

Superboy: The New Kid at School

An activity of "It's a bird... It's a plane... It's Superman!"

Read the article, "It's a bird... It's a plane... It's Superman!" (page 22-23, *What's Up* May 2025). Superman was an alien from another planet, but he was brought up and cared for by a loving human couple. In turn, he came to care for his new community. What if he joined your school when he was a child? Have fun exploring this notion in small groups of four or five students.

1. Write and act out a short skit where Superboy joins your school as a new student. Nobody knows his superpowers yet. He looks and sounds different, and he is still finding his way around. But, one little act of kindness from a classmate changes everything. Superboy quietly gives the kind student a small "help disc" that he/she can rub to call Superboy for help when something bad happens.

Your skit must include:

- A challenge/conflict Superboy faces as a newcomer
- A classmate's kind action that helps Superboy
- A surprising reveal of Superboy's superpower when the magical disc is used
- The lesson: "We can bring out superpowers in our friends by being good to them."

Your skit's setting can be any place and time at school. Here are two examples:

Example 1

Title: A Close Shave

Setting: Canteen

Challenge/ Conflict: Superboy is unsure about how to order food. He stares at the queues and does not understand what "nasi lemak" or "laksa" means.

Act of kindness: A kind student notices, explains what the types of food are, and shows him how to buy what he wants.

Superpower reveal: Suddenly, someone carrying a bowl of scalding-hot soup trips and almost falls onto the student. At lightning speed, Superboy catches and steadies everything, preventing a bad accident.

Help Key Moment: After they sit down, Superboy hands the kind student a coin-like object. He tells the student to rub it if the student ever needs help again and Superboy will come to the rescue.

[End with the lesson.]

Example 2

Title: Join My Team!

Setting: PE class location

Conflict: Superboy wears strange red boots for PE instead of track shoes. He doesn't understand the rules of the sports game. Classmates laugh. They don't choose him for their teams.

Act of kindness: A few classmates stand up for him and invite him to join their team.

Superpower Reveal: He helps their team win the game together at record speed with his amazing skills

Help Key Moment: After they celebrate over a meal, Superboy hands them a small button each. He tells them to rub it if they ever need help and Superboy will come to their aid.

[End with the lesson.]

Plan and write your script with the help of the template on the next page.

Title	
Setting:	
Conflict:	
Act of kindness:	
Superpower reveal:	
Help Key Moment:	
Roles (4-5 members)	Superboy: Kind classmate: Other classmates: Narrator (optional):
Script	

2. Rehearse and perform it for your class. Have fun!

3. Reflect on the following with your group members:

- Did your skit change the way you see people who are newcomers?
- Was there anything in the other groups' skits that surprised or encouraged you?
- If someone new joined your class, how would you make them feel welcome?
- Has someone done something that made you feel welcome in a new setting?
- What are your thoughts about bringing out the "superpowers" of classmates?