

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God is the source of our power.

OBJECTIVE:

As believers in Jesus, kids will learn where their power source comes from.

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 10:1-24

MEMORY VERSE:

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV)

SUMMARY:

The Green Lantern knows where his power comes from, and he never strays far from that power source. As Christians we need to stay close to Jesus, the source of our power.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Give us the power to do your will.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NIV)

"Do everything else for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31b (NirV)

LARGE GROUP:

Divide the room into girls and boys. Have the girls and boys read the verse aloud together, alternating every other word, so girls say the first word, boys say the second word, girls third, etc.

SMALL GROUP:

Have the kids create a picture puzzle that spells out the memory verse. Write the memory verse on a piece of paper. Give the kids 3-5 minutes to decorate the page with something that reminds them of the memory verse. Then cut the page into puzzle pieces, mix the pieces up and let the kids put the puzzle back together.

HOW TO BE A SUPERHERO

SKIT

THE DIVA'S LAIR

ITEMS NEEDED:

A lab coat for Dr. Insidious, a Bible, a journal

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2M

CHARACTERS:

Dr. Insidious - Bad guy

Jack - A henchman

Dr. Insidious and Jack enter.

DR. I: At last, Jack, we've found it! After months and months of observing her movements, we have finally found the secret lair of the superhero, my arch enemy, the Supreme Diva. All her secrets are right here, just beyond this door in....

JACK: Her bedroom?

DR. I: Way to kill the moment, Jack.

JACK: Well it is her bedroom, right? It has her name on the door. Christina's Room.

DR. I: Yes, yes, it's her bedroom, Jack! Now get in there and find it!

JACK: Find what?

DR. I: The source of her power!

JACK: I don't get it.

DR. I: Ever super-powered hero has a source, something that gives them power.

JACK: You mean like Green Lantern's lantern?

DR. I: Precisely! If we can find it and steal it, the Supreme Diva will no longer be able to stop my plans! Now get in there, Jack!

SKIT

JACK: Why me?

DR. I: Because you're the henchman and I'm the boss! And besides, there might be booby traps.

JACK: Booby traps?

Dr. Insidious pushes Jack off stage, into the bedroom. Jack yelps.

DR. I: Get in there you coward! Tell me what you see?

JACK: Oh wow! I don't believe it! This is incredible!

DR. I: What is it? Tell me!

JACK: She has every album Taylor Swift ever recorded!

DR. I: Will you stop looking at her music?

JACK: Wow, she has a huge collection of Batman comics too!

DR. I: What about her power?

JACK: I don't see any... Wait. This might be... Yes, I think this is it!

DR. I: Bring it to me! Now!

Jack enters with the Bible and the journal.

JACK: Doctor, listen to this! "Jesus said, 'I have given you authority to walk all over snakes and scorpions. You will be able to destroy all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you.'"

DR. I: I don't believe it!

JACK: It's true, Doc! Jesus gives power to all who believe in Him, power to do good and love others!

DR. I: And that's where the Supreme Diva gets her power? From the Bible? From God?

JACK: No, no, no, she got it from aliens. That's all right here, in her journal.

DR. I: Then why did you bother me with the Bible?

SKIT

JACK: I don't know. She had her Bible open to that verse, and I liked it. Kind of symbolic, don't you think?

DR. I: Come on, Jack. There's nothing for us here.

JACK: Can I at least steal a couple of her Taylor Swift albums?

DR. I: Come on!

Dr. Insidious drags Jack off stage.

JACK: Just one, Doc. Please?



OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A boom box or music player that plugs into the wall

I brought in this music player today to share with you some superhero theme songs. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to be working. I'm sorry, guys. I wanted to play some songs and see if you could tell what hero movies they came from, but how can I play this music? There's no power!

Let the kids point out that you need to plug in the music player.

If this music player isn't plugged into its power source, it's useless. Like a superhero who loses contact with their powers, this music player can't do anything unless we plug it in.

God wants us to stay plugged into Him. God is the source of all our power, and when we stay plugged into Jesus, we will have the power to do all sorts of things in His name.

Plug into Jesus, not just one time but every day. Stay in contact through prayer and the Bible. God will give you the power to do great things in His name.

LARGE GROUP GAME

TURN UP THE JUICE

ITEMS NEEDED:

A bag of oranges sliced in half
Two measuring cups

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two players for this game. The two players will race to see who can be first to squeeze a half-cup of orange juice into their measuring cup. The first player to reach the half-cup mark on their cup wins.

VARIATION:

Instead of a competitive game, have two kids race against the clock to squeeze a full 8 ounces out of the oranges in a minute or less.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

When people need power, they say, "turn up the juice." We can get power when we tap into Jesus.



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INTRO:

Every superhero has something that makes them special, some gift that makes them specially suited to fight crime or the forces of evil. Some, like Batman and Iron Man, rely on their own ingenuity and technology, but many heroes rely on something extraordinary, special powers that make them almost super human!

The Green Lanterns are an example of heroes who have super powers thanks to a mystical power source. Every Green Lantern is given a magic ring, and that ring allows them to do all sorts of amazing things. They can fly, they can shield themselves from dangerous weapons, and they can conjure up anything they imagine to combat evil and save the day.

With their rings, the Green Lanterns are a powerful force for good. They are among the most powerful and popular of all superheroes. But without their rings, the Lanterns are completely powerless. They rely on their rings to do their duty, and they know that apart from their rings, they can't do anything.

God does not give magic rings to people who believe in Him, but God does give us power. That power comes from God's Holy Spirit. He sent the Holy Spirit after Jesus returned to Heaven so that all of us could have the presence of God living in our hearts.

The Holy Spirit comes from Jesus, and Jesus told His followers that He would give them the power to do amazing things in His name.

READ LUKE 10:1-24

MAIN POINT:

Jesus sent His followers out to prepare the way for Him.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

He gave them instructions on where they were to go and what they were to do. They must have been surprised when Jesus told them to heal the sick and to do miracles. After all, only Jesus could do miracles! But they all came back and reported miracles to Jesus.

Jesus gave His followers the power to heal the sick and cast out demons so that people would believe in Him. Jesus wants everyone to hear the good news that He has come to be their Savior, and miracles were part of the plan for sharing that truth.

God is still doing miracles through Jesus' followers. Believers like you and me can do great things in Christ's name. But just like the Green Lanterns, we can do nothing on our own. We need to plug into the power of Jesus. We need God's Holy Spirit to give us the wisdom and the power to do God's will. Only then will God fill us with the power to do great things in His name.

DRIVE IT HOME:

For a Green Lantern, powering up is simple. You put on the ring, and you recite the oath you took when you were given the ring.

*"In brightest day, in blackest night,
No evil shall escape my sight.
Let those who worship evil's might,
Beware my power, Green Lantern's light!!!"*

As Christians we can plug into God's power everyday through the Bible. The Bible is God's Word, and the more we study the Word, the more we get to know Jesus, the source of all our power.

God also wants us to plug into Jesus through prayer. Prayer is our direct link to God, our way of sharing with Him and asking for His guidance and power. Prayer, combined with Bible study, will enable us to see what God's plan is for our lives. It's through prayer that the Holy Spirit gives us the confidence, the strength, and the power to do God's work.

God wants to give us power. He wants to use us to go out and show the world that Jesus loves them. There's no mystical ring that will give you this power. Only through daily contact with Jesus can we receive it. Ask God to give you the power, and spend time alone with Him everyday. You will be amazed at the things God will do through your life when He gives you His power!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Give us the power to do Your will.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What super power do you wish you could have?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

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SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Break the kids up into three groups and give them five minutes to create their own superhero. The hero must have super powers, and the kids must share how that hero gets and uses his powers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 10:1-24

Where did Jesus send His followers?

What did Jesus tell His followers to do?

What did those people tell Jesus when they returned?

Where did Jesus' followers get the power to perform miracles?

Where do we receive power to do God's work and help others?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for empowering us to serve You.

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What amazing things happened to those believers?

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How can we plug into God's power every day?

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Jesus sent out ____ followers to go ahead of Him.
A. 3
B. 12
C. 72*
2. The people did many miracles, including _____.
A. casting out demons.*
B. walking on water.
C. parting the sea.
3. The power these people had came from _____.
A. themselves.
B. Jesus.*
C. magic.
4. God can give us power to do great things through His _____.
A. Holy Spirit.*
B. disciples.
C. church.
5. We can plug into Jesus' power by _____.
A. praying.
B. reading the Bible.
C. both A and B.*

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: POWER SOURCE



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

The Green Lantern knows where his power comes from, and he never strays far from that power source. As Christians we need to stay close to Jesus, the source of our power. Luke 10:1-24



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Take a walk around your house, looking for sources of power. What powers the lights in your house? Your favorite toys? The TV? How can we receive power as Christians to do God's work?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What power does God give to Christians?
- How does God give us this power?
- How can we plug into God's power every day?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

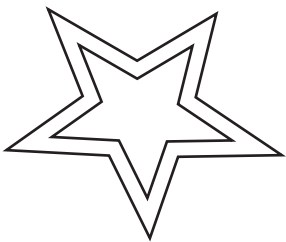
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PARENT TIME:

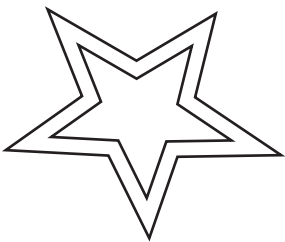
What you need to know:

God's Holy Spirit is the source of our power. Through daily prayer and Bible study, we can access the power to do God's work and serve others. Pray for God to bless your family with the power to help others and bring glory to His name!



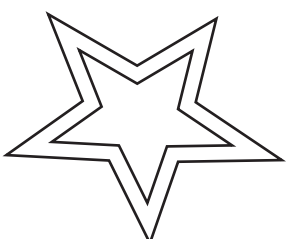
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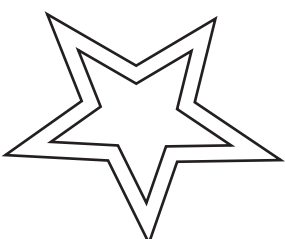
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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids make their own “power rings” as reminders that they need to plug into God’s power every day.

These can either be drawn and colored or you can use pipe cleaners and craft supplies to let kids make rings they can actually wear home.