

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus is the Mighty God.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn they can trust in Jesus, because he is a Mighty God.

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 1:26-38, The Angel Visits Mary

MEMORY VERSE:

“And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6b (NIV)

SUMMARY:

When the angel told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, she thought that it couldn't be possible. But the angel reminded her “nothing is impossible with God.” When we face hard times or confusing things, we can turn to Jesus. Jesus is our Mighty God; nothing is impossible for him.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for your awesome power.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

“And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace.” Isaiah 9:6b (NirV)

“And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6b (NIV)

“And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6b (NLT)

“And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6b (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Have all the fifth/sixth graders (whatever the oldest age in the room may be) read the verse first. Then add the next grade down and repeat. Add the next grade down, and repeat. Keep repeating until everyone is reading together.

SMALL GROUP:

Go around the group in a circle and have each kid read one word of the verse until the whole verse has been read. Do it two or three times, see how fast you can go.

SKIT

IS GOOD MAN GOOD ENOUGH?

ITEMS NEEDED:

A fake Good Man action figure

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

The Announcer

Katie - A little girl

The Announcer enters carrying a Good Man action figure.

ANNOUNCER: America has been swept away by GOOD MAN MANIA! He's the hottest toy of the season, the most popular guy in the world, and he is headed to a stocking near you! He is, GOOD MAN!

Katie runs on and grabs the action figure from the Announcer.

KATIE: Yes! I finally have a Good Man figure! I can't believe it!

ANNOUNCER: Pretty exciting, huh, little girl?

KATIE: Yeah, it's exciting. What does he do?

ANNOUNCER: Well, he's Good Man!

KATIE: Okay, he's Good Man. And?

ANNOUNCER: And he's a super hero?

KATIE: How so?

ANNOUNCER: What do you mean how so?

KATIE: Well if he's a super hero, can he fly?

SKIT

ANNOUNCER: Well... no.

KATIE: Can he shoot laser beams with his eyes?

ANNOUNCER: Not exactly.

KATIE: Does he have super strength?

ANNOUNCER: He's got an above average bench and squat.

KATIE: So does my cousin Jesse the football player, but he only played for a Division II school.

ANNOUNCER: Does your cousin Jesse have an action figure?

KATIE: No.

ANNOUNCER: Well there you go!

KATIE: But I'd rather have his action figure than this do-nothing hero.

ANNOUNCER: Do-nothing? Do you know what this action figure can do?

KATIE: Let me guess. He can do a karate chop?

ANNOUNCER: No.

KATIE: A super kick?

ANNOUNCER: No.

KATIE: Swivel arm battle grip?

ANNOUNCER: No.

KATIE: Then why in the world would I want one?

ANNOUNCER: Because he's Good Man! And he's mighty!

KATIE: Mighty what?

ANNOUNCER: Mighty, good?

SKIT

KATIE: I'll pass, Mr. Commercial Man. Why would I want mighty good when I can have a Mighty God?

ANNOUNCER: Mighty God?

KATIE: That's right! Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, who is called the Mighty God.

ANNOUNCER: So this Mighty God of yours has super powers?

KATIE: He doesn't need them! He created the whole world, including you and me, and He came to Earth to save us from sin.

ANNOUNCER: Wow, heh heh. He does sound mighty indeed!

Katie gives the action figure back to the Announcer.

KATIE: Thanks for the offer. I'm sure Good Man's a good guy, but so is Jesus. And I know I can trust Him because He is the Mighty God.

Katie exits.

ANNOUNCER: Wow, the Mighty God, huh? Wonder if I could make Him into an action figure.

The Announcer exits.

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A Superman shirt and a Batman shirt

How many of you would be thrilled to get a Superman shirt for Christmas? How many would rather get a Batman shirt for Christmas? How many of you would rather not have either of these shirts because you're a Marvel fan?

We all love a good story about a mighty hero with amazing powers, but no fictional hero can come close to Jesus. Jesus is the Mighty God! He is the Son of God who came to save us from our sins. Jesus turned water into wine, walked on water, healed the disabled, gave sight to the blind, cured the sick, and even raised the dead. And to top it all off, Jesus died and rose from the grave so He could save us from sin.

Whatever challenges you may face, you can rely on Jesus to get you through. As the angel told Mary, nothing is impossible with God. Jesus is the Mighty God, and He wants to be your hero!

LARGE GROUP GAME

GIFT TOSS

ITEMS NEEDED:

Six identical boxes, all gift wrapped

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose six players for this game. Give each one a gift box. Each one in turn will step up to a designated spot on the floor and toss their gift as far as they can. The person whose gift goes the farthest wins.

VARIATION:

If you have a small enough group, this is a game everyone can play!

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Our arms may be mighty enough to toss a gift box, but Jesus is mighty enough to do the impossible.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

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KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 1:26-38, The Angel Visits Mary

INTRO:

If you flip through the sales ads this Christmas, you're going to notice something. There are super heroes everywhere. Go to the toy section, you're going to see Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Spider-Man, and the Avengers. Go to the video games section and you'll see more heroes from the DC and Marvel universes. Same goes for the movie section. Every super hero movie from the last year and years prior will be on sale. Even the clothing section has super hero apparel including T-shirts, pajamas, hats, socks, sneakers, and yes, underwear!

Ever since the first super heroes appeared in comic books nearly a century ago, they have captivated us. We are inspired by heroes who use their powers to do good. We connect with heroes who look and act like us. Even though we know we will never fly or wake up with "spider-sense," we find ourselves admiring these characters for their greatness. We want to be like them. We want to do good in the world. We want to be mighty!

Last week we began unpacking the names of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6-7. We learned that Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor, a source of great wisdom available to us any time and anywhere. The second name for Jesus in our memory verse calls Jesus "Mighty God." It's a name that speaks to Jesus' power. Throughout the Old Testament, we see the awesome power of God. We see him create the world. We see him flood the world. We see him part the Red Sea. We see miracles great and small, from the ten plagues of Egypt to making an ax head float. Isaiah tells us that the same mighty power we see in God will be present in the Messiah.

It was Mary, the mother of Jesus, who first got a hint as to how powerful Jesus would be. When the angel visited her and told her she had been chosen to be Jesus' mother, she was stunned! How could this be possible?

LARGE GROUP LESSON

It's possible, the angel said, because with God, nothing is impossible!

READ LUKE 1:26-38

MAIN POINT:

Mary had heard all her life about the mighty miracles of God. She had heard about God saving His people from slavery and countless enemies. She knew the tale of David and Goliath, of Daniel and the lions, of Jonah and the whale. Now, God was about to do something mighty in her life, something that sounded absolutely impossible.

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The child Mary would deliver and raise would be both God and man. He would have the same mighty power His Heavenly Father possessed. Mary would watch with her own eyes as her first born son would turn water into wine, heal the sick and disabled, and even rise from the grave! Mary trusted God, and she trusted in her son because she saw His power. She shows us that we can trust in Jesus because He is a Mighty God!

DRIVE IT HOME:

It's kind of fitting that so many of us wish for super heroes stuff at Christmas because, in many ways, the super heroes we love and admire reflect the story of Jesus. Take Superman, for instance. He's a man from another world who came here as a baby. He was raised by an adopted mother and father. He has powers that no human has! Superman is mighty, but he is also good. He uses his powers to save the people of Earth over and over. He is their protector and, in many ways, a Savior.

While Superman is only fictional, Jesus is real. He was a real man who came to Earth as a baby and was raised by adopted parents. He had powers that people could not believe. But while Superman fights against Doomsday, Lex Luthor, Bizarro, and other super-villains, Jesus came to save us from an even greater threat: our own sin. Jesus allowed Himself to become the perfect and final sacrifice for our sins. Even though He was sinless, He died on a cross so that He could forgive our sins. Three days later He rose from the grave. He conquered death itself to give us a new life!

Superman may be a mighty hero, but only Jesus can claim the name Mighty God! Only Jesus has the power to create the universe, to heal the sick, and to forgive our sins. Best of all, this Mighty God, this Wonderful Counselor, has invited all of us to have a personal relationship with Him. He wants us all to trust Him like Mary did. He wants us to place our hope in Him knowing that with God, nothing is impossible!

Jesus is the Mighty God. He is all-powerful, and He wants to be your Savior. In good times and bad, even when things seem to be just impossible, we can rely on Jesus. We can place our trust in Him because He is the Mighty God!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for your awesome power.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What is your all time LEAST favorite Christmas candy?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Isaiah 9:6b

Go around the group in a circle and have each kid read one word of the verse until the whole verse has been read. Do it two or three times, see how fast you can go.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play some musical chairs with a Christmas song.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 1:26-38

Who was Mary?

Who came to visit Mary?

What did the angel tell Mary?

How does this story show that Jesus is a Mighty God?

Is anything impossible for Jesus?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for being our Mighty God!

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Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 1:26-38

Why did the angel visit Mary?

How does this story show that Jesus is a Mighty God?

Why did Mary agree to do what the angel asked her?

Is anything impossible for Jesus?

Is there anything you want to pray about today, something in your life that could use the help of a Mighty God?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for being our Mighty God!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

WORD SCRAMBLE

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MARY

The angel told Mary she was going to have a YABB.

BABY

The angel told Mary that nothing was MSSIBPOLEI with God.

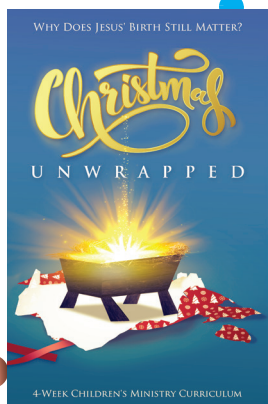
IMPOSSIBLE

Jesus can do the impossible because He is the HTMIGY God.

MIGHTY

We can RSTTU Jesus because of His mighty power.

TRUST



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Christmas Unwrapped Lesson 2

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: MIGHTY GOD



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Make a list with the kids of all the impossible things that they can remember happening in the Bible. Then thank God for His mighty power.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did the angel visit Mary?
- Why did Mary have faith to trust God and be the mother of Jesus?
- How does this story show us that Jesus is the Mighty God?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6b (NIV)



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Jesus is the Mighty God. He could heal the sick, raise the dead, turn water into wine, and calm a storm. Thank God for His mighty and awesome power, and ask Him to give you and your kids a strong faith.



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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Each week the kids will make ornaments with the week's featured name for Jesus (from Isaiah 9) written on it. These can be ball ornaments they decorate with markers or ornaments they make with craft material and string - whatever you like! At the end of the series they will have four different ornaments that say Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.