

WEEK 1 | OLDER ELEMENTARY

Need to Know: God Is All-Powerful

Bible Story: Creation

Bible Reference: Genesis 1-2



CIRCLE UP

DO & SAY

- Welcome kids to our new series, "Amazonia," and tell them who you are.
- **Sanitize** kids' hands. Then say: *I'm going to tell you three things about myself. Two of them will be true, and one of them will be a lie. You will try to guess which one is the lie.*
- Tell the group your two truths and a lie, and allow them to guess which one is the lie. Then go around the circle, having kids do the same (sharing their name, two truths, and one lie). Allow kids to guess what the lie is for each child.

SAY

By playing that game together, we got to know a little more about each other. In this series, we'll discover more about who God is while we explore the Amazon! Today, we will see that God is more powerful than anyone or anything.

That's what we need to know today, so let me hear you say this after me:

God Is (both hands point up)

All-Powerful (make muscle arms)

READ THE BIBLE

DO & SAY

Read the **Bible Story Cards** to the group. Then ask:

- *How did God create the heavens and the earth? (By speaking) Yes! God created the entire universe just by speaking.*
- *We can't see God face-to-face on Earth, but we can see the things He created. By looking at creation, what does it remind us about who God is? (That He is all-powerful) You got it!*
- *Does anything limit God's power? (No) That's right! God's power is unlimited. Nothing is too hard for Him. When we look at the stars, trees, flowers, animals, and everything else God made. It's a reminder of His creativity and power. That's why we can always trust that He is powerful enough to handle any problem we might face.*

LET'S PRACTICE

OPTION 1: AMAZON BINGO

DO & SAY

1. **Sanitize** kids' hands. Give each child a **Bingo Card** and **drawing utensil**.
2. Have kids take turns drawing an **Amazon Card** from the **bag** and showing it to the group. As you read the fun fact on the back of each Card, have kids draw an "X" on the picture on their Bingo Cards.
3. When someone has marked through four pictures in a row, they can say, "Bingo!" Play as time allows.
4. After collecting materials, read and discuss the **Question Sheet** to the group.
5. Say: *Let's say what we need to know today together! Repeat this after me:*
God Is (both hands point up)
All-Powerful (make muscle arms)

OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Why should we want to know more about who God is?*
2. *What are some ways you can know that God is all-powerful?*
3. *How does trusting God's power help us when we face hard things?*
4. Have kids repeat:
God Is (both hands point up)
All-Powerful (make muscle arms)

LET'S PRAY

SAY

Hey God! Thank You for showing us that You are all-powerful. No matter what we face in our lives, help us to trust in Your power and plans. We love You! Amen!

MEMORIZE IT

SAY & DO

There's a verse in the Bible that reminds us how powerful God is. Let's practice it together! Say this after me:

"Lord God, (both hands point up)
with your great power (make muscle arms)
you made the earth and the sky. (make circle with arms)
There is nothing too hard (make an "X" with arms)
for you to do." (pound fists)
Jeremiah 32:17 (make book with hands)

Have kids sit in a circle, putting their feet in the middle. Point to one child's foot and say the first word of the verse. Have the group say each word of the verse as you point to the next foot. Whichever foot you are pointing to when you say "17," is out. Continue until there is only one foot remaining.

Give each child a **Memory Verse Flyer**, and remind them to practice the verse at home so they can win a prize at the end of this series.