

WEEK 1

4-5 LESSON



Need to Know: *God is All-Powerful*
Bible Story: *Creation (Genesis 1-2)*

Circle Up

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1. WELCOME kids to our new series, "Amazonia!"
 2. Then, SAY: *I'm going to tell you my name and three things about myself. Two of them will be true, and one of them will be a lie. You will try to guess which one is the lie.*
 3. TELL kids your name. Then, TELL them two things about yourself that are true and one lie about yourself. ALLOW kids to guess which one is the lie, and then TELL them the correct answer.
 4. CONTINUE around the circle, allowing each child in the group to do the same (share name, two truths, and one lie) until everyone has had a chance to play.
 5. Once everyone has had a chance to play, SAY: *By playing that game together, we got to know a little more about each other. Throughout this series, we'll discover more about who God is while we explore the Amazon! Today, we will see that God is all-powerful. Let's say what we need to know together.*
 6. HAVE kids repeat the Need to Know after you: *God Is All-Powerful*
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *We can see how powerful God is when we read the Bible.*
 2. READ the **Bible Story Cards** to the group. At the end of the story, ASK the following questions:
 - *How did God create the heavens and the earth? (By speaking) Yes! God created the entire universe just by speaking.*
 - *We can't see God face-to-face here on Earth, but we can see the things He has created. By looking at creation, what does it remind us about God? (That He's all-powerful) Yes!*
 - *Does anything limit God's power? (No) That's right! God's power is unlimited. Nothing is too hard for Him. That's why we can always trust that He is powerful enough to handle any problem we might face.*
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Let's Practice

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Option 1: Play "Amazon Bingo"

1. SAY: *Let's play "Amazon Bingo" to help us remember that God is all-powerful!*
2. GIVE each child a **Bingo Card** and a **drawing utensil**. SHUFFLE the **Amazon Cards**, and PLACE the pile in the center of the group, picture side down.
3. HAVE kids take turns choosing an **Amazon Card**, showing it to the group, and handing it to you. As you READ the fun fact on the **Amazon Card**, HAVE kids mark through the picture on their **Bingo Card**.
4. When someone has marked four pictures in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally), they can shout, "Bingo"! GIVE that child some **hand sanitizer** and **candy** for winning the game.
5. CONTINUE playing until most kids have gotten "Bingo." Then, REWARD the rest of the group with **candy**, **sanitizing** hands first.
6. While kids are eating their **candy**, READ and DISCUSS the **Question Sheet** with the group.
7. REVIEW the Need to Know with the group: *God Is All-Powerful*

Option 2: Generate Group Discussion

1. SHARE a personal story about a time when you faced a hard situation and had to trust that God was powerful enough to help you through it. MAKE SURE the story you share is appropriate for the age group.
2. GENERATE additional group discussion for 5 to 6 minutes by asking the following questions:
 - *Why should we want to know more about who God is?*
 - *What are some ways you can know that God is all-powerful?*
 - *How does trusting in God's power help us when we face hard things?*
3. After group discussion, **SANITIZE** kids' hands and GIVE them **candy** for participating.
4. REVIEW the Need to Know with the group: *God Is All-Powerful*

Memorize It

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1. SAY: *During this series, we're going to memorize a verse that reminds us of how powerful God is! If you can say the whole verse by yourself at the end of the series, you will win a prize. Let's practice it together today:*
*"Lord God,
 with your great power
 you made the earth and the sky.
 There is nothing too hard
 for you to do."
 Jeremiah 32:17*
 2. SAY: *Let's play a game to help us remember the verse!*
 3. ALLOW kids to sit in a circle, putting their feet in the middle.
 4. Start by pointing to one child's foot and saying the first word of the verse.
 5. As the group says each word of the verse, point to the next child's foot. Kids can STOMP their feet when it's their turn if they want to!
 6. Whichever foot you are pointing to on the last word of the verse ("7") is out.
 7. Play until there is one foot left. That child is the winner!
 8. At the end of the game, GIVE each child a **Memory Verse Flyer**, and REMIND them to practice the verse at home this week.
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Let's Pray

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ASK your group for any prayer requests. Then, PRAY the following for your group:

- That they would believe that God is more powerful than anyone anywhere
 - That they would keep coming to church to discover more about who God is
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Stay Together

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KEEP kids engaged in Small Group until they are checked out by doing any of the following activities:

- PLAY "20 Questions" with the group, having kids choose things you would find in the jungle.
 - Choose a child to think of an object or animal you might find in a jungle.
 - Have the rest of the group take turns asking "yes" or "no" questions to try and figure out what the child has chosen, such as:
 - Is it a jungle animal?
 - Does it fly?
 - Is it something you would wear if you visited the jungle?
 - The child who guesses correctly wins, and he/she can choose the next word.
 - If nobody guesses the correct answer after the group has asked 20 questions, the child who picked the jungle word is the winner!
- PLAY another round of "Two Truths and a Lie" with the group.
- READ the following fun facts to the group, and ALLOW kids to guess which statements are true and which ones are false:
 - ***The canopy (top branches and trees) of the Amazon is so thick that it actually takes rain ten minutes to reach the ground.*** (True)
 - ***The Amazon is sometimes called the "lungs of the earth" because it's responsible for producing ten percent of the world's oxygen.*** (False - It produces 20 percent)
 - ***The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world.*** (True - The longest river is the Nile)
 - ***2.5 million types of insects can be found in the Amazon Rainforest.*** (True)