

Chapter 7 Activity: God Can Use Me



Teaching Goal: God will use us despite our weaknesses and failures

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:10 ... We are weak, but you are strong!

2 Corinthians 12:9 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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Materials: 1 copy of worksheet per person
1 pen or pencil per person

- I. Play theme song
- II. Pray
- III. Review last lesson
- IV. Lesson and Discussion

☺ Words that are written in **bold** are when you, the parent, are speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. **ACTIVITY:** *Read 2 Corinthians 12:9 and 1 Corinthians 4:10 out loud. Jesus says his power is made perfect in weakness. What do you think Jesus means? Listen to answers. It is in our weakness—physical weakness, lack of skill, mistakes, sickness, sins and mistakes—that others can see the power of God. The Apostle Paul, who wrote 1 & 2 Corinthians, is willing to talk about his weaknesses because he doesn't want people to think he is perfect. Like everyone else, Paul is weak and needs Jesus and it is in his weakness that others will see Jesus at work!*

What is a weakness that you have? *Listen to answers. You may need to start by sharing one of your weaknesses. Shyness. Strength. Pride. Disobedient. Impatient. Everyone has weak areas in their lives.*

The Bible is filled with stories of people who were weak and made terrible mistakes. Despite their mistakes, God still used them to do great things. Pass out a copy of the Matching Game to each family member. **Draw a line and match the weakness to the correct Bible character.**

Review answers using the key when everyone is finished.

Matching Key:

1. Abraham	5. Eve	9. Paul	13. John
2. Jacob	6. David	10. Timothy	14. John the Baptist
3. Moses	7. Jonah	11. Peter	
4. Samson	8. Peter	12. Thomas	

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If God can use these people with their weaknesses, he certainly can use you and me. Share a personal story of a time when you felt weak or inadequate and God gave you strength to accomplish something positive. Consider giving examples for each family member of a time when they were strong in the area they see themselves as being weak.

Memorize: “I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

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Weakness Matching Game

Match the historical Bible figure with his or her problem.

1. Too old. God promised him a son and more descendants than stars in the sky.
2. Thief. Wore a hairy costume and stole a fortune.
3. Shy. Didn't want to speak in public but God told him to lead thousands of people.
4. Proud. Gave away the secret to his great strength.
5. Disobedient. Listened to a snake.
6. Murderer. Ordered the death of one of his army commanders.
7. Afraid. Went for a ride in a big fish.
8. Liar. Reminded of his lies by a crowing rooster.
9. Hateful. Hated Christians but saw the Light on a dusty road.
10. Sickly. Suffered from chronic stomach pains
11. Impatient. Cut off an ear with his sword.
12. Doubtful. Needed to see and feel it to believe it.
13. Embarrassed. Ran naked through the garden.
14. Filthy. Ate bugs, wore the same clothes and didn't bathe.

Thomas
John 20:24-30

Paul
Acts 9:1-18

Samson
Judges 16:15-22

Jonah
Jonah

Abraham
Genesis 17

Peter
John 18:1-10
Matthew 26:69-75

Eve
Genesis 3

John the Baptist
Matthew 3:4

David
2nd Samuel 11

Jacob
Genesis 25:29-34, 27

Moses
Exodus 4:10-16

John
Mark 14:43-51

Timothy
1st Timothy 5:23