

Mighty God

NOTES

WARM-UP

- What’s on top of your Christmas wish list this year? Why?
- Growing up, which Christmas film or book did you like the most? Why?
- Do you consider yourself a strong or weak person? Recall an instance explaining this.

WORD

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **ISAIAH 9:6**

Christmas is the season to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who Isaiah referred to as our *Mighty God*. Jesus is God who became man, possessing all the power of God. When God gave us the gift of His only Son, Jesus, He demonstrated His unlimited power to solve man's greatest problem—sin. Left on our own, we cannot overcome sin; it is only through Jesus that we can be saved. In this lesson, we will see how our *Mighty God* shows us His overwhelming power and strength.

1 He saves us from our sins.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **MATTHEW 1:21**

The name Jesus was usually given to sons as a symbol of the hope of salvation in the coming Messiah. Jesus, however, was not just a representation of salvation; He is our salvation and He is the only One who can save us from our sins. According to Romans 3:23,24, who has sinned? How are we justified?

2 He helps us in our weakness.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **2 CORINTHIANS 12:9**

Paul, the writer of this letter, emphasizes that God's sufficient grace is available for every believer right now, regardless of how difficult the situation may be. In fact, Paul says that his own weaknesses are opportunities for God to show His power. What does *sufficient* mean? Recall a time when you saw how God's grace and power helped you in your weakness.

3 He gives us the victory.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:57**

Jesus' death and resurrection have already given us victory over sin and death. When we put our trust in Jesus, we are assured of a restored relationship with God and eternal life with Him. Why can we give thanks to God every day, regardless of our circumstances?

APPLICATION

- What's one situation where you need God's strength? Admit your weakness to God today, and declare His power to overcome that situation.
- Look for a Bible verse that shows you that we have a *Mighty God*. Memorize this verse and meditate on it this week.
- Among your family members and friends, think of one person who needs to know that Jesus has already saved us from our sins. Set a day to meet with this person, and pray for an opportunity to preach the gospel to him/her this week.

PRAYER

- Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. Pray that He would always be the reason for the celebration and festivities during this season.
- Pray that you would live in the victory Christ has for you, and that you would boldly proclaim what He has done for you to others as well.
- Ask God to use you as His channel of blessing and encouragement, not just during Christmas, but every day.



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