

SESSION 3
GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL (A)
Lesson Plan



RECOMMENDED READING
 Chapter 4 “God Is All Powerful”

INTRODUCTION (5 MINUTES)

Our God is the supreme Creator of the universe. In this lesson, we will study the first of four attributes that relate to God’s greatness: His power. Our God is all-powerful; He can do anything. Before we focus on this characteristic as related to God, let’s talk briefly about power in general.

? How would you define power?

? Why do people want power?

Power enables us to bring about the changes we want. Sometimes we use our power to prevent things from happening that we do not want. Can you imagine what it would be like to have unlimited power? Usually when people have too much power, they use it for selfish purposes. As a result, others suffer because of their self-centeredness. We can be thankful that our God is a good God who never misuses or abuses His power. He is totally committed to our well-being.

Before we listen to Dr. Bright’s insights about God’s power, let’s ask the Holy Spirit to teach us how God’s power relates to our life.

Lead the group in prayer.

VIDEO TEACHING SEGMENT:
GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL (19 MINUTES)

The cue graphic on the videotape is “Lesson 2” (the video segments are divided by attributes).

Let’s turn to the Video Outline on page 13 in your Study Guide and follow along as Dr. Bright teaches us about God’s magnificent power.

GROUP DISCUSSION (20 MINUTES)

? What thoughts and feelings did you have during the closing drama segment?

? At the beginning of the video segment Dr. Bright asked, “When was the last time you tried to accomplish something that was completely beyond your ability?” If you had allowed God to be in control of that situation, how would the circumstance have changed?

? What one idea or concept impressed you most in this session? What challenged you most?

? What is your reaction to the statement, “God is not our genie, He is our God!”?

? What is the difference between power as we experience it from a human perspective and the power God exhibits?

? Why do you think it’s important for us to have a clear understanding of this attribute, that God is all-powerful?

Be sure to order the appropriate number of GOD: Seeking Him Wholeheartedly booklets for Session 5 and the Musical Reflections CD for later sessions. You may wish to invite members of your group to order additional materials for themselves.

CLOSING PRAYER (1 MINUTE)

Lead the group in a closing prayer.

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Video Outline



1. **God is the ultimate source of all power.**
(1 Chronicles 29:12; Ephesians 1:19–21; 1 Corinthians 1:24)

2. **God is infinitely more powerful than anybody or anything in the entire universe.**
 - God is infinitely more powerful than all the forces of nature.
(Jeremiah 10:13; Job 5:9)
 - God is infinitely more powerful than all the nations of earth.
(Isaiah 40:15; Daniel 4:35)
 - God is infinitely more powerful than Satan and his evil legions.
(John 16:11; Romans 16:20)

3. **God has the power to do anything He wants.**
(Job 42:2; Jeremiah 32:17)
 - God has the power to create anything from nothing.
 - God has the power to sustain everything He created. (Job 12:10)
 - God has the power to fulfill all His purposes. (Isaiah 46:10)
 - God has the power to judge sin and rebellion.

4. **God wants us to be vessels of His power.**
(Ephesians 6:10; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Acts 19:11; Colossians 1:11)
 - God gives us power, patience, and peace in our weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
 - God gives us power to live a holy life. (2 Peter 1:3)
 - God gives us power to proclaim the gospel. (Colossians 1:28,29)
 - God gives us power to fulfill His plan for our life. (Ephesians 3:20)

*Because God is all-powerful,
He can help me with anything.*

RECOMMENDED READING
GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 4 “God Is All-Powerful”

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RECOMMENDED READING

Chapter 5 “God Uses His Power in Our Behalf”

REVIEW (5 MINUTES)

Lead the group in prayer.

In our last session we were introduced to the principle that God is all-powerful. Today we’re going to continue our study of God’s power and consider the ways we experience it.

- ?** How have you seen God display His power in nature?
- ?** Have you experienced God’s power as you faced a difficult situation in your life?

BIBLE STUDY (20 MINUTES)

In today’s Bible Study, we are going to read about several individuals whose lives were greatly impacted by the power of God. Let’s see what we can learn from their experiences. Please turn to page 14 in your Study Guide.

**VIDEO ILLUSTRATION SEGMENT:
 CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE (8 MINUTES)**

LIFE APPLICATION (11 MINUTES)

- ?** What idea expressed in today’s video session really encouraged you?
- ?** Why do you think many people fail to claim God’s power in their lives?

Let’s turn to the Life Application pages in your Study Guide. On the bottom of page 16 let’s take a look at the section “Reflect His Image.”

Discuss the questions found in this section:

- ?** How do you think God wants to display His power in your life?
- ?** What areas in your life need to be transformed by His power?
- ?** How can you draw on His power to make a difference in the lives of those around you?

CLOSING PRAYER (1 MINUTE)

Lead the group in a closing prayer.

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Bible Study



1. God has the power to fulfill His promises.

Read Genesis 15:1–6.

- a. How does God want us to respond to His promises?

Read Genesis 16:1–5.

- b. What did God expect Abram and Sarai to do about His promise?
- c. Why do we try in our own power to help God fulfill His promises?

2. God has the power to do the impossible.

Read Mark 4:35–41.

- a. Why were the disciples afraid?
- b. Why were the disciples amazed that the wind and waves stopped at Christ's command?

Read Luke 1:28–38.

- c. How did Mary respond to the angel's proclamation?
- d. What can we assume about Mary's beliefs based on what she said right before the angel left her?
- e. How do you respond to God's promises when they don't seem logical? Give an example.

3. God has the power to take care of His creation.

Read Psalm 104.

- a. How is God's power displayed in this psalm?
- b. Based on verses 27–30, how do the creatures of earth benefit from God's sustaining power?

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Life Application**WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART**

Memorize the following statement and verses. When you encounter situations during this week where you are in need of strength, claim these promises by faith.

- Because God is all-powerful, He can help me with anything.
- Philippians 4:13—“I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.”
- Isaiah 40:29—“[God] gives power to those who are tired and worn out; He offers strength to the weak.”
- 2 Chronicles 16:9—“The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.”

EXALT YOUR GOD

Make the following prayers your own songs of praise. As you repeat the words, meditate on the character of God.

Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You... O great and powerful God, whose name is the Lord Almighty, great are Your purposes and mighty are Your deeds (Jeremiah 32:17–19, NIV).

The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. He gave the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. Let everyone in the world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of Him. For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command. The Lord shatters the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken (Psalm 33:6–11).

REFLECT HIS IMAGE

How do you think God wants to display His power in your life?

What areas in your life need to be transformed by His power?

How can you draw on His power to make a difference in the lives of those around you?

Life Application (continued)

COUNT ON GOD

What difference can God's power make in your current life situation?

Commit your circumstances to Him in prayer, and by faith depend on Him to give you strength and to work changes through His mighty power.

OBEY GOD

What are some of the weaknesses in your life?

Rather than concentrating on your inadequacies, focus on God—"by His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope" (Ephesians 3:20). By faith, take the steps necessary to do what God is asking of you.

SHARE HIS MAJESTY

Think of one person you know who needs to be reminded that our Creator is all-powerful. Share this truth with that individual and encourage him or her that nothing is too hard for God.

RECOMMENDED READING

GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 5 "God Uses His Power in Our Behalf"

If you would like to download the entire GOD: Discover His Character Bible Study (which covers all the attributes) for free. You'll find it by visiting our Resources section:

<http://DiscoverGod.com/resources>

