

All-Powerful - Family Lesson 5

Divine Attribute: God is All-Powerful

Heart Response: Have faith

Memory Verse: Luke 18:27 “Things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. God is the only one who has the power to do miracles.
2. God is the only one who has power over all of creation.
3. God allows us to participate in his work to show his glory.
4. God gives us his strength and power when we put our faith in him.

Family Worship

Gather your family and play the [worship video](#) found on the curriculum resource page! Have fun, sing loud, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to Luke 18:27. Show your child that this is where we find today's verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to parents - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible (John 11:17-44)

We have a new story this week. As you may remember, we've been talking about miracles that Jesus did. Do you remember what a miracle is? (Allow for responses) **That's right. A miracle is an amazing thing that only God can do.**

Can you tell me some miracles that Jesus did? (Turned water to wine, calmed the storm, fed over 5,000 people with just five loaves and two fish, walked on the water) **Today, we're going to talk about another miracle that Jesus did to show his power.**

Our Bible story today is from John 11. (Open the Bible to John 11:17.)

Here, we learn that Jesus has some friends named Mary and Martha. They have a brother named Lazarus. Lazarus is also a very dear friend of Jesus, but one day he gets very, very, sick. When he gets sick, how do you think Mary and Martha feel? (Allow for responses) **They want him to get better, so they send a message to Jesus. Why do you think they send a message to Jesus?** (They want Jesus to know they believe that he could heal Lazarus.) **Do you think that Jesus comes immediately after getting the message that Lazarus is very, very sick?** (Allow for responses)

No, he actually doesn't. Even though he loves Mary, Martha, and Lazarus a lot, he waits a few more days before going to see them. When Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick, he says, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory. God's Son will receive glory because of it." By the time Jesus gets to where Mary and Martha live, Lazarus has already died. How do you think Mary and Martha feel now? (Allow for responses)

Mary and Martha each go out to meet Jesus. Martha says to him, "Lord, if you had been here, Lazarus would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." Mary and Martha know that Jesus is all-powerful

and could have kept Lazarus alive. They have faith and trust in Jesus that he can do anything. But, now they are wondering why Jesus didn't keep Lazarus from dying, and heal him while he was sick, like Jesus healed other people.

Jesus says to Martha, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live forever even after dying on earth. Do you believe this?" "Yes Lord," she tells him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world."

Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus' body is, and he tells the people, "Take away the stone." Martha says, "But Lord, by this time there will be a bad smell. Lazarus has been dead in the tomb for four days." Then Jesus says to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe you would see God's glory?"

So they open the tomb by rolling the stone away. (Look up, as you continue) Then Jesus looks up and says, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I say this aloud so the people standing here will believe that you sent me." Then Jesus says in a LOUD voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

What do you think happens? (Allow for responses) That's right! Lazarus comes walking out with strips of linen around his hands and feet and a cloth around his face! Jesus raises Lazarus from death back to life. It is another miracle!

Once again, Jesus shows his disciples that he is all-powerful and he is in control of everything. Jesus can give life because Jesus is God! Jesus gives us life, too! We can trust Jesus to take care of us because he is our all-powerful God.

Prayer

Thank you, Father, that you are all-powerful. Help us to have faith in you. You are the giver of life. Thank you for dying on the cross for us and conquering death so that we can have a new life with you. Amen.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

1. What were the names of Jesus' friends in the story? (Mary, Martha, and Lazarus)
2. What happened to Lazarus? (He died.)
3. What happened when Jesus told Lazarus to come out of the tomb? (Lazarus walked out—he was alive.)
4. Who raised Lazarus from the dead? (Jesus!)
5. Who gives us life? (Jesus, God)
6. Who can we trust to take care of us? (Jesus!)
7. Who can do anything? (God; he is all-powerful!)

Optional Additional Activity: Lazarus Alive Again

Supplies:

Paper cup

1" Gauze rolls

Popsicle sticks

Markers

Elmer's Glue

Give your child a paper cup and a 1-foot strip of gauze or something similar. Give them a popsicle stick and have them draw Lazarus' face at the top. Have them roll the gauze around the popsicle stick and secure it with glue. Have them draw a half circle on the cup to resemble the opening of the tomb. Tell them to put Lazarus inside the cup. Then remind them in our Bible lesson today Jesus came to Lazarus after he was already dead for several days. Ask your child, "When Jesus got to the tomb, what did he say?" Remind your child that Jesus said "Lazarus, come out!"

