

Our God Is Powerful

Psalm 29

MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 29:3,4

“The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.”

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Chairs (one for each child), a tape/CD player and music tape/CD.

Two balloons (blow up before class).

A sheet of construction paper for each child in various colors, scissors, markers, tape or glue stick, and yarn.

ATTENTION GETTER!

Musical Thrones

Use this game to introduce and demonstrate how that God is on His throne always. This is played just like a regular game of musical chairs. You will need chairs (one for each child), a tape/CD player and music tape/CD. Line up two rows of chairs back to back. The number of chairs should be equal to the number of children. Play the music and have the children stand up and move in a clockwise direction. Take one chair out then stop the music. Everyone then should scramble to a chair. The one left without a chair is out. Continue play until there is a winner.

Explain to the children that God is always on His throne. He never moves from it. We are going to see that in our lesson today. God is powerful and He is our king! Let's get ready to learn more about Him today!

LESSON TIME!

Has there ever been a time in your life when you wondered if God was really there with you? Maybe when you are sad or when something bad has happened! Perhaps because you have never seen God face to face it is hard to believe that He is right where you are all of the time!

Remember back when David was hiding from King Saul in the wilderness? There were probably a lot of times that he felt alone and afraid. He probably even questioned if God was really there for him. As we read the Psalms, we discover that David learned to give thanks and praise to God in every situation because he knew that God was a powerful God and He is omnipresent. Wow! That is a big word! Omnipresent is just a fancy word that means that God is everywhere all of the time. It is part of who He is. We too, can learn to trust God like David did, when we understand that He is always with us. **God is everywhere at all times.**

PSALM 29:1-2

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Here David expresses to us what it is that we are to do in our worship of the Lord. First of all we are to give the Lord glory. What does it mean to give the Lord glory? The word means honor, greatness or majesty. A lot of times it means that we recognize who God really is. We recognize that He is worthy of all honor, He is great and full of majesty. Sometimes people get confused and try to give glory to themselves or to others. David reminds us in this Psalm to give glory to God alone.

We also see that when we are living holy lives we are beautiful to God. Holiness is something that is very beautiful to God. This is the purest form of worship we can give to God.

In these verses David instructs us to “give unto the Lord.” It is when we are willing to give God everything we are, that He is most pleased with our worship of Him. God does not want us to give Him things, He wants us to acknowledge who He is and show our love towards Him in living a life that is pleasing to Him. Our worship should not be something we do to make ourselves feel better. Rather our worship should come from a heart that wants God to be blessed. We are responding to His love, His grace and His mercy in our lives. We can learn from David to praise God no matter where we are or what is going on in our life. God is always there to receive our worship. **God is everywhere at all times.**

PSALM 29:3-9

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the LORD is over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

David gives reverence to the Lord, who spoke into existence the creation of the whole world and separated the waters from the dry land with His voice. David is recognizing and acknowledging God for the power of His voice. He also shows how all of God’s creation on earth celebrate and worship God.

Let us take just a moment to talk about God’s voice and creation. Some would teach that God didn’t create the world, but that the world began by accident, a big explosion and “evolved” into what we know today. In other words, life began from nothing and generated into more complex life. A cell became a fish, a fish became a monkey and a monkey became a man. Now think about this for a moment. If we believe this to be true then we are giving ourselves the glory as mankind by saying we created ourselves, not God. Is not that exactly what Satan would want the world to believe? It takes all of the focus off of God and places it on us. What a sad deception!

But the Bible says that God “spoke” and the worlds came into existence. Some would even believe that perhaps the seven days in Genesis represents thousands of years. Well, none of us were there to see what happened; but it sure seems like the God who can part the Red Sea, make the sun stand still in the middle of the day and raise His Son from the grave could certainly speak and cause the heavens and the earth to come into existence immediately. We need to trust God and His Word. He is all-powerful!

The psalmist speaks of nature and the creation in it and how they rejoice and see God as their creator and powerful Lord. The Lord only needs to speak and whatever He chooses to be will be. When David speaks of the voice of the Lord being over the waters, he is referring to all waters. We can see the power in the voice of the

Lord when we read how Jesus calmed the sea in Matthew 8:26, “Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” The God who made the waters is able to calm them. **God is everywhere at all times.**

The awesome God who created the great mountains of Lebanon and Sirion is able to make them “skip like a calf” (vs. 6). How comforting it is to know that God did not create everything and then just leave it alone. God wants to speak to us and He wants us to speak to Him. It is important that we see the power of God; that He is powerful enough with just His word to begin and end everything. The Lord, through David, reminds us of His power over all the earth. **God is everywhere at all times.**

Feel the Power

There are times when we do not see God, but we can see His power. We looked at how God created the heavens and the earth with His powerful voice. We can look all around and see God’s fingerprints. Let us play this fun game to learn more about power in unseen things.

You will need two balloons (blow up before class). Divide the class into two teams. Have the teams stand on opposite sides of the room in lines. Explain that you will give a balloon to each team. They need to pass the balloon to each person and finally to the end of the line without using their hands or feet. They can only blow on the balloon to keep it floating. When you say, “go” have the first person in line begin blowing and pass it to the next person in line. They will then blow to keep the balloon up and pass to the next person. Continue until the balloon reaches the last person. They must also blow on it to keep it up at least once, and then they can catch the balloon.

Explain to the children that they cannot see the air keeping the balloon up, but they can see the effect (it remains in the air). That

is how it is with the Lord. We cannot see Him with our physical eyes, but we can see demonstrations of His power all over.

PSALM 29:10-11

The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, and the LORD sits as King forever.

The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace.

As this Psalm ends, David again gives God glory for His “omnipresence” (presence everywhere at all times). In verse 11 David is reassuring us that just as the Lord who was present during the flood is the same Lord who still sits on the throne as King today in Heaven. When we wonder where God is and life seems to be out of control, we can always remember the truth of this verse and know that God is in control and still sits on His throne. **God is everywhere at all times.** David is also giving God the glory by acknowledging this to Him. It blesses the Lord when we express in our praise and worship to Him those attributes of His character. If we do not know what God is like how can we thank Him for all that He is? God shows us who His is in His Word, the living Bible. **God is everywhere at all times.**

In the last verse of this Psalm, David ends with a promise from the Lord. We have seen how God is powerful. We read in this last verse how He has the power to give us strength and to bless us with His peace. As we bless the Lord with our praise and worship to Him, He in return strengthens us and gives us peace. As we read in Philippians 4:6-7, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” When we are faced with difficult things, it is good to remember that if we praise and worship God even through those

times, that He is faithful and true to give us strength and peace.
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Make a Megaphone

For this craft you will need a sheet of construction paper for each child in various colors, scissors, markers, tape or glue stick, and yarn. First of all have the children roll the construction paper to make a cone. Leave a smaller hole (about 1" in diameter at one end and a larger hole at the other end. Use the scissors and cut any pointed edges of the paper, making the openings at each end completely round

Next, open back up and allow the children to decorate their megaphone. They can be encouraged to write a portion of today's memory verse about the voice of the Lord on it. Or the children may just want to write, "The Voice of the Lord is Powerful! When they are done with their artwork, roll the megaphone and either tape the seam or glue with a glue stick. Using a hole punch, punch two small holes near the small opening. Punch them at opposite ends. Next string some yarn and tie it to one of the holes. Cut enough yarn for the megaphone to be placed around their necks. Tie onto the other side and have them take home with them.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving and praise of the Lord. Lead the children in giving glory to God for His power and majesty. To thank Him for His beautiful creation and all He has done in our lives. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.