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How powerful is God?



GENESIS 18:10-11, 13-14

The LORD said...Sarah your wife shall have a son...¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years...¹³The LORD said to Abraham...¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time...Sarah shall have a son.

The 4½ million-pound spaceship Columbia blasted off with a long fiery tail. Two minutes later, it had reached an altitude of 23 miles. It circled the globe at 17,000 miles per hour. Imagine the power that it took to push that huge rocket through space at that speed!

Did you know God is more powerful than that? The Bible says, “The LORD is...great in power” (Nahum 1:3). He made the heavens and Earth. God spoke and it was there! He is almighty. He rules over all nations. God’s power has no limits. He can make anything happen.

The Bible tells about Abraham and Sarah. God promised them that they would have many children, but no children were born. One day, God sent an angel to Abraham when he and Sarah were almost 100 years old. The angel told him that the following year Sarah would have a son. That was impossible! When Sarah laughed, the angel said, “Is anything too hard for the LORD?” (Genesis 18:14). Sure enough, Sarah had a son! Because God is all-powerful, He could make this impossible thing happen. The next time you have a problem, remember that God is very powerful and wants to help you.



THINK ABOUT IT!

What are some ways God shows His power?



TALK TO GOD

Tell God how great and powerful He is. Ask Him to help you trust Him when you have a problem that seems impossible.



COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Has your mother ever said to you, “You’re in charge?” When you’re put in charge of something, you are like a king reigning over it. You have control and are responsible for seeing that the assignment is carried out.

Have you ever wondered who’s in charge of the world? The Bible tells us that God is sovereign. That means He is in charge or in control of all things. He is the highest ruler. No one is over God. God reigns over everything and everybody all the time. Nothing can happen unless God allows it to happen. He is in control of everything day and night—24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. He never sleeps or goes away on vacation.

How long will God reign? The Bible says, “The LORD will reign forever and ever” (Exodus 15:18). God was always in control and He always will be in control. What does that mean for you? No matter what happens in your life, you don’t have to be afraid or upset because God is in control. He loves you, and He wants you to trust Him completely. God is the greatest. He is sovereign. He is the King of kings.



THINK ABOUT IT!

Which word means God is in control of all things?

Love

Sovereign

Trust

Holy



TALK TO GOD

Praise God that He is in control of everything.
Ask Him to help you trust Him each day.

3

Is God sovereign over me?



ROMANS 8:26, 28

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words...²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

God is sovereign—He is always in control. God does whatever pleases Him. He decides whether we can do what we have planned. He has total control over all people. Nothing that happens in our lives is ever out of God's control.

Have you ever thought that things in your life are out of control? Maybe someone you love has been injured in an accident or died of a terrible disease. Perhaps your family is having a hard time because one or both of your parents have lost their jobs. Maybe someone is being mean to you or treating you unfairly. When you are sick, or when troubles come, you must believe that God loves you and that everything is under His control. He will do what is best for you even though you may not think the situation is good.

The Bible says, And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28). Nothing that happens to you is too small for God not to know about. Nothing is too big for Him to control it. When you can't understand why things happen, just remember that God is in control. You can trust your loving Heavenly Father.



THINK ABOUT IT!

What should you remember when you are going through a hard time?



TALK TO GOD

Thank God that He is in control of your life. Ask Him to help you remember that He loves you and will do what is best for you.

4

Does my life show that God is in charge?



PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God never promised that His children would have a life free from problems and pain. God allows difficult things to happen in our lives as He carries out His plan for us.

It is just as important to trust God as it is to obey Him. When you do not trust God, you are doubting that He is in control and that He is good. God wants you to learn to trust Him every day, all day. He wants you to trust Him in the good times and the difficult ones. Trusting God means believing with all your heart that He is in control and that He is doing what is best for you.

How does your life show that God is in charge? When you are facing a problem, your first response should be to trust God (rely on Him). You can trust Him because you know that God has allowed the problem for a certain reason. Talk to God in prayer and tell Him your problems. As you trust God, He will give you peace, a calmness on the inside. Thank Him for working in your life to make you more like Jesus.



THINK ABOUT IT!

Point out times you should trust God.

In good times

Never

In hard times

Always



TALK TO GOD

Ask God to help you trust Him in the good times and the hard times. Ask Him to give you His peace.

5

How much does God love me?



ROMANS 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

You know what love is, don't you? When you love someone, you want to be near him. You want to take care of him and do nice things for him. You're quick to forgive him if he does something wrong.

God's love is so much greater and more wonderful than the love we have for other people. God says in Jeremiah 31:3, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." God's love is so great that it lasts forever! His love for you will never end.

There was never a time that God didn't love you. He loved you even before you were born. He knew exactly when you would be born, what color hair and eyes you would have and who your parents would be. He loves you so much that He wants the best for you.

God has so much love that He sent His perfect, only Son, the Lord Jesus, to die in your place on the cross. Jesus' death on the cross is the greatest picture of God's love. He has promised that if you believe in Jesus as your Savior, He will someday take you to Heaven to live with Him forever. Can you see how much God loves you?



THINK ABOUT IT!

How did God show how much He loves you?



TALK TO GOD

Thank God for His great love for you. Ask Him to help you love Him and give Him your best.

6

Will God ever let me down?



DEUTERONOMY 7:8-9

But it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you...⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

Has someone ever broken a promise to you? You were really counting on someone and he let you down. Maybe you have wondered who you can really depend on.

The Bible says that there is someone who will never let you down, who will never break His promises to you—that is God! God will always be faithful to His Word and to every promise He has made in it. Since God is perfect, He cannot fail you even one time! The Bible says, “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God” (Deuteronomy 7:9). That truth should give you peace and confidence as you live each day.

What if you are unfaithful to God? What if you let Him down? Will He still be faithful to you? Will He let you down? The amazing thing about God is that even though we are unfaithful to Him, He will be continually faithful to us. When things are not going as you would like and you have problems that seem out of control, you can be confident that God will never let you down. Thank Him for standing with you and being faithful each day.



THINK ABOUT IT!

Who will never break his promises to you?

God

other people

Satan



TALK TO GOD

Thank God that He is always with you and will never let you down. Thank Him for being faithful every day.

7

Does God know everything?



ISAIAH 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Have you ever met someone who thinks he knows it all? Maybe he can answer all your questions or get an “A” on tests at school. You think he’s the smartest person in the world. But no matter how much your friend knows, he doesn’t know anything compared to God. God knows everything.

God has all knowledge—He knows everything in the whole world. Because God is all-wise, He uses all of that information in the best way possible. Since God made and understands all things, He has perfect plans. He knows what is best for you. In His wisdom He carries out His plans for you. God knows exactly what He is allowing in your life even though some things may be hard. He is working through those situations for your good and His glory. Each thing your loving Heavenly Father allows to happen in your life is wise and good.

The Bible says, “O LORD, how manifold [many] are your works! in wisdom you have made them all” (Psalm 104:24). God made everything and He knows everything. He loves you and wants you to trust Him completely. Will you trust Him today?



THINK ABOUT IT!

Point out the true sentences.

God knows everything.

People know everything.

You know what is best.

God knows what is best.



TALK TO GOD

Praise God for knowing everything. Tell Him you will trust Him and know He will work through everything that happens in your life.