

Small Group Experience

LESSON 3 - “Jesus Is...MIGHTY GOD”



Watt's Up:

“Mighty, Mighty, Jesus Is Mighty!”



Power Verse:

“O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you?”

-**Psalm 77:13**

Retelling The Bible Story

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Bible (for the group to share)
- * Sturdy chair

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, familiarize yourself with the story so you can facilitate and guide discussion. When small group begins, open the Bible and turn to Luke 1 and place yourself next to the chair so you can help the kids as they get up and down. To review the Bible Story, hand the open Bible to one kid and ask them to begin the review by standing on a chair and use a “mighty” voice to read verse 26 aloud. They should read the verse and then pass the Bible to another kid who will stand in a chair and read the next verse. Continue passing the Bible allowing the kids to stand in the chair and read one verse until the story is complete. Depending on the size of your group, some kids may need to read multiple times.

Say - It is mighty good to see you all today! I cannot wait to continue the story of how our wonderful mighty counselor Jesus came to Earth. We learned how Jesus is wonderful and we learned how Jesus is our counselor, so I think today we should look at how MIGHTY our God really is! My Bible is opened to Luke 1 which is where our story is found. I am handing the Bible to one of you and I would like you to stand in this chair next to me. That's right! I asked you to stand in a chair. I will hand you the Bible to begin our review by reading Luke 1:26 aloud in your mightiest voice. When you have completed that verse, your time is up, and it is time for you to pass the Bible to someone else. They will stand in the chair and read the next verse and then pass the Bible along. We will continue this way until the story is complete!

-Allow the kids to read a verse aloud and then pass the Bible to the next kid; continue this way until the story is complete-

Say - Thank you to all our mighty volunteers for reading the story!

Ask - How do you think Mary felt when she opened her eyes and saw the angel Gabriel?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Why do you think Mary chose to believe the message from God?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Ask - Can we believe this story? Is our God this mighty? Why or why not?

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-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Game/Activity

SUPPLY LIST:

- * Mighty People Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- * Mighty T-Shirts Print Piece (provided; print one per team)
- * Scissors (for the group to share)
- * Glue (for the group to share)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the Mighty People and T-Shirts Print Pieces. Once activity time begins, divide the group into teams. Give each team a copy of both print pieces and tell them to cut out the Mighty T-Shirts. Once this is complete ask the review questions. If a team thinks they know the answer, they should stand and flex their muscles and say MIGHTY. Answer correctly and they will be allowed to glue one Mighty T-Shirt to one person on the Mighty People Page. The team who gets the most Mighty T-Shirts on the people wins.

Say - The people on your page really want to let the world know that Jesus is MIGHTY. They ordered t-shirts but they haven't received them yet. You can help by giving the people t-shirts. I will ask a review question. If your team thinks they know the answer they should stand, flex their muscles and say MIGHTY. Answer correctly and your team will be allowed to glue one t-shirt to one person on your page. The team who glues the most t-shirts to the people on their page wins.

-Ask the review questions-

Q. Mary was from a town called _____.

A. Nazareth

Q. True or False: Gabriel told Mary that she was highly favored by God.

A. True

Q. True or False: Mary wasn't home when Gabriel came to visit the first time.

A. False

Q. Mary chose to believe that God was able to do the _____.

A. Impossible

Q. What was the name of the baby Mary would have?

A. Jesus

Q. True or False: God's power is greater than anything.

A. True

Q. True or False: We should plan on being perfect to receive help from Jesus.

A. False

Q. What is our Watt's Up?

A. Mighty, mighty, Jesus is MIGHTY!

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Q. When I have a need all I have to do is _____.

A. Ask Jesus

Q. What did Mary say to the angel?

A. *I am the Lord's servant, may everything you have said about me come true*

Q. If you have _____ in Jesus, nothing is impossible!

A. Faith

Group Sharing

SUPPLY LIST:

* MIGHTY Billboard Print Piece (*provided; print one per kid*)

* Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the MIGHTY Billboard print pieces. Once group sharing begins give each kid a MIGHTY Billboard print piece and begin. Group sharing is focused on encouraging the kids to open up and discuss the lesson concepts and relate those concepts to their life. Help facilitate and guide the discussion time.

Say - When we reviewed the Bible Story, I asked you to stand in chairs and use a mighty voice. Even though you were taller and your voice changed it is impossible to capture just how MIGHTY our God is. The story of Jesus coming to Earth begins with MIGHTY God doing something impossible.

Ask - Is this the last time that God would be MIGHTY and do the impossible?

-Allow time for the kids to answer; discuss their answers with the group-

Say - God was MIGHTY and God is MIGHTY. With a little faith and God nothing is impossible. Since we have such an amazing God we need to tell the world that JESUS is MIGHTY! Our activity showed people wearing t-shirts that said Jesus is MIGHTY. Often people will wear shirts with their favorite store, team, or character. When they wear these shirts they are trying to let people know just how much they like or love what their shirt represents. For example, if I wear a shirt that says, “I heart cheeseburgers” it’s because I want people to know just how awesome cheeseburgers are. Jesus is much more amazing than cheeseburgers, obviously, and he is much MIGHTIER than anything. Another way that people like to advertise is with billboards. I thought we could take some time and design a billboard to advertise that Jesus is MIGHTY!

-Allow time for the kids to complete the task-

Ask - Would anyone like to share their design? How would you tell the world that Jesus is MIGHTY!

-Allow time for the kids to share; discuss their answers with the group-

Prayer Time

Say - Jesus may have come to Earth as a baby, but that didn’t mean he wasn’t MIGHTY. You serve a MIGHTY God who is able to do anything. Let’s pray and thank God for his MIGHTY son Jesus! (PRAY)

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Closing

Say - Can you imagine waking up from a nap and as you opened your eyes you notice the outline of a very large angel standing in your room? How would you feel? Mary woke up and as her eyes came into focus she was greeted by the angel Gabriel. He had a very important message from God. He came to tell Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of God's son, Jesus. Now this was news that seemed impossible to Mary. However, God is a MIGHTY God and he can do the impossible! You may face times when the situations seem impossible. However, God is STILL a MIGHTY God and He can do the impossible for you! Thank you for coming today! I will see you again soon.





