Day 20 Messiah

*Then Jesus ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. Matthew 16:20*

Do you have a favorite superhero? Superman, Spiderman, Wonder Woman, or someone else? Superheroes are popular because we all like someone who is on the side of the good guys, so the bad guys don’t win in the end.

At the time of Jesus, the Jewish people were waiting for a superhero. Someone to fight for them. Many years earlier, God had promised to send a great king, a Messiah. Over the years there were lots of kings, but they were all disappointing.

The people were longing for this special, super Messiah to come. It was Jesus! But he certainly didn’t look like the superhero they were expecting.

Did you think it was a bit strange that Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah?

Why would Jesus do that?

Well, nearly everyone had the wrong idea about what God’s Messiah would do. They thought he would lead a mighty army and fight against the foreign power who ruled them. Then they would be winners and become the top nation in the world.

But this was not God’s plan!

God’s plan was much bigger. It took Jesus a lot of time explaining to people what it meant for him to be this special Messiah. He called people to follow him as God’s King and to become part of God’s Kingdom.

People from the Jewish nation and from all the nations of the world could become part of God’s Kingdom. Jesus, the Messiah King, overpowered the powers of darkness that had kept people trapped and away from God. Jesus did this when he died on the cross and rose again.

Now anyone in the whole world can become part of God’s Kingdom.  
Jesus truly is the most amazing superhero who ever lived. And of course, he is not made up. **He is real!**