



"The Great God"

Icebreaker: God is good; God is great...but just how great is He? This activity is sure to remind everyone of His awesome love and power. When the game is over, take the time to reflect on the many great acts of God, and thank Him in a special group prayer.

1. The first person starts by saying, "My God is so great, He..." and completes the phrase. Example: "My God is so great, He created the Earth."
2. The next person repeats what was said by the first participant and adds his or her own act of God. Example: "My God is so great; He created the Earth and loves everyone as His children."
3. The activity continues with each person repeating the phrase that was given before them and adding his or her own act of God, until the last person has had his or her turn

Scripture: Read Isaiah 40:13,14

God is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He is the same God who is interested in our lives and is actively working things together for our good. Isaiah calls the people to look to God instead of idols. He recounts the greatness of God.

Group discussion:

1. **God is everlasting. (The Hebrew name is El-olam) Read Psalm 90:1,2**
 - a. **Abraham called God by this name Genesis 21:33**
 - b. **His salvation is everlasting, Isaiah 51:6**
 - c. **He has everlasting strength. Isaiah 26:4**
 - d. **His kingdom will be everlasting Isaiah 9:7**

How is it comforting to know He, His salvation, His strength and His kingdom are everlasting?

2. **God will not faint nor grow weary**
God never grows tired. He never weakens. He never faints. Nothing depletes His strength. Read Isaiah 40:28 and 43:22

**What are some reasons we grow weary in our Christian walk?
What can we do when we grow tired?**

3. **God gives strength to the weary and power to the weak. Read Isaiah 40:29**
“Strength generates power.”

- a. **God gives us strength Psalm 18:32; 73:26; Isaiah 12:2; 1 Peter 4:11**
- b. **God’s strength generates His mighty power.**
Ephesians 6:10 Colossians 1:10-12

Ask for a testimony or share a personal experience about a time when someone was strengthened by God. What was the result of that experience?

“When a hurricane hit South Florida, Norena's home was one of many that was severely damaged. The elderly woman received an insurance settlement, and the repair work began. However, when the money ran out, so did the contractor, leaving an unfinished home with no electricity? Norena has been living without power ever since.

The astounding part of this story is that the hurricane was not Katrina, but Andrew. Hurricane Andrew struck in 1992. Norena has been living in that dark, unfinished house for 15 years. No heat when the winter chill settled over South Florida. No air conditioning when the mercury climbed into the 90's and the humidity clung to 100 percent. Not one hot shower.

Without money to finish the repairs, Norena just got by with a small lamp and a single burner. Her neighbors didn't seem to notice the absence of power. Acting on a tip, the mayor of Miami-Dade got involved. It only took a few hours of work by electrical contractor Kent Crook to return power to the house.

CBS News says Norena plans to let the water get really hot, and then take her first bubble bath in a decade and a half. "It's hard to describe having [the electricity]...to switch on," she said. "It's overwhelming."

Conclusion: Are we plugged into God? God is everlasting. He doesn’t grow weary or faint; instead He gives us His strength and power. This results in His glory. We recognize it is not by our strength. Christ is exalted as the strength of our life. He receives glorious praise. Ask God to empower us through His strength.