

WEEK 1

GOD IS MIGHTY

GOD IS MIGHTIER THAN EVERYTHING

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

For the Lord your God is God of gods, Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God.
Deuteronomy 10:17a

KEY IDEAS

1. God is mightier than any other god.
2. We can trust God.
3. God hears us when we pray.

KEY PASSAGE

1 Kings 18:20-39 (Elijah and the prophets of Baal)

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

our God is mighty and hears us when we pray.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

confident that God is mightier than any other thing because He is the One who created everything.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

call upon God, in faith, trusting He will hear.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to believe and follow after God, knowing He hears us and cares for us.

INTRODUCTION

God is the creator of all things and all things are under His power and rule. He has total and complete authority over everything and everyone on earth and in heaven. He is all knowing, all seeing, and all present. There is nothing and no one that is greater or mightier than our God! No other gods that man has made, not anything that has been created, not the wind or waves, not anything we might be afraid of, and not even death. God has power and authority over it all. He is the giver and sustainer of all life, and everything He does is good.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by asking the children if they know the words “altar” and “prophet”. Give them some time to answer in their own words what they think each one means. An altar is a structure, often made of stone, on which offerings and sacrifices are made to God. A prophet is someone who God appoints to share His message with His people. Many times in the Old Testament, God used prophets to speak to His people and even show them what He wanted them to know about Him. Today we have the Bible, the word of God, and that is how God speaks to us today. As you tell the story of Elijah, draw the altars on the board, demonstrating what it would’ve looked like as they built it. Emphasize the difference in Elijah’s altar and the altar of Baal. Have the kids help.

STORY

Read 1 Kings 18:20-39.

When Ahab was king of Israel, God appointed Elijah as a prophet. Ahab had turned against God and done evil and wicked things and led the people to worship a false god named Baal, so God chose Elijah to show the people that God alone was the true and mighty God and the only one worthy of their worship. So, Ahab gathered the people and the 450 prophets of Baal and met Elijah on Mount Carmel. Elijah told them that he would prove that God alone was the one true God. He told the prophets of Baal to build an altar to their false god and He would build one to his God, the true God. Whichever God answered by sending fire was the one true God. So, the prophets of Baal built their altar, prepared the bull for sacrifice, and called on the name of Baal all day from morning to evening, but there was no answer. They danced and cried out to their false god, but still there was no reply. Then Elijah built his altar to God and instructed the people to come near. As they watched, Elijah did something crazy! He drenched his altar in water, not once but three times!! We know that water puts out fire, right? Elijah did this to further prove that God was mighty. He knew that not only would God bring fire, but that He would do it despite the altar being drenched in water. So, Elijah called on the name of the Lord in prayer, asking God to hear him and show the people that He is the only true God. Then immediately, fire fell and consumed Elijah’s offering and all the water that had been poured on it. As soon as the people saw what happened, they fell on their faces before God and said, “The Lord, He is God!”

ACTIVITY

Help the kids create their own altar made of snacks! Use large marshmallows as the stones at the base, pretzels as the sticks on top, and red fruit by the foot, torn up into flames, then place an animal cracker on top.

PRAYER

Thank God that He is mightier than anything and anyone else and there is no other god like Him. Ask God to help you trust in Him as the one, true God.

SONG

My God is So Big, So Strong, and So Mighty by We Sing Bible Songs

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Isaiah 40:8-12, James 5:16-18

ACTIVITY

Using a paper plate, construction paper, a single brad, and a marker, create a clock that demonstrates that God is mightier than anything. On the plate, draw a big arrow for the big hand with a marker pointed at the 12 o'clock spot and write "God" above the point of the arrow. Ask your child to name the three mightiest things they can think of (ex. monster trucks, sharks, mountains, bears, etc.). Write the top three things named in the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock spots. Draw and cut an arrow for the small hand. Use the brad to poke a hole in the bottom of the arrow and pull the brad through, then puncture a hole in the center of the plate and secure the brad to complete the small hand for the clock. When finished, the small hand should be able to point anywhere on the clock but the big hand, which was drawn, should only point to God.

DISCUSSION

- Who is the strongest and mightiest person you know?
Talk about how God is so mighty that He holds the whole world in His hands and is so much more mighty than the mightiest person we can think of.
- If we know that God hears us when we pray, what are some things you want to ask Him about?

PRAYER

Thank God that He is the one true God and He is mightier than anything or anyone else. Thank Him that He hears us when we pray to Him in humility. Ask God to help you have more faith to trust Him in your doubts.

God Sends Fire

Colour the picture

