

Day 1 - The Power of God

Let's play "Name That Movie" based on this line:

"Phenomenal cosmic power!!! Itty bitty living space..."

(Aladdin - I'll admit, I'm watching a lot of Disney+ right now)

- Who do you consider powerful here on Earth and what makes them powerful to you?

When we see power in the form of nature (like a waterfall or a sunset), we are usually left in awe and wonder. When we see power used or given out by people (like feats of strength, use of military force, or decisions made by politicians or businessmen), we tend to respond by being impressed or moved to act.

- When your parents disciplined you with their "power," how did you respond?

Let's look at the power of God today.

Read Psalm 62:11.

- What does it say about power here?

- If power belongs to God, then what kind of "power" do we have here on Earth?

Think of ways that God uses His power every day.

- Which ones impress you the most?

Read Job 36:4-6.

- What does God emphasize to Job here that He used His power to do?

God's power is so limitless (unlike the Genie in Aladdin) that we cannot even fathom it! He made everything from nothing and left no detail undone! He is the most powerful Being in all of creation and yet He wants to talk with YOU and ME.

- How does that make you feel?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:18 and 6:14.

- Do you believe God's power can save you?

- What proof do we have His power can raise us from death? *(He raised Jesus!)*

It is only because God allows us to have power, strength, or ability that we can use this over any other person or thing. We do not have power in our own strength, but only through God, the Author of all power. And His power gives us everything we need to live today.

Read 2 Peter 1:3.

- What is the key to being able to live in His power? *(knowing Him)*

Read Romans 6:5-11.

- How do we overcome the power of sin and death?

- What would be the reason someone is still a "slave to sin"?

- Take a few minutes to pray for those you know need to accept Jesus as Savior and have His power break their chains to sin.

Sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" as a family or listen to it online and then, if it's still daylight out, go look at the sunset (or sunrise) and marvel at God's power.

Close your time of family worship in a time of prayer using the following prayer from *The Valley of Vision*:

God All Sufficient

Every perfection adorns thy nature and sustains thy throne; The heavens and earth are thine, The world is thine and its fullness. Thy power created the universe from nothing; Thy wisdom has managed all its multiple concerns, presiding over nations, families, individuals. Thy goodness is boundless; all creatures wait on thee, are supplied by thee, are satisfied in thee. How precious are the thoughts of thy mercy and grace! How excellent thy lovingkindness that draws men to thee! Teach us to place our happiness in thee, the blessed God, never seeking life among the dead things of earth, or asking for that which satisfies the deluded; But may we prize the light of thy smile, implore the joy of thy salvation, find our heaven in thee. Thou hast attended to our happiness more than we can do; Though we are fallen creatures thou hast provided us a Saviour; Apply his redemption to our hearts, by justifying our persons, and sanctifying our natures. We confess our transgressions, have mercy on us. We are weary, give us rest, ignorant, make us wise unto salvation, helpless, let thy strength be made perfect in our weakness, poor and needy, bless us with Christ's unsearchable riches, perplexed and tempted, let us travel on unchecked, undismayed, knowing that thou hast said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Blessed be thy name!