

WEEK 1
K-3 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"! Then, TELL them your name.
 2. SAY: *To start small group today, we're going to pass around this **talking stick**. When it comes to you, it's your turn to talk. While you're holding it, you can share your name and tell me your initials. I'll use your initials to give you a fun tribal name for today!*
 3. If needed, EXPLAIN what initials are to the group. USE your initials and the **Tribal Name Guide** to give kids an example. Then, PASS the **talking stick** around the group, and ALLOW kids to share their names and initials. Once a child shares his/her initials, USE the **Tribal Name Guide** to give him/her a fun tribal name.
 4. Once everyone has had a chance to share, SAY: *Hanging out in the Amazon is going to be tons of fun with our new tribal names! As we explore the rainforest together, we'll discover new truths about who God is. This week, we'll see that God is all-powerful. Let's say that together!*
 5. HAVE kids repeat the Need to Know after you with motions:
God Is (both hands point up)
All-Powerful (make muscle arms)
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Read the Bible

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1. SAY: *We can see how powerful God is by reading a story from 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: with tools OR by speaking? (By speaking) Yes! God didn't need any tools or anything else to help Him. All He had to do was speak!*
 - *Can we see God face-to-face here on earth like we can see each other right now? (No) We can't see Him face-to-face, but we can know more about who He is just by looking at everything He has created.*
 - *When we look at all God created, does it help us see that He's powerful OR weak? (He's powerful) Yes! God is stronger and more powerful than anyone.*
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Let's Practice

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"Amazon Bingo"

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

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 special prize. Let's practice it together today (SAY it with motions):*
 - “Lord God, (both hands point up)
 - with your great power* (make muscle arms)
 - you made the earth and the sky.* (make circle with arms)
 - There is nothing too hard* (make "X" with arms)
 - for you to do.”* (pound fists)
 - Jeremiah 32:17* (make book with hands)
 2. SAY: *Let's play "Echo" to help us remember the verse!*
 3. PLAY "Echo" with the group by having kids repeat the memory verse in random funny voices and speeds. Some examples include:
 - Deep voice like a jaguar
 - Slow motion like a sloth
 - Getting faster each time
 - Squeaky like a monkey
 - Whisper
 4. GIVE kids the **Memory Verse Coloring Sheet** and **coloring utensils**.
 5. ALLOW them to **color** their **Sheet**, 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 "Hot Potato" with the **talking stick**.
- PLAY "Two Truths and a Lie" with the group by having kids share two things about themselves that are true and one thing that is made up. Then, HAVE the rest of the group guess which fact is made up!
- 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 five minutes to reach the ground.* (False - It takes rain ten minutes to get to the ground)
 - *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)