



Lesson 6: God is All-Powerful Online 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 • A cell phone
<u>Mystery Bag (Optional)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide each student with an individually-wrapped snack.

Relate (10 minutes)

Welcome crew members.

Greet crew members as they sign on.

Icebreaker Options (choose one):

- Ask students to share their highs and lows (the best and worst things that happened to them either today or from the past week.)
- 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).
- 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.



Receive (10 minutes)

Read God's Word.

Today we are going to hear two stories from the Bible in the book of Genesis (hold up a Bible). In these two stories we see that Abraham learned God's name: "El Shaddai," which means Almighty or All-Powerful.

Read the two stories from the Bible.

Genesis 17:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

The Covenant of Circumcision

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Read the next story:

Genesis 21:1-7 New International Version (NIV)

The Birth of Isaac

Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac[a] to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” And she added, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

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 (10 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 student 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.

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.