

God is: **ALMIGHTY!**



The fifth attribute we will be learning about in our series is that **GOD IS ALMIGHTY!** What does it mean to be “almighty”? To be **ALMIGHTY** means to have complete power, to be invincible, unbeatable. So for us to say that **God is ALMIGHTY** means that He is all-powerful and cannot be conquered by anyone or anything. God is so strong that He can do all things! Our story today will explore just one of MANY stories in the Bible which illustrate how powerful our amazing God is—both in the world and beyond!

Memory verse: “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”
Matthew 19:26

Scripture lesson: Joshua 10—The story of God stopping the day and night
This story can be found in Joshua 10:1-15 in the NIV or pages 140-141 in the Egermeier Bible.

Thinking about it: When God led the Israelites out of Egypt and brought them into the desert, He promised to bring them to Canaan. The people, led by Moses and later Joshua, wandered for forty years, learning to trust God and conquer various nations. As they moved through the land, God directed the Israelites to attack certain places and cities, such as Jericho and Ai. When a group of five kings heard Joshua and the Israelites, teamed up with the Gibeonites, were heading toward their territory, they prepared to fight. Joshua led his army all through the night in order to surprise attack the five kings, and God sent giant hailstones down to assist in the battle. As the fight continued Joshua talked to God and asked that the sun remain in the sky until the battle finished. God listened to Joshua and stopped the sun in the middle of the day, where it remained for a full day. Joshua and the Israelites won the battle and continued their conquest of Canaan.

This story shows us just how powerful our **Almighty God** is—He is able to keep the sun from setting! How incredible is that? Joshua merely had to ask God’s help, and God provided the Israelites with supernatural assistance. As a neat side note, the name “Joshua” means “God is salvation”, pointing to the saving power of God. (The name “Jesus” is a version of the name “Joshua” and means the same thing—God is salvation.)

Videos: Background of Joshua: Joshua Leads—Saddleback Kids

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqhPOd0JxBs&list=PLoUAYmwRA48XoWGfP8KyJ_nWYrq7Wk91I

Sun Stands Still video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihjxANTdy80&list=PLoUAYmwRA48XoWGfP8KyJ_nWYrq7Wk91I&index=19

Activity: Our craft for today makes a picture of the incredible miracle that God did when Joshua and the Israelites needed to keep fighting—He made the sun to stand still so that the day could continue. Materials needed for this craft include: 12" x 18" light blue construction paper, 10" x 18" of orange cellophane, 4" x 10" white construction paper, scissors, glue, crayons. Or you can paint a picture of the sun and moon in the sky at the same time! Directions for the craft can be found at:

<http://childrensbiblelessons.blogspot.com/2014/06/lesson-is-that-hail.html>

Questions:

- How many kings fought against Joshua and God's people?
- What did the Israelites do to surprise the five kings?
- How did God first send help to Joshua and the Israelites?
- Who did Joshua turn to when he prepared to attack?
- How did God ensure victory for the Israelites?



Joshuah Ordering the Sun to Stand Still (1743-1744), Joseph Marie Vien in Musée Fabre, Montpellier. (Public domain, Wikimedia Commons)

Key Idea: God is more powerful than ANYTHING!!

Prayer: Almighty God, You are so incredible! We are so thankful for all the amazing ways that You show Your power and strength in the Bible and in the world! Help us to trust that even when things seem impossible, all things are possible with You! In Jesus name, AMEN.