



Sovereign

MAIN IDEA

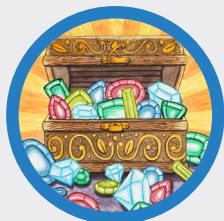
- **God has the right and wisdom and power to do all He pleases.**

MEMORY VERSE

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.
—Psalm 115:3

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Exodus 13:17a, 18a, 21
- 2) Exodus 14:10, 21b-22
- 3) Psalm 115:3
- 4) Romans 8:28



LESSON SUMMARY

That God is sovereign means He has the right, wisdom, and power to accomplish all that He pleases.¹ He is totally free and His will cannot be thwarted. God's sovereign purpose is to display His glory—the beauty of His manifold perfections.

In a world absorbed with self-determination (doing whatever one pleases) and rebellion against authority, the truth of a totally sovereign God is not a welcome thought. But to those who by faith believe in its truth, it becomes the foundation for our lasting hope. It puts all of our life experiences, whether good or bad, and all of history under the great and marvelous purposes of God, who will bring glory to His name in all things.

In this lesson, we continued the story of God delivering His people from slavery in Egypt from the conclusion of the plagues, Pharaoh's stubborn heart, God parting the sea for the people of Israel, and God's defeat of Pharaoh and the Egyptian armies.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- *that this lesson would be a means through which your child would more fully understand the nature and extent of God's good and sovereign rule.*
- *for hearts that humbly and gladly bow to the wonderful purposes of our King.*

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Explain that another way to define "sovereign" is to say that God is the greatest authority of all. He is in charge. **Why is it right that God is in charge of everything and everyone? Does God take orders from powerful kings like Pharaoh? Why not? Why is it good that God will always do what He pleases and not what someone else pleases?** [His plans are always the best. He is always able to finish His plans, etc.] **Was Pharaoh able to change or stop God from doing what He had planned? Why was this good news for God's people? Do you see God's being sovereign over everything and everyone as good news?**

1. Piper, John. *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist*. (Colorado Springs, Colo.: Multnomah Books, 1996), 24-25).

- What happened when Pharaoh tried to use all of his powerful armies to win against God? Are there times when we are something like Pharaoh, times when we try to fight against God instead of recognizing and submitting to His sovereign authority? For example: God tells children to honor and obey their parents (Ephesians 6:1-2). Should a child question or rebel against God's command? Should a child question whether God really knows what He's doing in deciding to give this command?

Should a child trust God and gladly obey? How could you show that you want to obey God's sovereign rule in your life this week? How can we pray for one another and ask God for His help in this?

- When you start to feel afraid about something, what do you do? Do you think about who God is and what He has done, or do you only see how strong your circumstances appear? Are there any Bible verses that could help you to trust in the sovereign power of God?

ACTION STEP

This week ask your parents to help you make a list of some things that worry you—things you are anxious about. Write these things down on the bottom half of a piece of paper. At the top of the paper write “God is Sovereign Over...” in big, colorful letters to remind you that God is sovereign over all things.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Look up the verse in your Bible and fill in the blanks. Then, color the picture as you memorize the verse.

Our God is in the _____;

he does all that he _____.

—*Psalm 115:3*

