

# Lesson 9

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Kids

**How did God reveal himself to Abraham?  
God revealed himself to Abraham as God  
Almighty, a shield, and a reward for those  
who trust him.**

*Read aloud: Genesis*

### **Recommended Illustration**

Hand loaded water guns to your kids. Explain to them that you will count to three and when you do, they can shoot at you until their water gun is empty, but they have to remain seated. Count to three, and as soon as you say three, grab a hidden umbrella and defend yourself against the onslaught.

Man I am glad I had this bad boy (hold up the umbrella). It held up pretty well against those water guns! What if they were throwing basketballs at me? How would my umbrella have held up? What if they were throwing spaghetti noodles? What if they were throwing DARTS? (at this point kids should be telling you that the umbrella would not do the trick) So you are telling me that this umbrella is a pretty decent shield against some things, but not such a great shield against others? Well, what would it need to be made of in order to protect me against EVERYTHING? It would need to be stronger than everything.

## **Helpful Insights**

Guess who is stronger than everything and everyone? God is! God is telling Abraham that no matter how many problems or enemies he encounters, God will be his shield! Are you kidding me? God himself will be the one standing between Abraham and anyone or anything that comes against him. Nothing in this world can do harm to Abraham because his shield is greater than anything in this world. It does not end there though. God not only promises to protect Abraham, but after every battle, as a constant reward, Abraham will always have the friendship of God. God Almighty will be stronger than any opponent and more desirable than any reward. God protects Abraham because of his great love for him.

## **The Point**

How did God reveal himself to Abraham? God revealed himself to Abraham as God Almighty, a shield, and a reward for those who trust him. Because God is stronger than any enemy, we can be fearless of any person. Because God is more powerful than any problem, we can be confident in any circumstance. Because God is greater than any reward, we can be content even when we do not have all the things we want.

