

GOD IS MORE POWERFUL
THAN OUR FEARS**BIG TRUTH: GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN OUR FEARS**

Deuteronomy 3:1-5, 22; 20:1-4; 31:6; Joshua 1:9; 2 Chronicles 32:7-8; Psalm 3:1-6, 27:1-3; Isaiah 35:3-4, 41:10; John 16:33

BIBLE VERSE: JEREMIAH 32:17

'Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.

BIG IDEAS

- God is all-powerful.
- God is greater than any fear we will ever face.
- God gives faith in the face of fear.
- God always wins His battles.

BIBLE STORY: JUDGES 6:1-15; 7:1-22

God is the most powerful being in all of the universe. There is nothing that is too hard for Him. God chose an unlikely hero to lead His people to victory. He chose Gideon, who was the least of his clan, yet God was strong and through Gideon, God defeated the Israelites' enemy and gave them victory. God didn't use the strength or might of Gideon or the Israelites. He gave His people victory through His own mighty strength and power and by doing so, He showed the Israelites that He is more powerful than even their fears.

FOUNDATION: GOD IS POWERFUL—GOD GIVES STRENGTH

God is more powerful than anyone or anything else in the universe. His power is the ability to do what He desires to do. God has a purpose, will accomplish it, and His purposes always bring Him glory. Since God is the source of all power, it means that He gives us strength. We need to do the things He calls us to do. Paul says in Philippians 4:13 that he can "do all things through Christ who gives him strength." That means that we can do anything and endure anything that God calls us to because it is God Himself who is giving us His strength to do it.

**Every child should know that:**

- God is more powerful than all things: than creation, than our fears, and than death

**Every child should be in awe of:**

- Awe for how strong and powerful God is

**Every child should be able to:**

- Recognize that everything they see and everything they feel is under God's power

**Every child should want to:**

- Trust God with all of their fears

The Family Devotion on the next page is a weekly tool for the home. It is designed for you as family to gather for a few minutes on a set night of the week to unpack the Big Truth together. Use the model below and customize it to fit your family. As you continue to learn, love, and live out the Big Truth, some additional Hooks (next page) are provided that correspond to the Big Aims (see above). Use them to keep the conversation going throughout the week with your family.

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Take a walk with your child through your neighborhood or around your house. Take turns trying to pick things up by just speaking, such as sticks, cars, houses, etc. Take turns commanding things to do what you want, such as asking the wind to stop blowing or to blow harder. Help your child imagine how powerful you would have to be to speak commands to objects, and the objects just do their commands. While there are lots of things that are too hard for man to do, nothing is too hard for God. He controls all things.

DISCOVER IT:

Read Jeremiah 32:17-23.

THINK ABOUT IT:

Jeremiah's prayer to God is one that reveals the great, powerful nature of God. He declares God the all-powerful Creator. He understands that all things were created by God and for God. Jeremiah also understands that though things may seem too hard or impossible for us, nothing is impossible for God. He brought the Israelites out of Egypt, He created everything by merely speaking, and He controls everything with His great power. Nothing we face is beyond the control of God. He is over everything and rules everything in His great wisdom for His glory and for man's good.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- How did Jeremiah know the Lord was all-powerful? (He knew that God had brought the Israelites out of Egypt, that God had done many powerful things.)
- What is too hard for God? (Nothing is too hard for God.)



Read Hebrews 2:8 with your child. Lead them in a discussion about how nothing is outside of God's control and power. Talk about the things that we don't have control over. Pray with your child thanking God for His great power and the many ways He works in our lives.



Help your child memorize Jeremiah 32:17. Play beanbag toss with them to help them memorize the verse.



Using blankets and pillows, build a fort in your house. Read "The Good Shepherd" from The Jesus Storybook Bible. Lead your child in a discussion about how God is a refuge to His people. We should want to know Him and trust Him because He is the all-powerful God. There is no one more powerful than Him.

