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*This sketch was written for a service entitled 'Jesus, the superhero'. The telephonist is at the emergency services and is dealing with the calls. She allocates suitable superheroes to each (very difficult) but noone is up to the final challenge – except Jesus. The quotation at the end is from Matthew 1 v 21.*

**CAST**

Telephonist

Caller 1      *President George Bush*      ]

Caller 2      *Needs to be a child's voice*      ]

Caller 3      *Male or female. Any age*      ]

Caller 4      *Male or female. Any age*      ]

Caller 5      *Male or female. Any age*      ]

Caller 6      *Male or female. Any age*      ]

*n.b. One person could do all these caller voices*

Superman

Supermum

Spiderman

Bananaman

Batman

Reader      *Could be the person who encourages audience participation – perhaps by holding up boards with words when it gets to the 'All' bits.*

*[Telephone rings]*

Telephonist      Hello, Emergency Services. Which superhero service do you require?

Caller 1      *[Anxious]* Hello, this is President Bush here. My experts at NASA tell me that the Earth is about to be obliterated by a huge meteor flying right towards us. The world is going to end and we are powerless to stop it. Please send someone to help.

Tele      That sounds like a job for SUPERMAN.  
*[ENTER SUPERMAN, who rushes across stage and exits the other side]*

All (Including Audience)      Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's SUPERMAN !

*[Telephone rings]*

Telephonist      Hello, Emergency Services. Which superhero service do you require?

Caller 2      Oh, please help. My family needs someone to look after us. To work to earn money, to organise the home, to do the cooking, the cleaning, the washing and the ironing and to look after me and my five brothers and sisters.

Tele That doesn't sound like a job for Superman. He's saving the world from a meteor. One task at a time is all he can do. What you need is SUPERMUM.  
*[ENTER SUPERMUM, who walks slowly across stage]*

All Is it a woman? Is it a wife? Is it a mother? No, it's SUPERMUM!

Tele Oh, Supermum, could you also try and help Superman to put his underpants on under his trousers and not over them. It's a bit embarrassing at his age.  
*[SUPERMUM nods resignedly and EXITS]*

*[Telephone rings]*

Telephonist Hello, Emergency Services. Which superhero service do you require?

Caller 3 We're all terrified. We're being haunted by the evil Green Goblin. Please send someone to set us free.

Tele What you need is SPIDERMAN.  
*[ENTER SPIDERMAN, who walks (swings?) across stage and exits.]*

All Is it an arachnid? Is it a human? No, it's SPIDERMAN!

*[Telephone rings]*

Telephonist Hello, Emergency Services. Which superhero service do you require?

Caller 4 Help, a dreadful disease is killing off all the bananas on the Earth.

Tele What sort of disease?

Caller 4 I'm not sure. It seems to be some sort of General Blight. If you don't send someone soon life will be fruitless.

Tele That sounds like a job for BANANAMAN.  
*[ENTER BANANAMAN]*

All Is it a wimp? Is it an apple? No, it's BANANAMAN!  
*[EXIT BANANAMAN]*

*[Telephone rings]*

Telephonist Hello, Emergency Services. Which superhero service do you require?

Caller 5 Help us please. The Riddler is out to take control of the world. We can't defeat him. He's too clever for us.

Tele What you need is BATMAN.

All            Dinner, dinner, dinner, dinner  
                Dinner, dinner, dinner, dinner, BATMAN!  
                *[ENTER BATMAN]*

Batman        Good, I'm starving. What are we having for dinner?

Tele           No, Batman, you are needed to save the world; so get mobile in your Robin Reliant and take Boy Blunder with you.

Batman        Pardon?

Tele           Sorry. That should be: get in your Batmobile and take Robin the reliable Boy Wonder with you.  
                *[EXIT BATMAN]*

*[Telephone rings]*

Telephonist   Hello, Emergency Services. Which superhero service do you require?

Caller 6        Hello, I'm very worried about all the selfishness in the world. There's so much wrong with people. Can you send someone to deal with the problem of the human heart.

Tele           Well, caller, that sounds a tough challenge. I'm not sure if any of our superheroes are up to it.  
                *[ENTER SUPERMAN, SUPERMUM, SPIDERMAN, BATMAN & BANANAMAN looking doubtful and shaking their heads]*

Caller 6        Oh, please, please, you've got to help. This selfishness is spoiling the world and we are all headed for destruction.

Tele           I'm sorry caller; we can't help you. *[ALL SUPERHEROES look sad and defeated]*

Caller 6        But there must be one superhero who can help us.

Tele           Just a minute. Maybe there is.....

Reader        "You will name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins."

*THE END*