



Lesson 6: God is All-Powerful 6-8 In-Person Plan

<u>Key Teaching Point</u>	I believe God’s power can do the impossible.
<u>Bible Verse</u>	“But with God everything is possible.” (Matthew 19:26b, NLT).
<u>Scripture Passage</u>	“God does the impossible in Abraham’s life!” (Genesis 17:1-8 and Genesis 21:1-7)
<u>Materials</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Bible ● Props for skit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three signs on blank paper or poster board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sign 1: BREAKING NEWS ■ Sign 2: 4 MONTHS LATER . . . ■ Sign 3: 9 MONTHS LATER . . . ○ A prop microphone ○ A pillow (to stuff under shirt) ○ A baby doll ○ A prop cane and/or other costume items to emphasize Abraham and Sarah’s elderly age ● A playground ball ● A cell phone

Relate (20 minutes)

Welcome students with a snack.

Distribute name tags and snacks. Choose one of the following icebreaker activities to do together while students eat their snack:

Icebreaker Options (Choose one):

- Rosebud: Ask students to share a highlight or success from the week (a rose), a challenge or disappointment from the week (a thorn) and something they are

looking forward to doing or experiencing in the week ahead (a bud).

- Let students take turns sharing how they're feeling today using the Feelings Wheel (from the CKC Games Bag).
- Open a discussion with a question, "What does it mean to be powerful? Who is someone you would consider powerful? Why do you think so?"

Play a game.

Possible or Impossible?

Tell students you are going to play a game called "Possible or Impossible?" Read the following statements, one at a time. Students can volunteer to say if they think it is possible or impossible. Challenge them to prove their answer! When you finish, ask students to make up their own and let the rest of the group debate if their statement is possible or impossible.

- **A plane can fly around the world.**
- **You can count all the stars in the sky.**
- **You could become a millionaire.**
- **A person can live 1,000 years.**
- **The sun can stop moving.**
- **A river could turn to blood.**
- **You could become president of the United States.**
- **A person can come back from the dead.**

For human beings, there are a lot of things that are impossible. But with God, all things are possible! That's what we're going to learn today.

Power Up!

Designate a number to each player and instruct them to remember their number. To begin, choose one person to hold the ball and stand in the center. Everyone should gather in a bunch together near the person with the ball.

Each round, the person with the ball should yell "Power Up!" and throw the ball upwards to the sky while shouting a number. At the same time, all the other players should run in different directions away from the bunch except for the person(s) whose number was called. A person whose number was called catches the ball and then yells "Power Down" signaling everyone to freeze. The person with the ball then is allowed to take three giant steps toward any player before throwing the ball to hit someone (no hits above the chest).



Receive (20 minutes)

Read God's Word.

Present the following skit. The news reporter role should be filled by an adult leader. The roles of Abraham, Sarah and the doctor may be filled by other students who are comfortable and competent reading lines in front of an audience. Be sure to provide

them scripts indicating their lines. You may choose a student volunteer to hold the signs at the start of each scene.

Characters: News Reporter (adult leader), Abraham, Sarah, Doctor, Sign holder

Props: a prop microphone, a baby doll, a pillow (to stuff under shirt), Three Signs: “BREAKING NEWS!”, “6 months later . . . “ and “9 months later . . .”, a cane and/or other costume items to emphasize Abraham and Sarah’s elderly age

Scene 1

Sign 1 is displayed: BREAKING NEWS!

News Reporter enters the scene, holding a microphone.

News Reporter: I’m here to report breaking news. We just received word that an 99 year old man named Abraham has been approached by “El Shaddai,” one who claims to be the All-Powerful God, with an unbelievable piece of news. I’m here on the scene with Abraham to uncover the details.

News reporter turns toward Abraham.

News Reporter: Hello sir, you are Abraham, correct?

Abraham: Yes, that’s me.

News Reporter: Tell us a little bit about this meeting you supposedly had with the All-Powerful God.

Abraham: Well, I met God several years back. He told me that he was the One true God, and to stop following other gods and follow him. So I did.

News Reporter: We’ve heard rumors, and tell us if this is true, that this God made a promise to you. He promised that from your family he would create a great nation for himself. That he would bring salvation to the whole world from your children’s children’s children’s children’s . . . you get the picture.

Abraham: Yes, it’s true.

News Reporter: Well, that’s pretty amazing, and hard to believe. Tell us why that is so impossible.

Abraham: Well, I don’t have any children. Now my wife and I are old, waaaaaay too old to have a baby.

News Reporter: **So it looked like there was no hope of that promise coming true. Except, for what happened when God spoke to you again just this morning.**

Abraham: **Yes, he said my wife Sarah will give birth to a son!**

News Reporter: **Thank you Abraham, we are going to cut to another guest right now, your wife Sarah, for her reaction to this news.**

Sarah appears.

News Reporter: **Sarah, the All-Powerful God has just spoken to your husband Abraham and announced that you will have a son. What do you have to say about that?**

Sarah laughs hysterically.

Scene 2

Sign 2 is displayed: 4 MONTHS LATER . . .

News Reporter: **A few months back, we reported an unbelievable story about a 99 year old man who says God spoke to him and promised him and elderly his wife a child. Today, we are here with an incredible update. I have with me two guests, one is Sarah and the other is her doctor. Sarah, tell us about your current . . . condition.**

Sarah (with a pillow stuffed under her shirt): **Well, look at me! I'm 90 years old and I'm going to have a baby.**

News Reporter: **Doctor, would you please comment on this unique situation? Based on your experience and expertise, how common is it for a woman of Sarah's age to become pregnant?**

Doctor: **It's NOT common.**

News Reporter: **Is it possible?**

Doctor: **Scientifically speaking . . . no. It's completely IMPOSSIBLE that Sarah could have a child.**

Sarah: **I didn't believe it could happen either . . . but God did the impossible!**

Scene 3

Sign 3 is displayed: 9 MONTHS LATER . . .

News Reporter: **Well the big day has arrived! We are here with the happy couple, Abraham and Sarah to celebrate the unprecedented addition to their family.**

Abraham and Sarah enter together, Abraham hobbling on a cane and Sarah holding a baby doll.

News Reporter: **Congratulations mom and dad! Despite all odds, we have seen a miraculous thing happen today. God's power certainly seems to be greater than any other god I've seen, or any human being for that matter. Who would have thought?? Is there anything you'd like to say?**

Abraham: **Yes, I thought that God couldn't use me for his plan. But he proved me wrong! He didn't need my power to make it happen. He has all the power needed for the both of us. I believe in God's power now.**

News Reporter: **Thank you Abraham, and we're out of time for now but that concludes this breaking news segment, and I will close by saying I concur with you Abraham, that with God, everything is possible!**

What an interesting story! This interview was a fun twist on a real event that happened between God and Abraham. We find this account in the Bible in the book of Genesis (hold up a Bible). It's where Abraham learned God's name: "El Shaddai," which means Almighty or All-Powerful.

God promised to give Abraham and Sarah a son, and make their family into a great nation which would one day bring salvation to the world. God didn't fail to show his power to Abraham. Through Abraham's family, God carried out his plan of salvation for the world, including you and me!



Respond (20 minutes)

Apply God's truth.

Open a discussion:

- **What promise did God make to Abraham?** (God would make his family into a great nation with more descendants than stars in the sky.)
- **Did Abraham have power to make God's plan happen?** (No, he was too old to have a child and start a family.)
- **What did God want Abraham to do?** (believe in God's power and trust him)

- **How did Abraham and Sarah experience God’s power?** (They received a son even though it was impossible to have a baby at their age.)
- **What part of the story surprised you?** (Answers will vary.)
- **What is God’s power?** (Answers will vary.)
- **Do you believe God can do something powerful in your life? How do you know?** (Answers will vary.)
- **How have you seen God’s power?** (Answers will vary.)

Show students a cell phone.

What is the purpose of this phone? What does it do?

Take student responses.

What happens if the phone doesn’t have power? What can this phone do without the battery?

Take volunteer responses. If you can, emphasize this point by removing the battery from the phone and showing how it can not even function without the battery.

It’s pretty much useless right? You and I are like this phone without a battery. On our own, we can’t function the way we are made to. We can’t have true life.

Review the Bible verse.

By ourselves, we can do nothing. We are completely dependent upon God. But once we connect to God’s power, he can do mighty things through us!

Just like Abraham and Sarah learned, God can do the impossible! God had a plan that he wanted to accomplish: to build a nation and people for himself that would one day bring salvation to the world. He chose Abraham to start that family. Out of that family, many generations later, do you know who was born?

Jesus was born. And now, we are part of that family when we believe in Jesus. Jesus wants you to turn toward him, to believe his power, and trust him to work out his plan in your life.

Sing and worship together.

Pick a song from the [Praise and Worship Guide](#), or choose one of your own. Incorporate movement into the songs whenever possible.

Close in prayer together.

So, how do we connect to God’s power? When we believe and follow Jesus, God puts his power in us through the Holy Spirit. Here is what God’s Word

says about that:

“For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s **power**.” (1 Corinthians 4:20, NLT).

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through **his mighty power at work within us**, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” (Ephesians 3:20, NLT).

When we pray, God’s power works in our lives and in us! We can rely on his power to provide what we need. What are some ways you need God’s power right now?

Take prayer requests and close in prayer.