



## “YHWH is All-Powerful” Lesson for Toddlers

This is the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) lesson plan in our series titled, “**Little Ones Knowing YHWH.**” Each of these studies is designed to help children age 18-24 months better understand the character & nature of YHWH (God) or which ever Holy Name you use).

This particular lesson is based on Jeremiah 32:17-23, Job 37 and 38. In very simple language, it will help toddlers learn about YHWH (God)’s great power.

**Main Idea:** YHWH (God) is all-powerful! (Show muscles every time you say this during the lesson.) He is in control of everything and can do anything!

**Bible Passage:** Jeremiah 32:17-23, Job 37 and 38

**Bible Lesson Title:** YHWH (God) is All-Powerful

**Target Age Group:** Toddlers, age 18-24 months

**Original Teaching Context:** Toddler

Supplies: Bible, See additional activities for other supplies and preparation.

With toddlers, you want to keep your lesson simple. If your class is able, get them to sit together on floor in front of you. Hold up your Bible.

**SAY:** The Bible is YHWH (God)’s Word. The Bible tells us that YHWH (God) is all-powerful! He is in control of everything and can do anything! (Repeat three times.)

The following activities are designed to reinforce the simple Scripture truth, encourage toddlers development, and engage their imaginations and creativity. Choose the ones that will work best for your classroom.

### LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

#### USE THOSE MUSCLES!

**SUPPLIES:** Light objects and similar heavy objects. For example, a laundry basket filled with wet clothes = heavy versus a laundry basket filled with stuffed animals = light. You could also use packs of diapers. Lifting jumbo pack=heavy; lifting small pack=light. (Avoid using canned goods or objects that may cause injury)

**ASK:** Are You strong? Can you show me your muscles? Wow! You ARE strong! I want you to show me just how strong you are!

**DO:** Challenge the toddler(s) to push the laundry baskets or carrying the diaper packs.

**SAY:** This laundry basket is light (point to laundry basket filled with stuffed animals)! It is easy to push. But this laundry basket is heavy! You have to use all of your muscles to push it! The Bible tells us that our YHWH (God) is strong-stronger than you, stronger than me, stronger than anyone! YHWH (God) is all-powerful!

He can do anything!



## NOT STRONG ENOUGH

**SUPPLIES:** Thin paper (notebook, printer, or newspaper), multiple sheets of paper folded up or sealed envelopes with folded paper inside or use junk mail.

**DO:** Give the child(ren) single sheets of thin paper. Instruct them to use their muscles to rip up the paper! Then give the children multiple sheets of paper folded up or an envelope stuffed with paper and sealed. Instruct them to try and rip the paper.

**SAY:** Even when you use all of your muscles, you are not strong enough! YHWH (God) IS strong enough. YHWH (God) IS all-powerful! He is in control of everything and can do anything!

## WHAT IS POWERFUL?

**SUPPLIES:** Pictures of the following: train, boat, lion, baby, kitten, fish

**SAY:** I have pictures for you to see! This is a train (hold up picture). Trains are very strong! Trains are powerful (show muscles)! Can you help me with these other pictures? (Hold up picture of kitten.) Is this kitten powerful? (No! Kittens are not powerful!) What about this big boat? (Yes! Boats are powerful!) This baby? (No! Babies are not powerful!) Etc.

**SAY:** YHWH (God) is more powerful than a train! YHWH (God) is more powerful than a big boat! YHWH (God) is more powerful than a lion! YHWH (God) is more powerful than everything! YHWH (God) is ALL-Powerful! He is in control of everything and can do anything!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**SUPPLIES:** You and your toddler(s)

**ASK:** What can you do? Can you fly like an airplane? (do it together) Can you jump like a frog? (do it together) Can you spin in a circle? (do it together) Can you give a big hug? (do it together)

**ASK:** What can YHWH (God) do? YHWH (God) can do anything! YHWH (God) brings the sun up each day! YHWH (God) makes it rain and snow! YHWH (God) keeps the birds in the air! YHWH (God) can lift the heaviest mountain and move the biggest sea! YHWH (God) sees everything! YHWH (God) hears us when we pray! YHWH (God) gives us air to breathe! YHWH (God) is in control of Everything and can do Anything! He is all-powerful!

## YHWH IS IN CONTROL

**SUPPLIES:** A “boat”-could be a big blanket you can all fit on, a piece of cardboard, an air mattress, etc.; spray bottle of water

**SAY and DO:** YHWH (God) is all-powerful! Even the wind and the water obey Him! I want everyone to get on our boat! We are going to pretend there is a big storm. Our boat begins to rock as the wind blows hard (begin rocking and making wind sounds). The wind gets more and more powerful (rock harder and make louder wind sounds)! The water is coming into our boat (spray them with water)! Oh no! We are in a storm. Storms are powerful! Stop wind! Be still! ... Oh no, that did not work! I cannot make the wind stop. You cannot make the wind stop. Who is powerful enough to make the wind stop?? Only YHWH (God)! (Now stop rocking). YHWH (God) is powerful! He is in control of everything in the world! Even the wind and the water obey Him! YHWH (God) says “Stop!” and the wind stops. He is all-powerful!



**DO:** Take the toddler(s) outside for an “Adventure”!

**SAY:** Look at this building (house, etc.)! It is so big! But YHWH (God) is bigger.

**DO:** Take them to a tall tree.

**SAY:** Look at this tree! It is so big! It is even taller than the building (house)! But YHWH (God) is bigger!

**DO:** Have everyone lie on the ground and look up.

**SAY:** Wow! Look at the sky! It is so big! It is bigger than the building, and it is bigger than the tree! Do you really think YHWH (God) is bigger than the sky? Yes! Our YHWH (God) is bigger and greater than everything! Our YHWH (God) is all-powerful! He is in control of everything and can do anything!

### **WHAT DOES YHWH CONTROL?**

**DO:** You can either lead your toddler(s) around the room, around your house, or outside in the yard or park to do this discovery activity. Your main purpose is to help them see what YHWH (God) does, what He is in control of.

**Example for outside or by a window:** Who made the sun come up this morning? YHWH (God) made the sun come up this morning! YHWH (God) controls the sun. Who makes the sun go down each night? YHWH (God)! YHWH (God) controls the sun. Who brings the rain? YHWH (God)! YHWH (God) controls the rain. Who brings the snow? YHWH (God)! YHWH (God) controls the snow. Who makes the leaves fall off the trees? YHWH (God)! YHWH (God) is in control of the leaves. Who takes care of the birds in the sky? YHWH (God)! YHWH (God) is in control of the birds.

**Example for inside:** YHWH (God) controls breath and life, food, clothes, water, house and our family

### **PRAISE YHWH THROUGH SONG**

**SUPPLIES:** Your voices!

**DO:** Sing together your favorite praise song!

**Pray:** Hold hands or bow your heads together. Say a short prayer like the following: Dear YHWH (God), you are all-powerful! You are in control of everything and can do anything! We love you! Thank you for loving us. Amen.

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