

MIND-BLOWING AWESOMENESS!

God is MIND-BLOWING!

In fact, we can't even contain the entire truth of who God is in our minds. *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.'"* — Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

Our little minds simply are unable to think all of God's thoughts. Imagine trying to capture the entire Pacific Ocean in a small Tupperware container. You could capture some of it, but not all of it. You'd have a hard time capturing the essence, let alone the entirety, of the Big Blue in such a small container.

The same is true in our quest to understand El-Shaddai. Can we fully understand him? Isaiah 55:9 says that his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. In other words, his thoughts would blow our minds.

Not even the highest heavens can contain God (see 1 Kings 8:27). There are things about God that are simply beyond any container – including our brains. That means we could go on forever and ever discovering new things about God, and there will still be more to know about him.

The Hebrew name for God "El-Shaddai" is most commonly translated as "God Almighty." Other translations of El-Shaddai include "The God who is sufficient" and "The God of the Mountains." This quarter, we'll be exploring the power and might of God. We'll see that God is sufficient for whatever we're facing. We'll see that we can turn our eyes to the hills, and our help comes from El-Shaddai. As we launch into an exciting season of ministry, we'll be inviting preteens to seek more out of their relationship with God, who is almighty AND sufficient!



We do not need to fear the “unknown.”

Preteens are standing at the edge of a great unknown – puberty, adolescence, Middle School/Junior High, etc. On top of that, their view of the world is growing. Throw in the fact that many preteens are dealing with uncertainties in their families, friendships and school life, and you can see why many preteens’ biggest fear is “The Fear of the Unknown.”

Studio 41:10 will help preteens internalize Isaiah 41:10.

Preteens fear the unknown when they think they are going to be facing the unknown all on their own. Knowing that God is with us, that he’s good, and that he has the strength to take care of any of the problems in their way can make a huge difference in how they face the unknown.

Preteens can be fearless as they walk into a dark room, knowing that El Shaddai is already there. They can peacefully go to Middle School (one of the scariest places on Earth), trusting in God’s strength and goodness to be their confidence.

One of the biggest obstacles to Kingdom builders is the internal struggle with fear. This series strives to facilitate God's removal of that obstacle, so that our preteens can do GREAT things for him!

With memorable games that serve as illustrations, meaningful testimonies, and an unfolding “drama,” this series will help your preteens face their fears and follow God’s command (which he gives over and over): “Do not fear.”