



# Into the Movies

Avengers : Infinity War

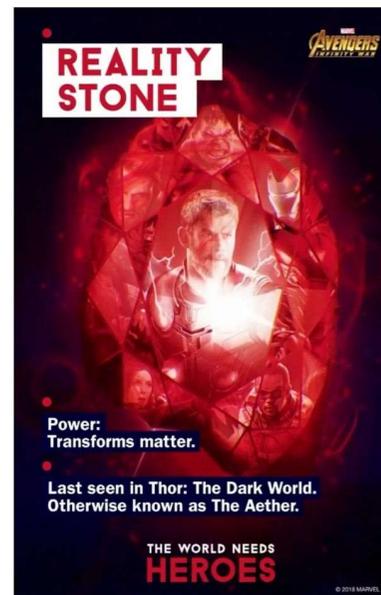
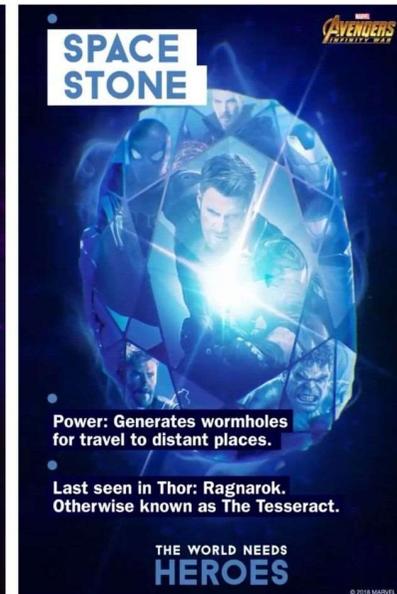
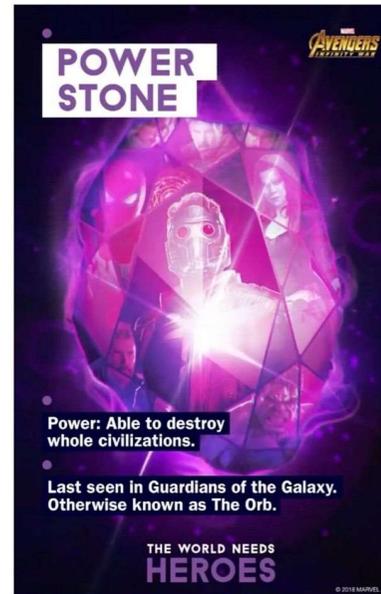
# Avengers: Infinity War

- Watch the trailer to the movie : Avengers - Infinity War
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZfuNTqbHE8>
- If you can find a link online or copy on a streaming service, it would be fantastic to watch the whole film and then work through this PowerPoint. 😊
- You may have already watched this film, and if not there will be some videos and links within the PowerPoint, to look at how some of the themes in the film link to the Bible.

# Infinity Stones

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- The movie centres around Thanos' search for the six infinity stones. Each stone represents a different power. If you possess all six stones, then you are the most powerful hero in the multiverse.
- Have a look at the infinity stones and their powers in the image.
- If you could have only one stone which one would you choose?
- What do you think the Soul Stone might give someone power over and would you want that kind of power?



# Alternate Endings

- Watch the clip 'Dr Strange predicted the future of the Avengers infinity War' on Youtube or follow the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMJZ57hz2-Q>
- Strange pushes on toward that destiny and allows himself and half the people in the universe to be destroyed. This is terribly difficult to digest but Strange referred to this course of action as the endgame.



# Discussion Questions

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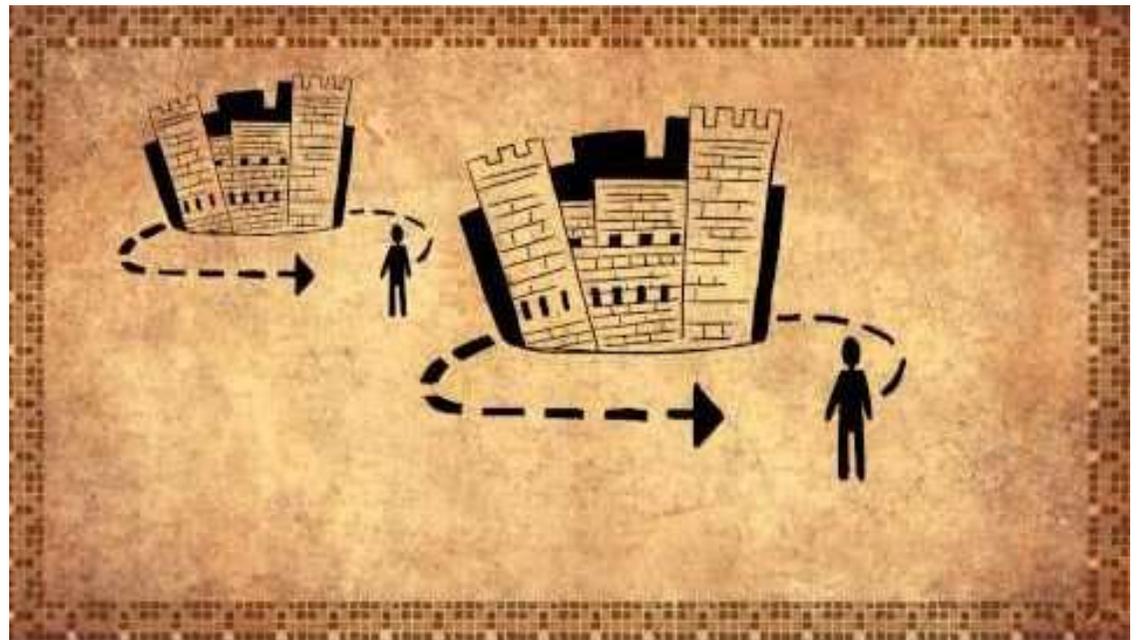
- This idea of being able to see the lasting effects of our choices is very attractive. There are times in our lives where we are faced with various opportunities, such as career and relationship choices that it seems appealing to be able to know the outcome of our choices.
- Would you want to know your future and which future would you choose?

# Choosing the future...

- The reality is that we cannot choose our futures or see the outcome of our choices. We can be wise and consider the different outcomes of choices available.
- However, the skill necessary for joy in life is to learn to be resilient in situations that do not work out our way. We learn as much, if not more, from situations that do not work our way as we do from achieving our preferred outcomes.
- What skills do you learn from situations that do not go our way? How might they be useful in future life?

# Infinity War and the Bible

- We are going to look at two stories from the Bible - one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament.
- The first one comes from Joshua 6 .
- You may want to read this story with a parent or carer or watch the included YouTube video The Battle of Jericho | Bible Story | LifeKids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwkDQaRzXg0>



# The Battle of Jericho – Joshua 6

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- What similarities do you see between Tony Stark in The Avengers and Joshua in the story of the Old Testament? You may want to look at Tony's profile here and scroll down to the Avengers: Infinity War section : [https://marvel-movies.fandom.com/wiki/Anthony\\_Stark#:~:text=Anthony%20Edward%20%22Tony%22%20Stark%20was%20a%20billionaire%20industrialist%20and%20inventor.&text=Before%20the%20start%20of%20Avengers,most%20powerful%20men%20on%20Earth.](https://marvel-movies.fandom.com/wiki/Anthony_Stark#:~:text=Anthony%20Edward%20%22Tony%22%20Stark%20was%20a%20billionaire%20industrialist%20and%20inventor.&text=Before%20the%20start%20of%20Avengers,most%20powerful%20men%20on%20Earth.)
- Google 'tony stark character profile avengers'
- If we compare God and Thanos, who do you think is the most powerful? Who do you think is the most kind?
- What are the similarities between The Avengers and everyone involved on their side and the people of Israel? What are the differences between these two groups?



# Jesus : not a typical superhero ...

- Read through Mark 11
- You may want to read this story with a parent or carer or watch the included YouTube video :079  
– Fig Tree Cursed and Temple Cleansed (English)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uqpdegj7E8k>



# Jesus a servant of justice

We can be tempted to over emphasize that God is loving and kind and do not look at the more complicated stories when Jesus was angry. It is important to note the Jesus was primarily angry with the religious leaders of the day who had rejected Him. He was kind and gentle with those in trouble and angry with those who were corrupt and those who abused their power.

# Discussion Questions

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- Take a moment to think about Thanos and the way he treated his stepdaughter, Gamora. What would you expect Jesus to say to him? (He wasn't very nice and even wanted to kill her !!!)
- Do you think the God of the Old Testament appears to be different from the God of the New Testament?
- In what ways? You may want to talk to your parents or a sibling about your thoughts.

# Discussion Questions

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- The anger of God is his temporary response to a broken world. How can we be a part of making the world less broken? Were the Avengers angry, how did they respond?
- Would you be willing to be like Vision and lay down your life for your friends? ( See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf4g-NMYu6Y>)
- How is Jesus different from Thanos in the way He displayed His anger?



# Sit Down and Listen

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- Reflect on today's session. You may want to think about how God is distinctly different from human beings and even superheroes.
- Listen to Indescribable-  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lIVfkY5q54>
- Say a prayer to ask God to help you to see his unchanging nature, perfect and loving and motivated by love and justice.