What had God already done to show His power?

We have not only a Father who wants good for us, but also a Father who is powerful enough to deliver. He did it for the children of Israel as He led them out of slavery, and He can do it for you.



Object Lesson

If a wolf were chasing you and trying to bite you, would you prefer your parent to protect you or would you rather be protected by a 2-year-old child? Why?

Whom would you like protecting you: God, or a man? Who is more powerful? Listen to these stories about God's power.

Scripture

⁴"Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." ⁶Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them. —Exodus 7:4–6





Sharing

On a piece of paper, each person draw something that God did to show His power. When you've finished, tell your family what you drew and why you chose it.

How does God show his power today?

Can you name the plagues God brought on Egypt to demonstrate His power?

The description of the plagues is found in Exodus 7:14–12:32.



Team Work

Find and circle the names of the ten plagues in the box to the right. Words may run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally (but never right-to-left or straight up).

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Encouragement

Suppose there were two baseball teams: one that was sometimes ahead early in the game and a second that always won. Which team would you rather be on? I bet you would pick the team that always won in the end. Even though God, our Heavenly Father, may sometimes appear to not be "winning" in this world, He has always won in the end—and

He always will. His sounds like a good team to join.

"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

—Exodus 15:11

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? . . .

¹⁸To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? ¹⁹An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains. . . .

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

—Isaiah 40:12, 18–19, 28–31

Final Thought

It is interesting that Pharaoh's magicians could duplicate what God did "for a while." The world is able to "duplicate" God's power and goodness . . . for a while. But, just as in the story of the plagues, at some point the world does not have the ultimate power that God has: power to provide, protect, deliver, and satisfy.





Thank God that He is a good Father who is powerful and mighty!