

All-Powerful - Family Lesson 4

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

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, 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 (Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-51, John 6:15-21)

Who remembers our memory verse? (Let your child try to say it on their own.) **Let’s say it together.** “Things that are impossible with people are possible with God.” **Luke 18:27.**

We have been learning that Jesus performed miracles to show who he is and to demonstrate his power. Do you remember what a miracle is? A miracle is an amazing thing that only God can do. We have learned that Jesus is so powerful that he turned water into wine! And Jesus is so powerful that he calmed a terrible storm! We even learned that Jesus fed 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish!

Wow, Jesus is all-powerful! (Have your child make muscles and say, “Jesus is all-powerful!”) **Today, we will see how Jesus shows his power again to his disciples. Over and over again, Jesus shows us that he is with us and he wants us to have faith in him.**

The Bible tells us that one night, Jesus’ disciples go down to the Sea of Galilee. There, they get into a boat and head across the lake towards Capernaum. It is dark, and Jesus is not with them. The disciples have rowed the boat for about three miles and are far from land. (Pretend to row a boat.) A strong wind is blowing, and they are fighting heavy waves. (Rock back and forth.)

Early in the morning, Jesus goes out to the disciples. They look up and see Jesus coming towards the boat. He is walking on the water! Can a person do that on his or her own? No way! We would sink down into the water, wouldn’t we? The disciples don’t know what to think. They are terrified and cry out in fear, “It’s a ghost!” But

Jesus speaks to them, “Do not fear! I am here!” Peter, one of the disciples, asks Jesus, “Lord, is it you? If it is, tell me to come to you on the water.” Jesus replies, “Come!”

So, Peter gets out of the boat and begins to walk on the water towards Jesus! But when Peter sees the wind, he is afraid and begins to sink. He cries out, “Lord! Save me!” Right away, Jesus reaches out his hand and catches Peter. Jesus then says to him, “Your faith is so small! Why did you doubt me?” When they climb into the boat, the wind dies down. Then those in the boat worship Jesus! They say, “You really are the Son of God!”

Again, Jesus showed his disciples they could have faith in him. He was showing them that he is God and he is all-powerful. He is the one who would conquer sin and death! He was the creator and provider of every good thing! Jesus isn't saying we should walk on water. He wants us to have faith in him and his power to get us through anything and everything. He created us and loves us. He wants to have a relationship with us. Because God is perfectly holy, he can have nothing to do with sin. That is why he came to rescue us—so we can have a new life now and have life forever with him. He wants to be with us, but we have to choose to follow him instead of choosing to follow the world and what we want. God knows what we need because he created us. Let's pray and thank him for loving us and knowing what is best for us.

Prayer

Thank you, Father, for being all-powerful. Help us to see that we can trust you with our lives. You take care of us and want what is best for us. We love 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 did the disciples see that made them afraid?** (They saw a man walking on water.)
2. **Who was walking on the water?** (Jesus.)
3. **Who walked on the water to meet Jesus?** (Peter.)
4. **What happened when Peter took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the storm around him?** (He began to sink.)
5. **Why did Peter begin to sink?** (He was afraid of the wind and the waves. He did not have faith/belief that he could do this.)
6. **What did Jesus do for Peter when he showed little faith and began to doubt?** (Jesus reached his hand out right away and caught him.)

Optional Additional Activity

Impossible

Supplies:

Large bowl

Pitcher of water if no sink in room

Set of four small items that will sink or float

Put the bowl of water and the items that you will use for this experiment in the middle of the table in front of your child. Then tell your child that you have a bowl of water and that together you will see which items will float and which will sink. Explain that if you put something in and it stays at the top, that means it floats, but if it goes straight to the bottom, then it sinks. Show your child an item and ask them if they think it will float or sink. Ask your child to put the item in the water. Let your child identify whether an item floats or it sinks. Continue until all items have been tried. At the end, ask them what would happen if you tried to walk on water. Would you float or sink?

