



SUPERCHURCH 2.0

# Love Is Never Jealous

**MEMORY VERSE:** **I Corinthians 13:4**, "Love is never envious or boils over with jealousy." (AMP)

**BOTTOM LINE:** Love Is Never Jealous

## ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

This lesson will cover how jealousy affects our love walk and our attitude.

1. Love is never envious.
2. Thou shall not covet.
3. Attitude of gratitude.

**Love is never envious** or boils over with jealousy. Envy is the perpetual attitude of wanting more. The definition of jealousy is "unhappy because you want something that someone else has." Have you ever been sad or even mad because somebody has something that you don't have? That is jealousy. Jealous people are very unhappy people. God does not want you to be jealous because He wants you to be happy. It is foolish to allow other people to control your happiness.

Many children have a sense of entitlement. Entitlement is the "you owe me" attitude. It is walking around thinking that people owe you things simply because you are on the planet. If they can't get what they want then they will throw a fit. Children need to understand that they are not the center of the universe.

**Thou shall not covet.** One of the Ten Commandments is "Thou shall not covet". What is covetousness? Covetousness is wanting things that other people have. (It is very similar to jealousy.) This commandment is different from the others because it is not an action, it has to do with the attitude of the heart. One of the dangers of covetousness is that it leads to other sins. King Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard and Naboth wouldn't sell it to him, so King Ahab murdered Naboth to get his vineyard.



**Attitude of Gratitude.** The cure for jealousy is to have an attitude of gratitude. Instead of thinking about all the things you don't have, be thankful for the things you do have. Instead of being sad about things that other people have, be grateful for them. The two attitudes, envy and gratefulness have little to do with what people actually have. They have more to do with the spiritual growth of the individual.



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## LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #9
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Love is never jealous
_____	7. Memory Verse:	I Corinthians 13:4, "Love is never envious or boils over with jealousy."
_____	8. Drama:	Dr. Rubenstein: "The Jealousy Test"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	The Green Eyed Monster
_____	10. Short Film:	The Jealousy Bug
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	An Attitude of Gratitude
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	

MOTION COMIC

# The Adventures of the Masked Hero

Agape: Episode #9

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

**Goal:** get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question **“What is the Bottom Line?”** Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question **“What is the Memory Verse?”** Again words pop up one at a time.

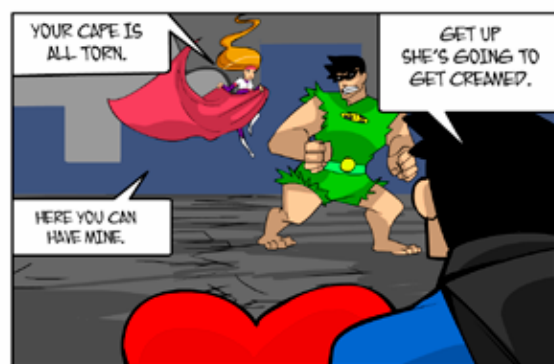
- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4

**DRAMA*****Dr. Rubenstein: "The Jealousy Test"*****TAKE HOME POINT:**

Love is never jealous.

**CHARACTERS:**Dr. Rubenstein  
Jr. Rubenstein  
David  
Pierce**PROPS:**Dr. Rubenstein & Jr. Costume  
• Clipboard with charts  
• Football  
• Chocolate bar**DRAMA SCRIPT:**

(Dr. Rubenstein enters. Junior enters right behind. He is escorting Pierce and David. Pierce and David are fighting with each other.)

Dr. R.: Teacher! Sorry to interrupt, but this is very important!

Teacher: What is it, Dr. Rubenstein?

Dr. R.: (Looking at clipboard) Well, I have some very disturbing data about...

Pierce: JUST GIVE ME THE FOOTBALL! I WANT IT!

David: NO!

Dr. R.: Disturbing data about these...

Pierce: Why not?

David: Because it's mine!

Dr. R.: These boys. They have been fighting...

Pierce: You are being so selfish!

David: You are just jealous!

Pierce: Aaagh! (Charges at David)

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***Dr. Rubenstien: "The Jealousy Bug" Drama Script — Continued***

(The boys roll on the floor fighting and the football rolls away.)

Dr. R.: (Throws his hands up in frustration) Here we go again! They have been fighting like this all day.

Teacher: Boys! (Pause) Boys! (Pause) BOYS!

(The boys stop fighting and stand up)

Teacher: Thank you. We can't have you fighting with each other. Now let's take a look at what is going on here.

(Junior places the boys facing the audience. They are about 4 feet apart.)

Dr. R.: Now, according to our recent studies, everyone has God's love in them, even if they don't feel like it.

Teacher: That's right.

Dr. R.: But I have been watching these boys all day, and they haven't shown one teeny-tiny speck of love for each other.

Teacher: Very interesting.

Dr. R.: Interesting, indeed! (Looks at his charts) And it seems to have something to do with this football that David's mom gave him for his birthday. (Holds up the football.)

Teacher: Hmm. I see. May I try something, doctor?

Dr. R.: Please. I am out of ideas.

Teacher: (Grabs the football and gives it to David) Here, David, I believe this is yours.

David: (Politely) Thank you, Teacher.

Pierce: But I wanted the football! It's not fair!

(Pierce goes to lunge at David, but Junior holds him in place.)

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***Dr. Rubenstien: "The Jealousy Bug" Drama Script — Continued***

Teacher: Just as I had suspected.

David: It's my football!

Pierce: But I wanted it for a long time before you got one!

Teacher: Let me test something else. Pierce, I want to give you this candy bar. (Hands the chocolate bar to Pierce)

Pierce: (Looks at the chocolate in disgust then at Pierce) FOOTBALL!

David: For the last time, it is MY FOOTBA... Where did you get that candy bar? (Drops the football) Pierce, I want that candy bar!

(The boys go to lunge at each other, but Junior and Doctor Rubenstein hold them back)

Dr. R.: Interesting! Neither boy cares what he has. Each is purely jealous of what the other has! Gasp!

Teacher: What is it, Doctor?

Dr. R.: I think I have made a discovery! What does the Bible say about the correlation of love and jealousy?

Teacher: It says that love is NEVER jealous.

Dr. R.: That's it! The boys are jealous, and the jealousy is blocking up their love!

Teacher: That's exactly what is happening.

Dr. R.: The question is, how do we get the jealousy out of them... Perhaps surgery!

Teacher: No! We have to get them to be glad when the other is blessed.

Pierce: But I don't want to be glad! I want the football!

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***Dr. Rubenstien: "The Jealousy Bug" Drama Script — Continued***

Teacher: Pierce, did you ever think that David got the football because God blessed him with it?

Pierce: No. I never thought that.

Teacher: God wants us to be glad when He gives other people stuff, not jealous.

Pierce: Oh... Hey, David, I'm sorry I was jealous. I think it's cool that you got the football.

David: And I'm sorry I was jealous of your candy bar. Hey! Maybe we should go to the park and play catch!

Pierce: Yeah! And we can split my candy bar!

(David and Pierce exit)

Dr. R.: Ah! Another child successfully cured! Thank you, Teacher.

Teacher: Anytime, Doctor.

(Dr. Rubenstein and Junior begin exiting.)

Dr. R.: Junior, that is a nice lab coat.

Junior: Thanks. My cousin got it for me when he went to France.

Dr. R.: I don't have a French lab coat! I want a French lab coat!

Junior: Doctor?

Dr. R.: (Laughs) I am just joking. It looks nice on you.

(They exit)

**The End**



**OBJECT LESSON*****The Green Eyed Monster*****SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

James 3:16

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

Jealous people are unhappy people.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Enough pieces of the original Starburst for each child.
- 1 Package of Starburst

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

- While you are preaching, hand out individual pieces of the Starburst candy to the kids in your class.
- At one point you will pick just one child and give them an entire package of Starburst.
- It is best if this is totally random for no particular reason.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

(Hold up a handful of Starburst.)

I love Starburst candy. What is your favorite color of Starburst? How many like red? How many like yellow? How many like orange? Who likes green?

(Start to hand out the candy to the class. If you have a large class get some volunteers to help. Do not allow children to eat the candy in class.)

When I see green Starburst it reminds me of our memory verse. "Love is never envious or boils over with jealousy." Some people say that jealousy is the green eyed monster. The reason they say this is that jealousy is like a sickness that can destroy your life. My definition of jealousy is "Jealous people are unhappy, because you want what somebody else has."

(At this point pick one random child to give the whole package of Starburst to and make a big deal of it.) "Suzy, you are such a good girl. I am going to give you a whole pack of Starburst."

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***The Green Eyed Monster Object Lesson — continued***

(At this point every child should have one piece, but only one child has a whole package.)

Okay, so is everyone happy? (Allow for response. You may hear things like, "That's not fair!")

How come you guys aren't happy?

Oh, I get it. You are mad at me because I gave Suzy a whole package and you only got one Starburst.

You could choose to have different attitude. Everyone has one Starburst that you didn't have before. Instead of being jealous that you don't have what Suzy has, you could be thankful for the piece of Starburst that you do have.

This lesson is not about the Starburst. It's about our happiness. The reason that God tells us "Love is never jealous" is because jealous people are not happy people. Some people live their whole life being jealous of others. These people are never happy no matter how many Starbursts they have.

Was I being fair when I gave Suzy a whole pack and only gave you one? Absolutely not! Life isn't fair. There will always be someone who has more stuff than you. Make a choice today to not allow other people to control your happiness. Make the choice today to have an attitude of gratitude.

**INTER-ACTIVE  
OBJECT LESSON*****An Attitude of Gratitude***

- **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** The cure of jealousy is to have an attitude of gratitude.
- **WHAT YOU NEED:** 4 pads of paper  
4 pencils
- **PREPARATION:**
  - Place the four pads of paper and 4 pencils on a table in the front of the room.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
  - Pick four contestants.
  - Give them 60 seconds to make a list of things that they want, but that they do not have.
  - Next, give them 60 seconds to make a list of the things that they are thankful for.

**SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

Read off both lists. If the “want” lists are longer than the “thankful” lists, talk about how easy it is for all of us to think more about the things we don’t have. If the “thankful” lists are longer than the “want” list, talk about how this is the right attitude to have. Take a few minutes to talk about all of the things we are thankful for. Ask for responses from the children. Make them think about things they may take for granted.

The cure for jealousy is to stop thinking about what you don’t have and start thinking about all the good things that you do have. Make a choice today to be happy and not sad. Make a choice today to have an attitude of gratitude.

**Things I Am Thankful For:**

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. <i>God the Father</i>  | 12. <i>Toilet Paper</i>            |
| 2. <i>Jesus</i>   | 13. <i>Air Conditioning</i>        |
| 3. <i>Holy Spirit</i>   | 14. <i>Heat in the Winter</i>      |
| 4. <i>Bible</i>   | 15. <i>Socks</i>                   |
| 5. <i>My Parents</i>  | 16. <i>Shoes</i>                   |
| 6. <i>My House</i>  | 17. <i>Toys</i>                    |
| 7. <i>My Car</i>  | 18. <i>Video Games</i>             |
| 8. <i>My School (many kids<br/>around the world don't<br/>have schools)</i> | 19. <i>My Friends</i>              |
| 9. <i>Running Water</i>   | 20. <i>Good Books</i>              |
| 10. <i>Toilets</i>  | 21. <i>The LIST IS ENDLESS....</i> |
| 11. <i>Tooth Paste</i>  |                                    |



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## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. I Corinthians 13:4 says, “Love is never envious or \_\_\_\_.”  
a. sings really loud  
**b. boils over with jealousy**  
c. eats too much candy  
d. throws garbage out the window
2. The Bible tells us to be \_\_\_\_ when good things happen to others.  
a. sad  
b. silly  
**c. happy**  
d. jealous
3. Jealousy got these guys in trouble.  
a. King Ahab and Jezebel  
b. Joseph’s brothers  
c. Cain  
**d. All of the above**
4. Covetousness is \_\_\_\_.  
**a. wanting things that other people have**  
b. cheating on your spelling test  
c. watching too much TV.  
d. passing gas real loud
5. Instead of being jealous we should have an attitude of \_\_\_\_.  
a. saditude  
b. maditude  
c. baditude  
**d. gratitude**



# Love Is Never Jealous

## PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

### Dr. Rubenstein: "The Jealousy Test" — Pages 5-8

#### Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Rubenstein

#### Props (Dr. Rubenstein & Jr. costume)

\_\_\_\_\_ Clipboard with charts

\_\_\_\_\_ Football

\_\_\_\_\_ Chocolate Bar

### Object Lesson: The Green Eyed Monster? — Pages 9-10

\_\_\_\_\_ Enough pieces of the original Starbursts for each child

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Package of Starburst

### Inter-Active Lesson: An Attitude of Gratitude — Page 11

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 pads of paper

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 pencils

### Small Group Club: Green With Envy

\_\_\_\_\_ Milk in a tall clear glass

\_\_\_\_\_ Green food coloring

\_\_\_\_\_ Spoon

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed

### FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:

• *Starburst Candy (We suggest if you have the resources to purchase small boxes to give the children.)*