

Johnny's True Power
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Once, there was a boy named Johnny. He lived in a normal house with a normal family. Although he lived such a regular kind of life, Johnny always believed he had some sort of super power.

When Johnny was 4 years old, he was sure he had the power to make himself invisible. He decided to try it out when his mother told him he couldn't have any cookies before dinner. Using his power of invisibility, he walked right past her and quietly opened the cookie jar. As Johnny sat in time-out, he realized that invisibility must not be his true super power.

When Johnny was 5 years old, he thought his real power was to melt metal with his laser beam eyes. Instead of a cool hole in his dad's metal tool box, all Johnny got was a bad headache from pushing so hard to get his power to work. He realized that again, this must not be his special power.

When Johnny was 7 years old, he was sure that he could actually fly just like Superman. Instead, Johnny spent the summer in a cast because of his failed attempt to fly from the roof of his shed. Johnny was getting discouraged, but he still believed he had a super power just waiting to be discovered.

By the time Johnny was 10, he experienced several more failed attempts in finding his power. He was about to give up hope until one day when he walked to the street corner on the way home from school. High school kids always hung out at that particular corner, and today was no different. "Johnny", shouted the high schoolers, "come here and smoke some pot with us". "No way" said Johnny. "Come on Johnny, you're not lame, are you?" "No" replied Johnny, "you're the lame ones for damaging your lungs". Johnny turned and proudly walked away.

At that moment, Johnny realized that he had finally found his super power...saying no to drugs. When it comes to drugs, there is no better way to show your bravery, your strength, your super power than by standing up for yourself and saying NO. It is a power we all have, the power to say no to drugs.

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