

Heritage Christian to perform superhero musical

‘The Agape League: Superheroes of the Spirit’ to be presented by the school today at 6:30 p.m.

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Superheroes long have been popular with children. Heritage Christian School is presenting a special superhero musical to involve children more in Christianity.

The musical is called ‘The Agape League: Superheroes of the Spirit’ and will be open to the public at 6:30 p.m. today at the school. The staff does ask attendees give a small donation.

Music teacher Judy Gerwig said she chose the play because it’s about the ‘fruits of the spirit.’ The elementary school children who are acting in the play are learning about the topic in their classes, she said.

The fruits of the spirit relates to Galatians 5:22-23 in the Bible: ‘But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.’

Gerwig said in the play, each virtue is a superhero character. There are nine major characters in the play and 85 total cast members, she said.

The plot is centered on a group of superheroes known as ‘The Agape League.’ The play opens with a meeting of the Agape League in the Agape Fortress. The general instructs that the superheroes need to solve a crisis in Suburbiana City.

The characters must face this crisis while one of their friends, Ironblade, forgets his identity (self-control)

and becomes involved with pop culture. The members soon learn they must be united for the league to stay together in one piece.

Fourth-grader Aaron Ramsey plays General Agape, the superhero of love. He said his character is at his most powerful when he says, ‘you need to focus your eyes intently on Jesus.’

Ramsey’s favorite scene in the play is when the league leads Ironblade to believe the fortress is an arcade. Ironblade asks for an ice cream but instead receives a kale smoothie.

‘I had to practice really hard on my character,’ he said.

The moral of the play is a person needs all of these virtues to be good, Ramsey said.

The character Shadow, faithfulness, is played by fifth-grader Alex Chumley. Chumley said she liked playing Shadow because ‘she demonstrates great faithfulness with everyone.’

‘I like the scene when we recite the scripture because it’s fun and we have to do it so fast so we can help one of our members remember his identity,’ she said.

‘Wait for the Lord’ is her favorite song from the musical because ‘it’s slow and fun,’ Chumley said.

Emily Hamrick, a home-schooled student, is partic-



Over 80 elementary school students will participate in the Heritage Christian School musical. The play will be open to the public 6:30 p.m. today. (Staff photo by Ashlie Walter)

icipating in the play as Jumper, the spirit of joy. She said she liked the character because she is bubbly and enthusiastic. She liked the fourth scene the most because she has many speaking parts and gets to rap a song.

Her rap is about encouraging the league to have joy when helping Ironblade because ‘the joy of the Lord ... is my strength,’ Hamrick said.

Gerwig said the children have been practicing since late February on the musi-

cal, which includes 10 songs. The children need a week to learn each song, she said.

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