



## Stay Home Superhero



Once upon a time there was a big, busy world. In this big, busy world there lived a little boy called William. William loved going to school to play with his friends, going to the park with his family and going swimming.

But one day, everything started to change. William heard on the news that there was a Big problem. This problem was so big that it started to spread across the world. All the grown ups were talking about it. All the children were talking about it. Everyone was feeling a little bit worried and scared about the Big problem.

Soon the Big problem caused some big changes. At first his parents had to change the way they could work, then he had to stop going swimming and finally he found out that school was cancelled. Day by day the big world he lived in was starting to get quieter and quieter.

William was confused. He felt scared too. He had so many questions. What was going on? Would it be ok? How could they stop the Big problem?

He asked his teacher and family all of his big questions. They said it was ok to be a bit scared and worried and that lots of other children felt the same way too. They said even the adults felt worried sometimes too and scared. Then they gave him a big hug.

“But all the very best, cleverest people in the whole world are working hard to fix the Big problem right now,” they explained.

This made him feel a bit better. Surely the cleverest people in the world could find a way to fix it? But it was a very big problem and he was still a bit scared. He had to do something!

The grown-ups explained that there were lots and lots of special helpers working hard to save the world and stop the problem.

“Like superheroes?” said William.

“Just like superheroes,” they said, smiling.

William wanted to be a superhero too. This was his chance! Super William to the rescue! He jumped up, ready to run outside and join all the other superheroes to fight the Big problem and save the world, but Mummy stopped him.

“Well, we DO need your help. Everyone is going to have to help to solve this Big problem. You are going to have a very special job indeed. You are going to become a Stay Home Superhero!”

William had never heard of THAT superhero before! The grown-ups told him that Stay Home Superheroes could help fight off the Big problem by using their Stay Home superpowers. But what were they? He tried so hard but he didn't have super strength or super speed either. In fact, he felt exactly the same as he did before.



The grown-ups explained that the Big problem can't be solved by strength, or super speed. The Big problem will only stop growing if all the new superheroes use their stay at home powers to stay home. In fact, if all the new Stay Home Superheroes work together, the Big problem will get smaller and smaller every single day, until it goes away!

"But staying at home is a boring superpower!" said William in a grump.

"Boring? No way!" replied the grown-ups. "You have the super power to make this fun and staying at home is how YOU can help save the world! There is nothing more powerful than that!"

Just staying at home and having fun could save the whole world? And he would become a real life superhero? William started to feel really excited. He started to feel powerful too! He couldn't wait to tell all his friends that they could turn into Stay Home Superheroes just like him!

William got to work quickly, using his superhero creativity to think of all the fun things he could do at home. He made a long list with his family: pillow fights, games, cooking, dancing, puppet shows, movies, den building and even MORE! Even better, he found he could still go in the garden and go outside too! He found out that he could wink at other superheroes across the road, as they all knew the special job they were doing.

William did miss playing with his friends, going swimming and to the park. But then he remembered how important his superhero job was. He was helping to save the world and that made him feel good inside. He was very proud of himself. Then he fired up his superpowers ready to find something fun to do. William the Stay Home Superhero and all his superhero friends worked hard together to save the world, all without leaving their homes!

Now you know how you can be a superhero too!



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