



★ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

TOWER OF POWER (Application Activity)

Supplies: Plastic cups (5 per group)

Preparation: Stack the five cups into a tower by alternating them right side up and upside down. Starting at the top, write one of the letters P-O-W-E-R on each of the five plastic cups. When finished, the tower should spell “power” from top to bottom.

Directions: Challenge the children to work together to build the Tower of Power. Begin by teaching the children how to spell “power.” Next, choose a child to go first. Ask the child, “What is something that you need to live?” (Ex. food, water, bed, house, family, etc.) After answering, allow them to place the “R” cup on the ground. Continue having children answer the question and stack the cups by alternating them right side up and upside down so that it spells “power” from top to bottom. If they can stack all five cups without falling over, have the kids say “**God is so, so powerful.**” If the tower falls over, have the children do 10 jumping jacks and start over.

If you want to play multiple rounds with increasing difficulty, allow children to use both hands during round one, only one hand during round two, and only their nondominant hand (usually left) during round three.

Say: You all came up with a great list of things that we need to live. During our Bible story for today, God used His power to give the Israelites the water they needed. God gives us all of the things we need, too. That’s because **God is so, so powerful.**

POWER PLAY (Application Activity)

Supplies: None

Directions: Invite the children to play a game of Bible charades. Tell them that each action will remind us of a time in the Bible that God showed His power. Choose a child to go first, then whisper to them one of the actions in bold from the list below. Have the child act it out while the other children guess. Be prepared to give suggestions to the actors. After they guess correctly, tell the children what the story connection is, then have everyone say, “**God is so, so powerful.**”

Actions:

- **Drinking something gross.** God used his power to turn water into blood.
- **Hopping like a frog.** God used His power to fill Egypt with frogs.
- **Swatting away flies.** God used His power to fill Egypt with flies.
- **Walking in the dark.** God used His power to make it dark in Egypt for three days.

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- **Putting up an umbrella and walking in rain.** God used His power to make it rain giant ice balls.
- **Running away.** God used His power to divide the Red Sea so His people could run away from Pharaoh.
- **Feeling very hot and thirsty.** God used his power to make water come from a rock.

Say: Over the past few weeks, we've heard lots of stories about God's power. Nothing is too hard for God. God can do anything because **God is so, so powerful.**

Question: What was your favorite story about God's power? Why?

KEEP IT UP (Bible Memorization Activity)

Supplies: Balloon (1 per group)

Say: Did you know that everything in the Bible is true? It's true, it's true, the Bible is true! Let's say that together. *(Repeat with children.)* We're going to play a game that will help us remember today's true Bible verse, but first, let me remind you what the Bible verse says.

"Great is the Lord (pump open palms upwards two times). His power (put fists together in front of you, then explode hands outward) is mighty (flex muscles)." Psalm 147:5 (extend hands like you're holding a book).

Directions: Practice the verse together several times. Next, have the children stand in a circle. Toss the balloon into the air and tell the children to keep it from touching the floor by hitting it into the air. Each time a child hits the balloon, have the group say one word from the memory verse. (They do not have to do the hand motions.) Challenge the children to keep the balloon in the air for as long as it takes to get through the verse. If the balloon touches the ground before the verse is over, tell the children they have to do a silly dance. Continue playing until the group has successfully recited the verse several times.

BIBLE BONKERS (Bible Story Review Activity)

Supplies: Bible Bonkers Game Cards (1 set per group), paper and pen

Directions: Divide your group of children into two teams. Spread the Bible Bonkers Game Cards face down between the two teams. There are three different types of cards: question cards, action cards, and a Bonkers card. Choose a team to draw a card first. If a question card is drawn, the team must answer the Bible review question correctly. If an action card is drawn, the entire team must perform the action. If the Bonkers card is drawn, the entire team must do a silly "Bonkers" dance. If the team answers the question correctly or successfully performs the action, give them the

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number of points indicated on the card. If they answer incorrectly or draw the Bonkers card, no points are given. Continue taking turns until all cards have been used. When finished, add up the points and announce a winner.

THANKS FOR JESUS (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons or markers.

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of themselves with Jesus. When finished, ask the children to show their picture and to tell everyone what they love about Jesus.

Say: When Jesus died on a cross, God used His power to make Him come alive again. And now, because of that, we can live with Jesus forever in Heaven. God can give us anything that we need. That's because **God is so, so powerful**. We're going to say a prayer and thank God for giving us Jesus.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by telling God thank you for sending Jesus and for forgiving us for the bad things we do.

COLORING SHEET AND SNACK TIME (GO! Deeper Activity)

Supplies: Bible story coloring sheet (printed on back of GO! Home Guide, 1 per child), markers or crayons, snack of your choice, napkins.

Directions: Give each child a Bible story coloring sheet and some crayons or markers. While the children are coloring, give them a snack to eat and ask the following questions to help them go deeper into the story:

Question: What was your favorite part of today's true Bible story? Why?

Question: Why do you think God loves you so much?