

THE POWER OF GOD

Timeless Truth: Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but to save it.

Bible Basis: Matthew 3:1–17; 4:1–11, 24–25; Mark 1:31–2:12; 3:9–15; Luke 8:1–3; John 1:19–34

Key Verse: People brought to him all who were ill with different kinds of sicknesses. ... Jesus healed all of them. —Matthew 4:24, NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 23: “The Power of God”

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 23 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience the story using water and plastic toy people. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

Jesus shows people the power of God. I can look for God's power in my life.

TABLE TALK

- Tell me about some things that are powerful.
- What do you think is the most powerful thing on earth?
- How did Jesus show God's power? (*He performed many miracles.*)

LIVING FAITH

One of the events in this week's Bible story is when John the Baptist baptized Jesus. Fill a pan with water and gather plastic toy people. Pick one of the plastic people to be John the Baptist and one to be Jesus. The rest of the plastic people are those who came to John to be baptized. Let your child act out the story using the plastic people and the pan filled with water as the Jordan River. Encourage your preschooler to use her own words as she acts out the story. You may want to read the story from *The Story for Little Ones* the first time you act this out to remind your child of the story.

EXTRA MILE

As you go different places this week, look for things that have power. You might see a streetlight, a construction vehicle, a tow truck, or a policeman. Talk about all the different kinds of power you see and that God's power is stronger than them all.

Sit quietly by a window or outside. Look for different birds. Count the different birds that you see. What kind of bird was in the Bible story? Do you see doves where you live?

Read other Bible stories that show God's power this week. Many of the stories your child has been learning show God's power and are included in *The Story for Little Ones*.

Use these motions to help your child remember part of the key verse.

Jesus (*Take your right middle finger and touch your left palm. Take your left middle finger and touch your right palm.*)

Healed (*Make fists and bring your arms up from hips to shoulder level.*)

All of them. (*Open your arms out wide.*)

Matthew 4:24 (*Open your hands like a book.*)