



WEEK
FOUR
AUGUST 2021

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

God's power helps me make the right choice.

DANIEL'S FOOD
DANIEL 1:8-17

MEMORY VERSE

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power."

PSALM 147:5, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is powerful?

BOTTOM LINE

God is powerful.

BASIC TRUTH

God made me.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

WORSHIP

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible at Psalm 147:5, NIV. You need a music player and this month's worship song, "Anything at All," which is included in your monthly files. The dance moves video for "Anything at All" is available on the Very Big Things Dance Moves DVD, OrangeKidsMusic.com, or in your media package if you subscribe. You also need "God Is with Me," which is available on the Love Like Jesus CD, iTunes®, and Spotify®. The dance moves video for this song is available on the Love Like Jesus Dance Moves DVD and at OrangeKidsMusic.com.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, friends! How is everyone today? If you're good, let me see a big thumbs-up. (Pause.) Awesome! I'm so glad to see you all today because all month long, we're learning about God's power! In fact, we're learning that NO one is more powerful than God. **Who is powerful?"**

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "God is powerful."

WORSHIP LEADER: "You are right, my friends! Do you remember the song we've been singing all month long? It talks about how God is so powerful, He can do anything! On your feet and sing it out with all you've got!

Lead children in singing "Anything at All," this month's worship song.

"I love that song! Great job, friends. The Bible teaches us that 'Great (jazz hands) is our Lord (point up) and mighty in power,' (fists on hips) Psalm 147:5. (Open hands like a book.) Let me hear you say it!

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

"Way to go! I'm so glad to know that **God is powerful** and that **God made me!** And the best part is, no matter where you go or what you do, God is WITH you. Sing this with me.

Lead children in singing "God Is with Me."

"When you're in your room, when you go outside, no matter WHERE you go, God is always with you! And you don't have to worry because no one is more powerful than God! Thanks for worshipping with me today."



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Table, toy crane, small bucket, bowl of pom poms, and empty bowl

WHAT YOU DO: Set table in the middle of the storytelling area. Place the small bucket on the table. Fill one bowl with pom poms and place at one end of the table. Place the empty bowl at the opposite end.

The Host walks out smiling really big, holding the toy crane.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name], and all month I've been watching the construction on my street! Yesterday, I saw a crane.

Hold up the crane then set it on the table.

"It looked like this, but WAAAYYY (stretch arm up high over the crane) taller. See how the arm of this crane can go back and forth?

Move the crane's arm back and forth.

"It can move things from one side of the road to the other.

Hang the bucket from the crane's hook.

"I'll use my crane to move the pom poms from here . . .

Move crane arm over to the bowl of pom poms. Turn bucket and scoop up some pom poms.

"To here. I'm pretending the pom poms are rocks like at the construction site outside my house.

Move crane arm over and dump pom poms into the empty bowl.

"Want to help me? Everyone, put out one arm in front of you like a crane and pretend to pick up some rocks. Make sure you don't hit any friends nearby.

Move crane arm back and forth to dump pom poms from one bowl to the other. Make construction sounds as you do this.

"This is SO fun! Looks like I just have a few more pom poms to move. Keep picking up those rocks friends.

Gather the last of the pom poms and move them to the other bowl.

"You can put your crane arms down! Looks like I'm out of pom poms. I think I'll grab some more. See you in a little while."

The Host gathers up the crane and bowls and exits.



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BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, large bin, toy food including vegetables, water bottle, and plate; *Optional Story Images*

WHAT YOU DO: Place the toy food, water bottle, and plate in the bin.

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible and the bin.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I've got a true story to share with you from the Bible.

Set the bin down on the floor by the table. Hold up your Bible.

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with the king of Babylon who had a very long name. His name was King Nebuchadnezzar. Can you say that?"

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CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "King Nebuchadnezzar!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job! Now King Nebuchadnezzar had a training program because he wanted the people working for him to be the very best. And he chose several guys to be in it. One of those guys was named Daniel. That's a name you've probably heard before. Can everyone say, 'Daniel'?"

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CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "Daniel!"

STORYTELLER: "Great job. Daniel loved God and followed Him. Daniel did what God told him to do. Let's go back to King Nebuchadnezzar. You see, he wanted the people working for him to study so they could learn and learn all these new things.

Set the plate on the table and start piling the toy food onto it, EXCEPT the vegetables and the water bottle.

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"King Nebuchadnezzar even wanted them to have all the fancy food and drink right from his own table. Wow. Look at all this rich food.

"Well, this was a problem for Daniel. Remember, Daniel loved God and followed Him. Back then, God had rules about what His people could eat. That meant Daniel would have to say no to all the fancy food and drink on the king's table. That meant Daniel would have to say no to the king! And people normally didn't say no to the king.

"But, guess who had the power to help Daniel make the right choice? *(Pause.)* God! God has the power to help ALL of us make the right choice. And that day, God helped Daniel make the right choice and follow God's rules.

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Remove all the "rich" food from the plate. Set some vegetables on it and grab the water bottle.

"Daniel made the choice to eat only vegetables and drink only water. Daniel told the king's servant that he didn't want the king's food. He only wanted to eat vegetables and drink water.

"No one knew what would happen when the servant told the king that Daniel wasn't eating his food. What do you think the king did? If you think he was angry, give me a thumbs-up. (Pause.)

"Well, guess what? The king said, 'Okay!' Wow! God is SO powerful! He helped Daniel make the right choice. And he wants to help us make the right choice, too.

"Sometimes, it can be hard to make the right choice. But you can always ask God for help. Let me give you a few examples.

"Let's say you really want to play your uncle's nice guitar but, you know you're no allowed to touch it. Can God help you make the right choice and NOT play your uncle's guitar?"

CHILDREN: "Yes!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes, He can. God is powerful, and He will help you make the right choice and leave that guitar alone!

"Can you ask God to help you wait when you REALLY want to eat a cookie before dinner?"

CHILDREN: "Yes!"

STORYTELLER: "Yes! God is powerful, and He will help you wait to eat that cookie!

"Can God help us be excited when our friend gets a new bike, even when we would like to have a new bike?"

CHILDREN: "Yes!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! When we ask God to help us, He will. God is SO powerful. He can help us make the right choice.

"Did you like the story? If you did, let me see two thumbs-up! (Pause.) Awesome. **Who is powerful?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**God is powerful!**"

STORYTELLER: "**Who is powerful?"**

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "**God is powerful!**"

STORYTELLER: "That's the truth. It's time to talk to God. Let's close our eyes!"



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PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for the story of Daniel and how You helped him make the right choice, even when it was hard. You are SO powerful, God. Thanks for helping us make the right choice, too. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

"Friends, you're awesome. Thanks for listening. Bye!"

The Storyteller exits with Bible, leaving the toy food on the table.

OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: Toy crane and bucket from Intro Sketch and toy food from Story

The Host enters smiling with the toy crane and bucket.

HOST: "Wow! God's power helped Daniel. And God's power helps us make the right choice, too. I think I got the story. If you got, say, 'I got it.' Did you get it?"

CHILDREN: "I got it!"

HOST: "Awesome! Now, I wonder if I can use this crane to pick up all this food? Let's see."

Host moves the bucket on the crane to pick up the toy food and put it back in the bin.

HOST: "This is harder than it looks! Hope you have fun in your small groups!"

Host exits with the toy crane and bin of food.