was the leader who followed _____. He was the one who led the Israelites into the land of _____, the Promised Land, after Moses had died. In Joshua 24, he summons the leaders of the tribes and reminds them of all God has done for them. He has led them out of Egypt and given them the _____ Land, and has been with them and protected them, giving them victory. Joshua tells the Israelites that they must choose the gods they want to serve - the false gods that their ancestors worshipped in _____, or Yahweh, the one true God. The Israelites swear to follow _____, and Joshua warns them to put aside their false gods so that they can follow God truly. As long as _____ and the elderly men who had been alive with him lived, Israel followed God.

Who do you know?

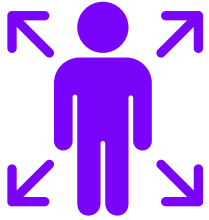
Can you think of someone you know who has this special gift? Write their name here!

Pray a special prayer thanking God for the way this person's gift helps the church.

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Here are some things you can do to celebrate the gift of leadership. Choose one, two, or all three!



Influence map

Whenever we influence someone, we are leading them in some way. Whenever we are influenced by someone, they are leading us. Fill in the next page to look at who influences you, and who you are influencing each day. Maybe you will notice that you're leading in ways you didn't even know about! Take a moment to say a prayer of thanks for those leaders who influence your life, as well as for the opportunity to influence others. Pray that God will use your influence for His glory.



Leading yourself first

The best leaders know how to lead themselves - which means making sure that their words and actions are building the kind of life they want to live! What can you do this week to lead yourself well? Choose a goal, whether it's making your bed each day, limiting your junk food, or using kind words with your siblings.



Owning what's mine

Great leaders are there to serve others, wherever they go. That starts at home, with the things that need to happen every day. Do you have specific jobs to do at home that serve your family? Do them with a glad heart! If you don't have any chores or tasks that are yours to do, find a time to chat with the adults in your home and find out what task(s) you can take on and make your own.

LEADERSHIP



Who influences me

Think about four people who you respect, who can change the way you think or act. What do they stand for? What is it about them that makes you look up to that person?

Myself

What do you stand for? What influences your decisions? When others see you, what do you think would stand out to them?

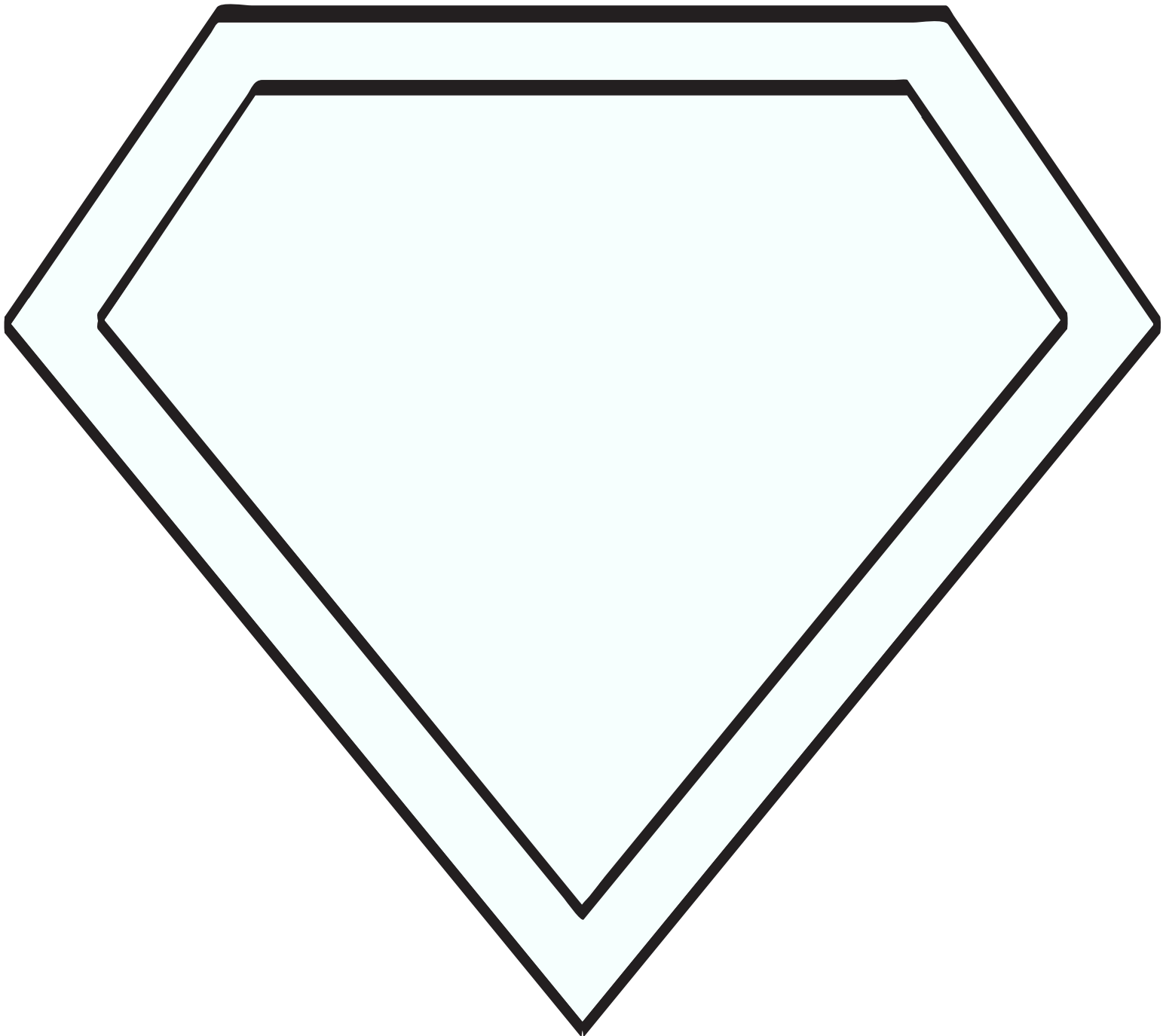
Who do I influence?

This could be friends, siblings, or people you lead somewhere like a sports team. What does your influence in each of their lives look like?

SUPERSUIT: THE SUPER LOGO



Every superhero needs a supersuit! The logo represents who that superhero is - their character. It's a rallying point, uniting people, and it's a symbol to stand for. We have given you a shield so that you can make your very own superhero logo, representing the things you stand for. Think about colours, pictures and shapes that represent you.



What is your superpower?

Your superpower is the special gift God has placed in you to allow you to take a special role in His family and His Kingdom. This 6-week series delves into the 7 grace gifts of prophecy, service, mercy (kindness), teaching, encouragement, generosity and leadership.

What's involved?

1. Church-wide series

This is the resource pack for children aged 8 to 12. Separate resource packs may be obtained for adults (title: Gifted) and for children aged 7 and younger. We encourage you to make this a family experience!

2. Sunday videos

Each Sunday, you can find videos that take a close look into specific gifts.

Access them on www.cityhillchurch.co.za, or on YouTube by searching for CityHill Kids Ministry.

3. Mid-week activities

This booklet contains suggestions of activities to do at home during the week, with the intention of discovering, growing and celebrating God-given gifts.

4. Resource page

When you access the Sunday videos, you will find a link to a PDF with some easy, simple ideas of games, crafts, and things to talk about at home in line with that week's message. Check them out each week and enjoy having church at home!