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# Ms Marvel

Series one, episode three

Watch the whole episode together or concentrate on the clip from 27:17 to 40:01.

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## Synopsis

Kamala Khan is a 16-year-old high schooler and fangirl of the Avengers, particularly Carol Danvers / Captain Marvel. Living with her strict parents, Yusuf and Muneeba, Kamala dreams of one day having an adventure like her hero. When she receives a bangle from her grandmother, Kamala discovers that wearing it allows her to construct cosmic energy. Creating a superhero persona, Kamala keeps her newfound powers a secret from everyone apart from best friend, Bruno. This episode focuses on the wedding of Kamala’s brother Aamir and his fiancee, Tyesha. As with typical superhero stories, not everything quite goes to plan.

With the launch of Disney+, Marvel has been using its current phase of storytelling to branch out into television shows. After the success of shows such as *Wandavision* and *Loki*, Marvel introduced new superheroes into its ever-expanding universe. Perhaps the best show so far, Ms Marvel introduces a new young female lead to the MCU, with terrifically likeable performances from the cast and a plot that zips along at a pleasing speed. Ms Marvel traverses new territory for Marvel, exploring different cultures and beliefs that are not typically explored onscreen.

## The episode

This session is aimed at twelves-plus. With that in mind, chat through the following questions to help settle them into the discussion format:

* Have you seen any of the new Marvel TV shows – what have you enjoyed or disliked?
* The original Avengers line-up of heroes was very male-dominated. Is it important to introduce characters like Ms Marvel to the MCU?
* Kamala Khan is a Muslim; what do you know of Muslim beliefs and traditions?

The session focus on a clip in episode three of the first series. After previous episodes focused on introducing Kamala’s powers and showing her adjusting to her new superhero identity, this clip highlights the trials and tribulations of trying to be a hero and keeping it a secret from everyone you love. While attending her brother’s wedding, Kamala attracts the attention of the mysterious Clandestine group who desire her bangle. This leads to an epic chase and battle as Kamala tries to keep everyone safe. Sadly this results in Kamala being blamed for ruining her brother’s wedding. After watching the clip, discuss the following questions:

* Why do you think that Kamala keeps her powers a secret from her family?
* What sort of qualities does Kamala demonstrate in this clip?
* How do you think Kamala’s friend Nakia feels when she sees Kamala’s powers?
* Why do you think Kamala keeps her secret from her family, even though it means that they think she sabotaged the wedding?

## The Bible

Taking on the theme of doing good in secret (even if it means that you don’t get any praise or reward), read together Matthew 6:1-4. Afterwards chat through the following questions:

* What is the meaning of this passage? How should we ‘give’?
* What should our motivation be to ‘give’ in this passage?
* Is it wrong to feel good and tell others about our good deeds?
* Should we expect rewards from God for the good that we do?

*Ms Marvel* is available to stream on Disney+.

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