



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.

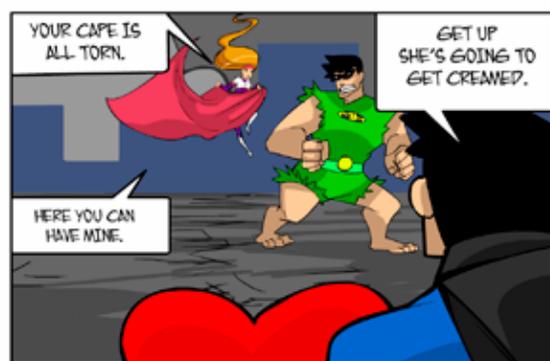
- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



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
around the world don't
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**



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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.)*

SPECIAL EDITION

Pastoring Your Kids



PLANNING YOUR WEEK:

1

Sunday

CHURCH TIME

2

Monday or Tuesday

BIBLE TIME

3

Thursday or Friday

FAMILY TIME

WEEK 9

AGAPE

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.

2. BIBLE TIME

READ:

- James 3:14-16
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
- Ephesians 5:20

MAIN POINT:

The Bible teaches us that love is not jealous. The definition of jealous (according to the English Dictionary) is: unhappy because you want something someone else has. When we are walking in love we are not jealous of what others have; instead we are happy for them.

DISCUSS:

- If we focus on what we don't have, instead of what we do have, we become unhappy and jealous.
- We should be thankful for what we have. God has blessed each of us with so much!
- When we are jealous and unhappy about what we don't have, we are ungrateful. A heart full of love is one that is thankful for all God has blessed us with.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. Have you ever been jealous of something someone else has? What was it?
2. How can you deal with it when you feel jealous?
3. How do you feel when you focus on what others have that you don't?
4. How do you feel when you focus on the things you are thankful for?

3. FAMILY TIME

What's in Your Glass?

MAIN POINT:

Learn to focus on what we have and not what we don't have.

WHAT YOU NEED:

A pitcher of water, a clear glass, piece of paper and pencil for each person.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the family.
- Give each person a glass and fill them halfway with water.
- As each person is looking at their glass ask, "Is your glass half empty or half full?"

DISCUSS:

- When we look at our glass and see it as "half empty" we are looking at it in a negative way. If we look at

it and see it as "half full" we are looking at it in a positive way.

- God wants us to look at our glass as "half full". He wants us to do this because we should focus on what we do have (half full) instead of what we don't have (half empty).

TO DO:

- Have each family member make 2 lists.
- First list - things they wish they had that they don't.
- Second list - of things they are thankful for.
- Have everyone tear their list in half and throw away the half of the list that has the things we don't have.
- Next combine everyone's list into one master list and give it a title. For example, The Johnson Family Grateful List.
- Pray together and thank God for ALL the blessings He has brought your family. Next time someone is feeling jealous. Pull out the list as a reminder of what they can be thankful for!



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

GREEN WITH ENVY

PROPS NEEDED: Milk in a tall clear glass, green food coloring and a spoon.

LESSON:

- Show the children the glass of milk. What are some things we can add to milk to make it taste different? Chocolate syrup, malted milk powder, or strawberry syrup.
- Add the green food coloring. What color is the milk now?
- All I had to do was add a couple drops of this green food coloring and the milk turned green!
- God does not want us to be jealous; instead He wants us to walk in love. When we walk in love we are happy for our friends when they get blessed.

POINT TO MAKE:

- The green food coloring is like jealousy. Adding just a little bit of the food coloring made the milk turn green just like adding just a little bit of jealousy to your heart will make your heart turn green.
- They say that when you are jealous you are green – because when someone is sick, sometimes they look a little green. When you are jealous your heart becomes sick.

- Being jealous means you want to have what others have and you're not happy with what God has already given you.

PUT INTO PRACTICE:

- Decide that you won't allow jealousy make you green.
- When your friend gets blessed instead of being jealous and wishing you had what they have, tell them you are happy for them.
- Walk in love and next time you'll be the one to be blessed!

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What does it mean to be jealous?
2. Have you ever been jealous of something your friend has?
3. How can you be happy for others when they are blessed?
4. What should we do instead of being jealous?



Super Church 2.0 Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

AGAPE 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.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

Question #83:

- What is your favorite toy or game?

Question #368:

- What is your favorite place to go on vacation?

ICE BREAKER Game: Mixed Up Shoes

- With the children sitting in a circle, have each child put their shoes in the middle of the floor, forming a pile of shoes.
- Mix the shoes up!
- Pick one child to start the game and have him/her close his eyes and pick up a shoe.
- Next have him/her find the matching shoe and then guess who they belong too.
- After he/she finds the correct owner they can give them back. Take turns until everyone has their shoes back!



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: This story is **not** in the Day By Day Bible

3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: 1 Kings 21:1-26

- Have each child read one verse out loud. Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

BIBLE STORY:

The Jealous King

BIBLE CONNECTION:

King Ahab ruled the nation of Israel (God's chosen people). His next door neighbor was Naboth; he worked very hard and had a beautiful, fruitful vineyard. King Ahab asked Naboth if he could buy his vineyard. Naboth refused to sell his vineyard. The King was so mad and he became very jealous of Naboth. King Ahab's wife, Jezebel, saw that her husband was upset so she had some people kill Naboth so her husband could have the vineyard.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What did King Ahab want from Naboth? (his vineyard)
2. How did King Ahab feel when Naboth said no? Why? (he was mad, he was jealous)
3. What did Queen Jezebel do? (had Naboth killed so the King could have his vineyard)
4. What did Elijah tell the King and Queen? (they would be judged by God)

POINT TO MAKE: *King Ahab was the king and very rich, but because he could not have Naboth's vineyard he became jealous and envious. God sent the prophet Elijah to talk to the King and Queen. God told Elijah to tell them they would be judged for what they had done. Later, they both died.*

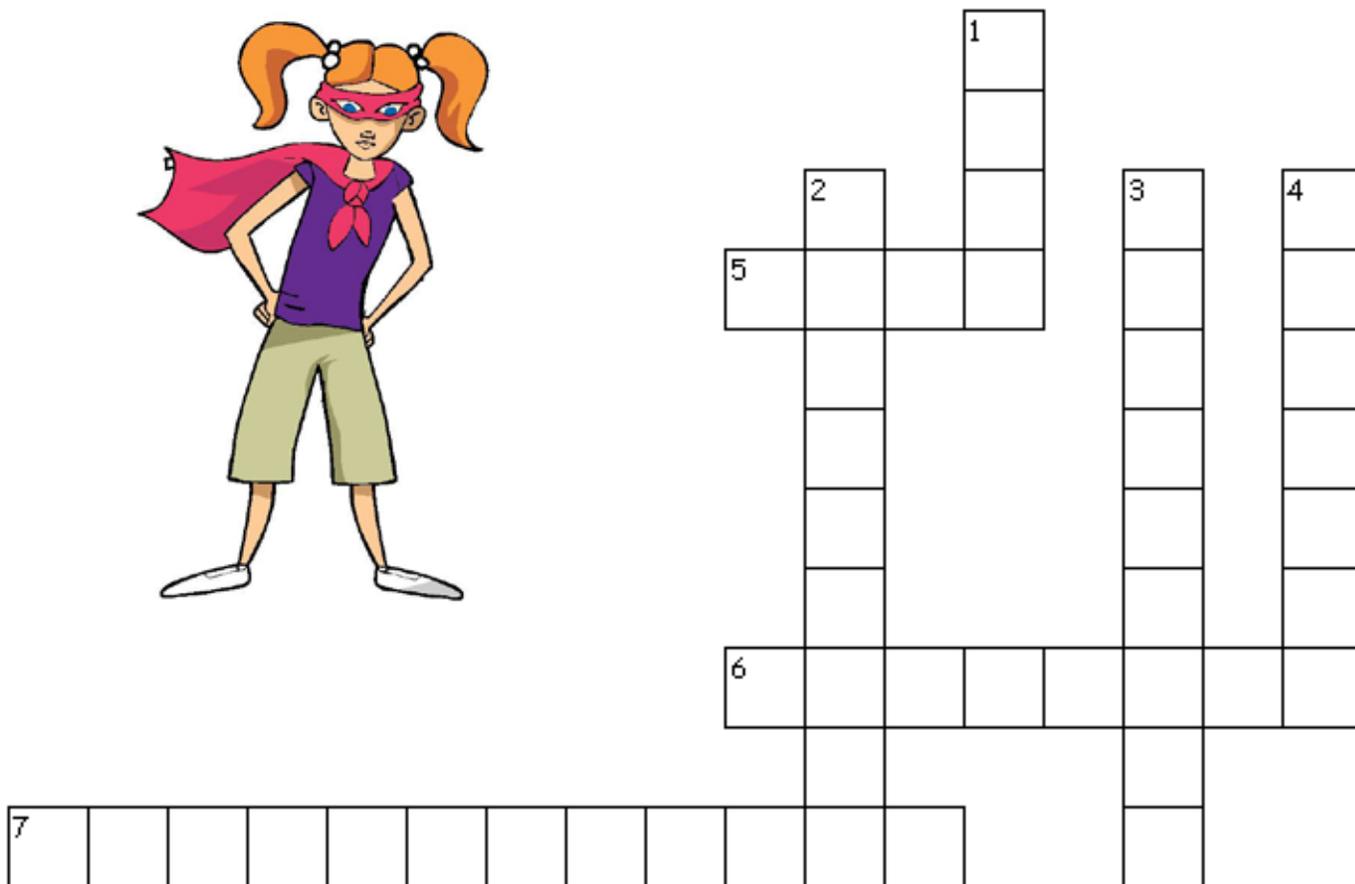


NAME _____

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Help Cape Girl solve this crossword puzzle and you will see why love is never jealous.



Across

- 5. Instead of thinking about what you don't have, be thankful for the things you do ____.
- 6. Love is never envious or boils over with ____.
- 7. Wanting things that other people have is ____.

Down

- 1. Envy is an attitude of wanting ____.
- 2. It is foolish to allow other people to control your ____.
- 3. The cure for jealousy is the "Attitude of ____."
- 4. Jealous people are ____ people.

