

MOVIE: “Megamind”**Sub Topic Theme:**

Feeling Insignificant

Lesson Objective:

To observe the way that feelings of insignificance can impact our lives and actions. This film shows how having a sense of worthlessness ingrained at the beginning of our lives can shape our whole approach. Additionally

allowing others to dictate how we feel about ourselves is not the way to get an accurate identity. God’s opinion of us should be the most important voice defining our significance.

**Intro to the Movie:**

Dreamworks synopsis of the film is:

“Megamind is the most brilliant super-villain the world has ever known... and the least successful. Over the years, he has tried to conquer Metro City in every imaginable way. Each attempt is a colossal failure, thanks to the caped superhero known as "Metro Man," until the day Megamind actually defeats him in the throes of one of his botched evil plans. Suddenly, the fate of Metro City is threatened when a new villain arrives and chaos runs rampant, leaving everyone to wonder: Can the world's biggest "mind" actually be the one to save the day?”

Megamind tells the story of an alien sent to earth as a baby (much like superman) who finds himself landing in the wrong place and being adopted by a whole prison full of criminals. The reason for his misplaced beginnings was a competitive spaceship bump from a similar alien baby also being sent to earth –Metroman. They grow up together and Metroman is constantly hailed by others (and himself) as the hero of the city with Megamind juxtaposed by all as the villain. Believing the identity all others placed on him, Megamind uses his great intelligence for evil, never considering how his feelings of insignificance are shaping his life. It’s not until the city actually needs him that he realizes that he can make a difference in everyone’s life and that he might not be such a super-villain after all.

Focusing on the false beginnings of his identity and on the way that his opinion shifts will give insight into the many lies that the world teaches us about who we are. Instead,

learning to focus on God's view of us and how much he values who we are should be what truly influences how we feel about ourselves. This is our 3D Lens for the film.

If you want to show the trailer to build excitement, check out this link (QuickTime needed): <http://trailers.apple.com/trailers/dreamworks/megamind/>

Group Discussion Questions:

1. Who in the film relayed negative messages to Megamind about who he was?
2. Who relayed positive messages?
3. What was a turning point for Megamind, when he realized he might be more significant than he previously believed?
4. What are things in your world that send negative messages about your significance? What things send positive messages?
5. How do we identify whether or not something or someone is speaking the truth about what we are worth?
6. What are some helpful ways to react to messages of insignificance rather than withdrawing and isolating ourselves from others and God?

Scripture:

Psalms 139

Challenge:

Plan an event where students come with verses describing how God thinks of them. Then extract a word or short phrase to place on a t-shirt (similar to the "I'm a Pepper" campaign for Dr. Pepper) and pick a day in the next week for all the kids to wear the t-shirts to school.

Encourage them to wear those shirts whenever they are having trouble remembering who they are in the Lord and that they do have significance. Emphasize the importance of praying during those times and turning everything over to God, trusting him with those doubts and fears.