



WEEK
FIVE
AUGUST 2021

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

God's power can protect me.

DANIEL AND THE LIONS
DANIEL 6:1-23

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 "Perfect," 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! We've had SO much fun this month learning all about God's power. Tell me, **who is powerful?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**God is powerful.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "You've got it! He can do anything at all! Let's stand up to sing and dance and show God how much we love Him!"

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

"That was awesome! There's no giant too big, no mountain too tall. No one is more powerful than God. In fact, 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.) We've had a whole month to learn this verse, so let's say together!

Lead the children to say the verse with the motions.

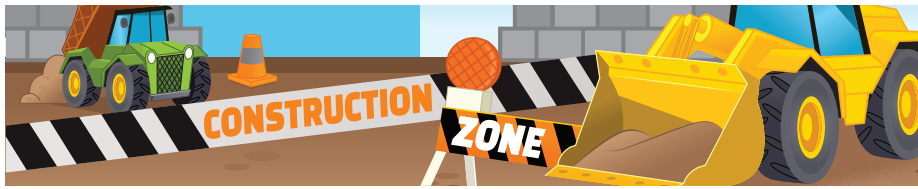
"God IS great and mighty in power! There is no one like our God. He never makes mistakes! He is perfect. Sing this out with me.

Lead children in singing "Perfect."

"Every single day, in every single way, God is perfect. He is strong and mighty. Nothing is too big for God because nothing is more powerful! One more time, **who is powerful?**"

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "**God is powerful.**"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, He is! I LOVE worshipping with you. Thanks, friends."



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INTRO SKETCH

WHAT YOU NEED: Realistic hard hat and construction vest with reflective stripes; *Optional Story Images*

The Host enters smiling, wearing the vest and the hard hat.

HOST: "Hello there, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm SO excited to see you guys today! As you know, all month there's been a construction crew working on my street! It's been SUPER fun to see all these big powerful trucks breaking up the road, dumping rocks, moving big pieces of concrete with their cranes, and digging up the road with an excavator."

"Do you like my vest and hat? This looks exactly like what the crew driving those BIG trucks wear every day. Pretty cool right? They wear a hat and a vest like this for protection."

Spin around to show the back of the vest.

"You can see this vest is super bright. When I wear this vest, people can see me and not bump into me!"

Tap the top of the hard hat.

"And this hat protects your head if anything falls from up high! SO cool right! These things are very important for the construction crew members to wear so they stay protected. I've had SO much fun watching them work right outside my front door."

"All the machines they use are really powerful. But they're not as powerful as someONE we've been talking about. I can't wait to hear one more story about how powerful God is. It's time for your story. See you guys later."

The Host exits.

BIBLE STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible; *Optional Story Images*

The storyteller enters carrying a Bible.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I'm here to tell you a true story from the Bible. (*Hold up the Bible.*) Today's true story from the Bible begins with a guy named Daniel."

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Daniel loved God and prayed to Him every day. Daniel worked for King Darius. King Darius liked Daniel, and they were friends. But this made some other guys jealous and grumpy.

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Let me see your best grumpy face. (*Pause.*) So grumpy! These grumpy guys wanted to get Daniel in trouble so the



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king wouldn't like him anymore. So they made a tricky plan. Do you want to hear the tricky plan? (Pause.)

"I'll tell you! They tricked the king into making a law that no one could pray to anyone but HIM. The law said that everyone had to pray to the king. And if they prayed to anyone else, they would be thrown into a den of hungry lions. Let me hear your best lion's roar. Ready? One, two, three."

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "ROOOOAAAAARRRRRRR!"

STORYTELLER: "Whoa, you sound like some scary lions. What was Daniel going to do? If he prayed to God like he did every day, he could be thrown to the lions. What do you think? Do you think Daniel stopped praying to God? (Pause.) NOOOO!"

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Daniel did NOT stop praying to God. Daniel knew God was more powerful than anything and that God wanted him to pray. So he kept praying to God every day.

"The mean grumpy guys saw Daniel and went to tell the king that Daniel was praying to God and not the king! The new law said Daniel had to be thrown to the LIONS! The king had been tricked. He was not happy! He didn't want to throw his friend Daniel in with the lions! But that's what the law said. The king looked at Daniel and said, (sadly) 'I'm sorry, Daniel. I hope your God protects you!'

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"So Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. And he was in the lions' den, all night long. The next morning, the king ran to the den and called, 'Daniel! Did your God protect you from the lions?'

"Guess what happened? Daniel was okay! God is SO powerful! He protected Daniel from the lions. Now you tell me, was God more powerful than the king? (Pause.) Yes! Was God more powerful than hungry lions? (Pause.) Yes! God is SO powerful! God protected Daniel, and He has the power to protect us, too. So tell me, **who is powerful?**"

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

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

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

STORYTELLER: "That's right! God's power can protect you and me! Let's pray and thank God for His mighty power."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for protecting Daniel in the lions' den. We know that you are SO powerful. Thanks for loving us. We love You so much! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

"Thank you for being awesome, friends. See you next time!"

The Storyteller exits with the Bible.



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OUTRO SKETCH

What You Need: Hard hat and construction vest from earlier

The Host enters smiling, still wearing the construction vest and hard hat.

HOST: "Wow! Daniel had to spend the night with those scary lions. But God's power protected him. God's power is SO awesome. I think I got the story. If you got it, say, 'Got it!' Get it?"

CHILDREN: "Got it!"

HOST: "Good! Wow! God's power protected Daniel, and God's power will protect us too—even more than this vest and hat. That's pretty awesome. I'm off to watch the construction some more. Have fun in your small groups!"

Host exits, waving to the children.