

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Spiritual Warfare” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for November 6, 2016. The lesson is found on page 61 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



In the recently released film *Suicide Squad*, a team of the world’s most dangerous, imprisoned super villains is assembled by a secret government agency. Their mission? To save the world, of course.

They are a bunch of unlikely heroes—chosen specifically for their potential to fail and the fact that they have nothing to lose. The idea is, if they mess up, the government can easily lay the blame on a bunch of convicts. And just to make sure they stay in control, a bomb is implanted in the neck of each member of the squad—one wrong move, and *kaboom!*

Their powers range from the super sneaky to the superhuman—everything from reptilian superpowers to killer aim, to pyrokinetics and sorcery. And though none of these people are exactly happy to be together, they do work together (mostly) to reach their goals and fight off a villain that threatens to destroy, well, everything. But in the end, can anyone really call these guys—forced into fighting an impossible foe—heroes? What do you think?

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above article to read. Then discuss it in this way:

Have you ever been given a task that felt impossible? What did you do?

If you could have a supernatural power to help you do some of your hardest tasks, what would that power be, and how would it help?

Do you think God ever would force people into fighting for the good of others? Why or why not?

Christians have been given an especially daunting task—fighting evil spiritual forces in this world. The apostle Paul wrote specifically about the type of preparation and tools needed for this battle. Let’s take a look at what he said.