

a script from



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"A Super School Year"

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What In this super-sized school comedy, two adults long for superpowers—one to satisfy their lifelong obsession with comic books and the other to simply make it through a busy school day. After an unexpected bug bite triggers the two go in search of powers, learning in the end that God has given us all the powers we need to have a super school year! Perfect for a back to school service, family night, or fall Sunday School kickoff.

Themes: Back to School, Fall, Teachers, Students, Bravery, Determination, Hard Work, Patience, Courage, Wisdom, Strength, Knowledge, Love, Kindness

Who Kelsay/Kellen*
Dave/Dana*
Captain Courage
Super Strength
Wise Guy (or Gal)
Professor Patience
*Feel free to change character names to your actor's names.

When Modern Day

Costumes Dave should wear a colorful homemade superhero costume with a large letter D (or the letter of the actor's first name) displayed on his chest. Kelsay, and Superheroes should wear modern day attire but should have capes tucked into their shirts, which, when displayed, has a large letter W, C, S, P, and K (or the letter of the actor's first name) on it.

Props Backpack with optional school supplies
Comic book.

Why Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 40:31, James 1:5, Ephesians 4:2

How This play does not require any specific set pieces, but a table might be helpful at the start if Kelsay is sorting through the backpack. You could also choose to decorate your stage with fun superhero decorations or banners.

Time Approximately 15 minutes

At the start of the scene, **Kelsay** is center, sorting through a backpack. Perhaps she pulls items out, or perhaps various school supplies are on a table in front of her and she is packing the backpack. She is obviously frazzled.

Kelsay: I've got the crayons and the colored pencils and calculator and the notebooks and the highlighters. (*unzips another pocket*) And over here I have the number two pencils and the black pens and the red marking pens and the blue backup pens. (*getting worked up*) And of course I have the lime green one point five inch binder that Elliot's science teacher insisted he had to have in that exact size and color even though no one actually sells one point five inch binders in lime green and I had to drive two towns over just to find it! (*takes a deep breath, then sighs*) I'm never going to make it through this school year.

Dave enters, in full superhero costume, holding a comic book, and strikes a superhero pose.

Dave: Never fear! Super Dave is here!

Kelsay: (*annoyed*) Dave, is that your old pair of long underwear? I thought we gave those to Good Will.

Dave: (*sheepishly*) Oh, right. I um.... I needed these.

Kelsay: For what? (*indicating outfit*) Your... costume?

Dave: It's a uniform, thank you very much.

Kelsay: Because you're Super Dave.

Dave: That's right! (*poses proudly*)

Kelsay: So what kinds of powers does Super Dave have, and please tell me it's the ability to do all of the household chores at lightning speed?

Dave: No, nothing like that.

Kelsay: Ooh, then maybe it's the ability to fly so that you can cart the kids to all their after school sports and clubs?

Dave: Good one. But sadly, no.

Kelsay: Fine. Then at least tell me you've got some sort of x-ray vision that locates the shoes you have lying all over the house so you can pick them up before I trip on them!

Dave: Ha! You wish.

Kelsay: I do. I really do.

Dave: No, unfortunately, Super Dave doesn't have any powers yet.

Kelsay: *(aside, to herself)* Except the ability to talk about yourself in the third person...

Dave: What was that, sweetie?

Kelsay: Oh, nothing! You were saying something about superpowers?

Dave: Yeah. You know how I've always wanted to be a superhero?

Kelsay: This is honestly the first I'm hearing of it.

Dave: Okay, well you know how much I love my Academy of Awesome comics?

Kelsay: Way too much, yes. I was actually meaning to talk to you about that. Aren't you a little old—

***Kelsay** reaches out for the comic, but **Dave** moves it out of her reach then turns and starts leafing through it.*

Dave: I just thought if I had a really cool superpower then maybe I could be extra helpful to the kids this school year.

Kelsay: I could use some extra help this school year too, you know.

Dave: Sure, right. But alas, no powers. *(leafing through the comic book)*
I guess I'll never be as brave as Captain Courage or as strong as Super Strength or as wise as Wise Guy (or Gal) *(listens)* Do you hear that?

Kelsay: Hear what?

Dave: That buzzing noise? It's so loud! *(moves his head around)*

Kelsay: I don't hear anything.

Dave: Maybe it's a superpower! Maybe I have super hearing!

Kelsay: Maybe it's a bug flying too close to your ear.

Dave: *(screeching and swatting)* Get it away from me!

Kelsay: *(chuckling)* It's just a tiny little bug.

Dave: *(smacks his neck)* Ouch! I think it bit me! *(holding out his hands excitedly)*
It must have been a radioactive bug. I can feel its powers coursing through me!

Kelsay: And what powers are those?

Dave: I'm not sure, but I'm excited to find out!

Kelsay: I wish I had superpowers. It would make back to school a lot easier.

Dave: *(sees comic book)* I know where we can get you some superpowers!

Kelsay: *(points at the floor)* That fly is dead. I don't think he's giving out any more superpowers.

Dave: Not the fly! *(picks up the comic book)* At the Academy of Awesome.

Kelsay: That place doesn't really exist. It's just in a comic book.

Dave: It's real! I can feel it.

Kelsay: Okay fine, it's real. So how are we going to get there?

Dave: With my superpowers of course! *(holds up a fist)* To the Academy of Awesome!

Nothing happens. Dave pulls keys out of his pocket and jingles them.

Dave: Or maybe we can just take the car.

Kelsay: *(holding backpack)* Lead the way!

Perhaps there is a change of lights, or superhero music or sound effects. They are now at the Academy of Awesome, which is a school.

Dave: And here we are!

Kelsay: Um, Dave? I'm pretty sure this is just a school.

Dave: Uh-uh. It's an Academy—

Kelsay: Which is a school.

Captain Courageous enters.

Dave: *(ignoring her)* Of Awesome. An Academy of Awesome. *(sees Captain Courageous)* See? There's Captain Courageous now!

Kelsay: She's just an ordinary student.

Dave: Or is that what she wants you to think? She's clearly disguised as a regular kid right now, but everyone at the Academy is actually awesome. It's in the name.

Kelsay: Alright, let's see. *(calls out)* Hey, Captain!

Captain Courageous looks momentarily confused, then crosses over to **Dave** and **Kelsay**.

Captain: Can I help you?

Kelsay: Are you Captain Courageous?

Dave: Of course she is! *(to Captain)* Don't mind her. She doesn't know your backstory and superpowers.

Captain: Superpowers?

Dave: You know... your laser eyes and instant healing. Oh! And don't forget your ability to shoot fireballs from your hands!

Dave demonstrates, maybe with "pew! "pew!" sound effects.

Captain: *(surprised)* Oh, well I don't know anything about fireballs, but I do know a little something about courage— *(looks around)* which can come in handy in a place like this.

Dave: At the Academy of Awesome?

Captain: At any school! Going back to school can be filled with lots of worries—will I know anyone in my class? Will I get good grades? Will I make the team? Having courage helps calm all the worries.

Kelsay: How did you find your courage, Captain?

Dave: Were you struck by a meteor from outer space?

Captain: *(chuckling)* No. I get my courage from God. In Joshua one verse nine, God says, "I repeat, be strong and brave! Don't be afraid and don't panic, for I, the Lord your God, am with you in all you do."

Kelsay: It's a lot easier to have courage knowing God is by your side.

Captain: It sure is. *(turns around, revealing her cape, and looks over her shoulder)*
Courage is my superpower.

Captain smiles and exits.

Dave: *(excitedly)* Did you see her cape? I wish I had a cape like that.

Kelsay: She sure knows a lot about being brave.

Dave: Maybe my superpower is courage too!

Kelsay: *(points to Dave's hair)* Is that a bug in your hair?

Dave: *(screeching and swatting)* Get it away from me!

Kelsay: *(chuckling)* Somehow I don't think courage is your superpower.

Dave: Maybe not. *(remembers)* What about you? Are you feeling any special abilities surfacing?

Kelsay: Like what?

Dave: I don't know... maybe you can move things with your mind!
Like telekinesis!

Kelsay puts one hand to her temple and stretches the other toward **Dave**.

Kelsay: Nope. No telekinesis.

Dave: How do you know?

Kelsay: You're still here, aren't you?

Super Strength enters. **Dave** sees him, but **Kelsay** does not.

Dave: *(excitedly)* Ooh, Super Strength!

Kelsay: *(curls bicep and looks at it)* I don't think I have that either.

Dave: Not you—him!

Dave crosses to **Super Strength**, excitedly.

Dave: Hey Super Strength! My name's Super Dave. *(leans in)* I wonder if we're related.

Strength: I don't think so...

Kelsay crosses to **Super Strength**.

Kelsay: Sorry about him. We were just on our way home.

Dave: No we're not! We haven't figured out our superpowers yet.

Strength: Superpowers?

Dave: You know... your rock smashing fists and your ability to lift over two tons with one hand. Oh! And don't forget your ability to grow an extra set of arms!

Dave makes bicep curls, maybe with "pow! "pow!" sound effects.

Strength: *(surprised)* Oh, well I don't know anything about extra arms, but I do know a little something about strength, which can come in handy during... awkward situations.

Kelsay: Like when random strangers start talking to you out of nowhere?

Strength: *(chuckles)* Yeah, that, and just any time you're feeling worried or scared or small.

Dave: I bet you never feel scared and small!

Strength: Are you kidding? Of course I feel that way sometimes! Everyone does.

Kelsay: So tell us, Super Strength, how did you find your strength?

Dave: Was it from a radioactive spider?

Strength: *(chuckling)* No. I get my strength from God. In Isaiah forty verse thirty-one, it says, "But those who wait for the Lord's help will find renewed strength; they rise up as if they had eagles' wings. They run without growing weary, they walk without getting tired."

Kelsay: It's a lot easier to have strength knowing God is there to help us.

Strength: It sure is. *(turns around, revealing his cape, and looks over his shoulder)*
Strength is my superpower.

Strength smiles and exits.

Dave: *(excitedly)* Did you see that? Super Strength has a cape too! Where do you think he got it?

Kelsay: Strength is a great superpower

Dave: Maybe strength is my superpower too!

Kelsay: Great! Then maybe you can hold this.

Kelsay hands **Dave** the backpack. It is obviously heavy, and **Dave** nearly drops it.

Dave: Wow! What's in this thing?

Kelsay: Every school supply known to man.

Dave: And you've been carrying this around all day?

Kelsay: Yeah? So?

Dave: So... maybe *your* superpower is strength!

Kelsay pats **Dave's** arm.

Kelsay: Or maybe *you* just need to use those dumbbells I bought you for Christmas.

Wise Guy enters. **Dave** sees him, but **Kelsay** does not.

Dave: You know who's not a dumb bell?

Kelsay: I'm guessing someone smart?

Dave: Wise Guy!

Kelsay: Okay, okay, I'll stop teasing you.

Dave: I was talking about the superhero. (*waves*) Hey Wise Guy—over here!

Wise Guy crosses to **Dave** and **Kelsay**.

Wise Guy: You two look like you have a question.

Dave: How wise of you. But of course you would be.

Wise Guy: Would be what?

Dave: Wise.

Wise Guy: Why?

Dave: Because of your superpowers.

Wise Guy: Superpowers?

Dave: You know... your indestructible memory and your ability to learn a new skill in one second flat. Oh! And don't forget your ability to control minds!

Dave puts his fingertips to his head, maybe with "ping! ping!" sound effects.

Wise Guy: *(surprised)* Oh, well I don't know anything about mind control, but I do know a little something about wisdom, which can come in handy when you're trying to learn something new.

Dave: Like superpowers?

Wise Guy: *(chuckles)* I suppose... and also scary subjects like science and math.

Kelsay: How did you find your wisdom, Wise Guy?

Dave: Were you dropped in a vat of toxic goo?

Wise Guy: *(chuckling)* No. I get my wisdom from God. In James one verse five it says, "But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him."

Kelsay: It's a lot easier to have wisdom knowing God is there to provide it.

Wise Guy: It sure is. *(turns around, revealing his cape, and looks over his shoulder)* Wisdom is my superpower.

Wisdom smiles and exits.

Dave: *(excitedly)* Man, I wish I had a cape like that. Wise Guy is so cool.

Kelsay: He sure is wise.

Dave: Maybe wisdom is my superpower too!

Kelsay: Ha! I don't think so.

Dave: *(taps his head)* This here noggin is a steel trap.

Kelsay: Alright, then tell me—when is our anniversary?

Dave: *(thinks)* Umm....

Kelsay: That's what I thought.

Dave: Give me a minute! *(thinks)* I know it's a day and a month..

Kelsay: I think we can go ahead and rule out wisdom as your superpower.

Dave: Fine. But if it's not courage or strength or wisdom, then what is it?
We've already met three superheroes from The Academy of Awesome
and neither of us is any closer to discovering our superpowers!

Professor Patience enters. **Kelsay** points in her direction.

Kelsay: Maybe we should ask her.

Dave: *(excitedly)* It's Professor Patience! *(waves)* Hi Professor Patience!

Professor Patience crosses to **Dave** and **Kelsay**.

Professor: Welcome. I am a teacher here at the Academy. And you are?

Dave: My name is Super Dave and this is Super Kelsay.

Kelsay: Just Dave and Kelsay, actually.

Professor: So neither of you possess superpowers?

Dave: I do! Or at least I think I do. I'm not sure what my superpowers are.

Kelsay: And I don't have any, no matter how much I wish I did sometimes.

Professor: Let me guess... back to school stresses getting you down?

Kelsay: You know it!

Professor: This time of year can be stressful for everyone... kids, teachers... even parents. That's why we all could use a little patience.

Dave: Like your superpower!

Professor: Superpower?

Dave: You know... your zen-like demeanor and your ability to stay calm in any situation. Oh! And don't forget your ability to calm the most savage beast!

***Dave** closes his eyes and puts his hands together, maybe with "om...om" sound effects.*

Professor *(surprised)* Oh, well I don't know anything about savage beasts, but I do know a little something about patience, which can come in handy for everyone when we're going back to school.

Kelsay: How did you find your patience, Professor?

Dave: Do you have some sort of patience suit?

Professor: *(chuckling)* That would be nice, wouldn't it? No, I get my patience from God. In Ephesians four, verse one it says, "I therefore urge you to live worthily of the calling with which you have been called, with all the humility and gentleness, with patience, putting up with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Kelsay: It's a lot easier to have patience knowing God wants that for us.

Professor: It sure is. *(turns around, revealing her cape, and looks over her shoulder)* Patience is my superpower.

***Professor** starts to exit, but **Dave** calls out to her.*

Dave: Professor, wait!

Professor: *(turns)* Yes?

Dave: What about my superpowers? I came to the Academy of Awesome hoping to figure out what they were and to get some for Kelsay too. But we haven't gotten any yet.

Professor: You might be surprised to find out you possess some powers after all.

Dave: Really?

Kelsay: I think I can help him out this time, Professor.

Professor: *(smiles)* Super.

Professor Patience exits as **Kelsay** turns to **Dave**.

Kelsay: It turns out that superheroes aren't the only ones with powers. Kids, teachers and parents can all turn to God when they are in need of courage, strength, wisdom and patience, whether it's going back to school or anytime!

Dave: So we can all be awesome? Just like the superheroes here at the Academy?

Kelsay: *(smiles)* When we put our faith in God, we can all be awesome, indeed.

Dave: So I'm not a superhero after all?

Kelsay: Oh, you're a superhero all right... you just don't need a costume.

Dave: Uniform.

Kelsay: Sorry, a uniform. Because not all heroes wear capes. But they're still pretty super.

Dave: I still would've liked to have a cape, though.

Captain Courage, Super Strength and **Wise Guy** enter, followed by **Professor Patience**, who holds two capes, one with a large letter D and another with a letter K.

Professor: Then you’re going to love these!

Super Strength and **Wise Guy** help **Dave** and **Kelsay** put on the capes.

Dave: See? We *are* super!

Professor: With help from God.

Kelsay: And now we know that each and every one of us has the power inside to have—

All: A Super School Year!

Lights fade.

End.