

GOD IS ALL POWERFUL

The crossing of the Red Sea - Large Group

God is awesome

He has a big plan for me

God wants to be my closest friend

THE ESSENTIALS: GOD

Main point: God is all powerful; there is nothing too hard for him.

FOR LEADER ONLY

God can help us in any and all situations. There is nothing too difficult for him and nothing He can't overcome. The Bible is full of stories illustrating this. The children of Israel saw God deliver them from the Egyptians and bring them through a seemingly impossible situation. In the same way, children need to know that they can turn to God at any time and that God is powerful to help them through it. Then, they will be confident to trust God. They will turn to him when they need help. Then, others will see the peace in their lives and get a glimpse of the awesome God we serve.

PREPARATION

You will need a storyteller, a helper (could be a puppet), & worship leader. If acting this out using children, you need a Pharaoh and a Moses. The rest of the children can be the people of God. If acting, tell all the children of God work as slaves in the fields, move forward by marching in place, and celebrate when God saves them.

GETTING STARTED

The scene opens up with helper nervously pacing around the puppet stage and shaking. Storyteller walks in.

STORYTELLER

_____ (*fill in the name of the helper*)! What's going on? You look super scared!

HELPER

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!

The helper continues running around and shaking. The storyteller walks up to the stage and grabs ahold of the puppet and shakes his shoulders.

STORYTELLER

CALM DOWN, _____ (*fill in the name of the helper*) AND TALK TO ME!

HELPER

I am just so scared, right now. It's impossible. It's just too impossible.
AAAAHHHHHHHHHH!!!

STORYTELLER

What is impossible? What seems so scary to you that it is making you act like this?

HELPER

It's this test - I have this test coming up and if I don't pass, then I will get in trouble and then... No one will be my friend because they will all think I am dumb. It's the worst! I just know I won't pass! It's impossible. There is no hope! None! It's over!
AHHHHHHHHH!!

STORYTELLER

Ok, _____ (*fill in the name of the helper*), life is not over. You don't have to be afraid. This test doesn't need to scare you! Do you know that God is with you? I think that you forgot that nothing too hard for God. Our God can do anything!

HELPER

No way - my test is way too hard even for God! The only thing left to do is freak out!
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!

STORYTELLER

Ok, I can't take this any more! I am going to tell you a story and I want you to listen up really well, because there is an important lesson for you to learn here. You do not need to be afraid. Nothing is too hard for God! He can help you!

MEMORY VERSE

But first we're going to practice our memory verse. Our memory verse for this week is **Nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37**

We encourage you to incorporate competition somehow into learning the memory verse. Have a guys versus girls competition or a younger versus older kids competition, etc. See the example below.

Okay, let's practice it all together. **Nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37**

We're going to have a contest to see who can say the memory verse the loudest. I want them to hear you in the sanctuary! Let me hear the boys say it as loud as you can! **Nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37**

Wow, good job. Now, girls, do you think you can beat them? I want to hear what you've got. Okay girls, all together: **Nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37**

Great job! I think that the _____ (*fill in boys or girls*) won this week. This week we are going find out that there is nothing too difficult for God. He is all powerful.

BIBLE LESSON

Storyteller: Note that the following Bible lesson has been organized into four main points (**IN BOLD CAPS**) to help you present it in a memorable manner. The lesson concludes with the **APPLICATION** to help make it applicable for the kids in a real life way.

GOD SAVES

STORYTELLER

Many years ago, a man named Pharaoh [FEY ro] ruled over the country of Egypt. Everyone say Egypt.

ALL
Egypt.

STORYTELLER

Pharaoh captured the people of God and made them work hard in the land as slaves. Pharaoh treated them very badly and had no respect for God. It was very difficult for the people of God to live under Pharaoh's rule. They cried out to God and asked Him to save them.

God saw his people hurting and heard their cries to save them, and He did just that. God brought so much pain on the Egyptian people that the Pharaoh finally asked the people of God to leave. God saved his people! There is nothing too hard for Him. God can help us in all situations. The people of God walked out of Egypt as free men. Isn't God awesome? Let's say that together, "God is awesome!"

ALL
God is awesome!

FOLLOWED

STORYTELLER

The leader of the children of Israel was named Moses. Everybody say Moses. *Moses*. The Lord spoke to Moses and told him that he was preparing a great land for them where they would be successful and have everything they needed. God had a big plan for them. The people rejoiced and followed Moses away from Egypt.

About this time, Pharaoh and the Egyptians began missing their slaves and decided that they should have never let the people of God leave. They set out to chase down the people of God and make them come back.

Now, who was the leader of the people of God? *Moses*. That's right. Well, Moses and the children of Israel arrived at a biiiiiig sea (*show the bigness with your hands*). It looked like the ocean in front of them. They didn't know where to go, so they just stayed there and waited for God to tell them.

Just then, they began to hear a rumbling in the distance... They looked up and saw Pharaoh and his army, riding on horses and quickly approaching!
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!! Everyone started to panic! They were very afraid and scared. How they would escape?

SAVED AGAIN

STORYTELLER

But Moses was calm and confident in the Lord. He said, "Do not worry. Our God is awesome and all powerful." Everyone say, "Our God is powerful."

ALL

Our God is powerful.

STORYTELLER

Sometimes we have things happen to us and we don't know how we're going to get past it or how God could save us from it. Sometimes it's easy to be scared. But, we must remember God is all powerful and there is nothing too hard for him. God can help us in all situations.

Moses prayed to God and the Lord told Moses to move forward. He said, "I will dry up the sea before you. Then you and all the people will know that I am the Lord and there is *nothing* too hard for me." Is there anything too hard for God?

ALL

Nothing!

STORYTELLER

So the people of God moved forward. When they got to the sea, Moses stretched out his hand over the waves near the shore. God made the water stop flowing and created a pathway for the children of God to walk through, with a wall of water on each side! God's people walked through on dry ground. Everyone say dry ground.

ALL

Dry ground.

STORYTELLER

As the children of Israel passed through the sea, they could hear the rush of deep water on both sides. They could see fish - huge ones and tiny ones swimming in the water on both sides. It was an experience like no other!

As the children of God hurried across the sea, Pharaoh continued chasing after them. They were quickly gaining on the Israelites! They had drawn their sharp swords, ready to kill as many of God's people as possible.

As the last of the children of God stepped onto dry land on the other side of the river, God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the waters again. Moses obeyed and stretched his hand out. The waters flew back together and all of the army of Egypt was drowned in the sea! But the people of God had walked across safe and sound.

Remember that God is all powerful and there is nothing too hard for him. He can help us in all situations.

WRAP UP

STORYTELLER

The Israelites celebrated! The Lord saved his people out of the hands of their enemies. The Lord showed His power that day, and how He is all powerful. There's nothing He cannot do, even let you walk through a sea on dry land.

HELPER

Whoaaaaaa! So God made an entire ocean spread apart to save His people! That's amazing!

STORYTELLER

Yes, it is, _____ (*fill in the name of the helper*). We serve a very powerful God who can do anything! We don't have to be afraid. Just like God helped His people in what seemed like an impossible situation, God can help you in any situation.

HELPER

So if I have an impossible test to take, God can help me?

STORYTELLER

Yep, just ask Him and don't be afraid.

HELPER

What if I have a problem with my little sister, and it just seems impossible to love her?

STORYTELLER

God can help you with that too. Nothing is too hard for Him.

HELPER

And if I'm scared of the dark?

STORYTELLER

God can help us with anything! You don't have to be afraid. Nothing is too hard for God. When you need help or you feel scared, just ask Him to help you and He always will! Let's say all together that God is all powerful.

ALL

God is all powerful.

MAKE IT PERSONAL (optional)

Tell a story of a time in your own life when you needed God's all powerful help in your life and He came through for you.

APPLICATION

What seems hard in your life right now? Is paying attention at school is hard for you? What about loving your brother or sister? Does it sometimes seem impossible? What is difficult for you in your life right now? For Moses and the Israelites, it was hard feeling stuck between their enemies and a huge sea. But God helped them to cross the sea to safety. He helped His people and He can help you. We're going to pray together to ask God for help with the hard things in our lives. We know we can trust God with the hard things in our lives because He is all powerful and there is nothing too hard for Him.

DECLARATION

The declaration is an opportunity for everyone to declare how the material that they learned today affects what they believe. Before class, prepare the declaration on a poster board so that you can all say it together.

Let's say our declaration all together:

There is nothing too hard for God. He is all powerful. He can help me in every circumstance. I trust in God.

PRAYER

God, you are all powerful and there is nothing too hard for you. Thank you that you are a God who saves your people. We thank you for saving Moses and your people when their enemies were chasing them. We know that you can help us too in any situation. Thank you that we can trust you completely with our whole lives. In Jesus' name we pray.

SALVATION PRAYER

You may use this prayer or substitute in the prayer that your church uses, but do be sure to be consistent in praying the same prayer every week. There are many benefits to this including that children will learn the prayer and be able to lead their friends to Christ in confidence.

Without anyone moving, everyone keep your heads bowed and eyes closed, I want you to listen to me. There may be some of you who heard today about God and thought to yourself, I don't know God. I want to know God more. If that describes you and you've never asked Jesus to be Lord of your life, we're going to pray a prayer in just a moment and I want you to pray with us. Let's pray.

Dear God, I know I need a Savior and I know I can't save myself. Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You died on the cross for my sins and God raised You from the dead. Right now, I say that you are my Lord and my Savior, as the one who forgives me and restores me. Thank you, Jesus my past is forgiven. I have a relationship with you. I am a new creation in Christ because I've said yes to You.

If you just prayed that prayer for the first time, that was the best decision you'll ever make. If you just prayed that prayer for the first time, I want you to raise your hand.

We're going to have you a card and we want you to fill it out with your name, your parents' names, and your information so that we can pray for you.

WORSHIP

Moses understood that there was nothing too difficult for God. He trusted in God to save them. Our God is awesome. He is all powerful and there is nothing too hard for him. Let's worship Him because He is big, strong, mighty, and powerful.

WRAP UP

STORYTELLER

We have had a fantastic time learning about God these past few weeks. We have learned that God is all powerful, and there is nothing too hard for him. We've learned that God never changes but always stays the same. We've learned that God made and rules over all creation. We've learned that God can help us in any and all situations and that we can trust him completely with our whole lives. God has such big plans for us. What kind of plans does God have for us?

ALL

Big plans!

STORYTELLER

You got it. As you go through your week, remember that God is all powerful and there is nothing too hard for him. See you next week!