

The Beat

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Spiderman (AKA Peter Parker) may rescue those in need, but his double life brings him only grief in the 2004 movie, *Spider-Man 2*. Things are so bad that Peter decides he's tired of saving everyone else and throws away his Spiderman suit.

A visit with his Aunt May and a neighborhood kid named Henry makes him reconsider.

"Kids like Henry need a hero," Aunt May tells Peter. "Courageous, self-sacrificing people. Setting examples for all of us. . . . People line up for them, cheer them, scream their names. And years later, they'll tell how they stood in the rain for hours just to get a glimpse of the one who taught them how to hold on a second longer."

Peter returns to his unwanted responsibility remembering Aunt May's words. "Being a hero means sometimes we have to be steady, and give up the thing we want the most. Even our dreams."



THINK ABOUT IT

- Why do you think Peter Parker decided to give up his Spiderman role?
- Why do you think he changed his mind?

The Choice

The story of Peter Parker's choice is fictional, but it can help us begin to appreciate Jesus' real story. Draw two connecting circles, a Venn Diagram, and compare and contrast the two lives.



How can you celebrate the choice Jesus made for you?