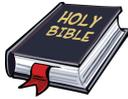


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SERIES: Names of God

God is known by many names throughout the Old and New Testaments. Quite often we read these names in English and fail to grasp their message. God's names throughout Scripture always reveal a unique aspect of His character to us.

Week 2: El Shaddai - God Almighty, the All Sufficient One	
 <p>5 – 10 min</p>	<p>Icebreaker suggestion: What does your name mean? Why did your parents choose to give you that name?</p>
<p>WORSHIP</p> <p>10 – 15 min</p>	<p>Idea: Tim Hughes – Almighty God https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hcU_Spaxuw</p>
 <p>5 min</p>	<p>Input: El Shaddai - God Almighty, the All Sufficient One Ēl is a Northwest Semitic word meaning "god" or "deity". Linguists believe its base meaning is strength or power. "El" is the Strong One. In the Bible, El can be used in conjunction with other words to designate various aspects of God's character. El is often combined in proper names. Isra-El; Shmu-El (Samuel); El-ijah; Immanu-El; Jo-El; Dani-El; Beth-El. It's also found in compounds eg El Shaddai, El Elyon, El Roi, El Olam.</p> <p>Shaddai: Shad (another word much like Shaddai, and from which many believe it derived) means "breast". This refers to God completely nourishing, satisfying, and supplying His people with all their needs as a mother would her child. Šadu (a similar word) means "mountain," suggesting strength and power.</p> <p>Sometimes the name El Shadda is written simply as Shaddai. This means "The Almighty."</p>
 <p>20 min</p>	<p>Texts and Questions for Discussion/Application: El Shaddai first appears in Genesis 17:1-4. Read this. Why do you think God chose to reveal Himself as God Almighty in this moment and not some other name He was known by? Why would Abraham need to know God in this way, considering the promise He was given?</p> <p>God is obviously Almighty enough to gift Abraham and Sarah with a child, but why do you think the 'nourishing/supplying' element of His name is equally important here? How would God achieve this?</p> <p>How does seeing God as 'Almighty' impact your every day? Do you need God to be Almighty, or are you living much of your life in your own strength?</p> <p>Read Psalm 91:1-4 How does one 'abide in the shadow of the Almighty' on a day to day basis? How can you live more often from that place?</p> <p>Do you find it difficult to know God as El Shaddai AND Jehovah Raah (The Lord my Shepherd)? How do these two names relate to each other?</p>
 <p>10 min</p>	<p>Corporate Prayer & Looking Out: What are you praying for that seems impossible? When was the last time you prayed an 'unsafe' prayer i.e. prayers that we can't answer ourselves in our own strength, that require El Shaddai to intervene? Pray about those things in groups of two or three and pray for each other.</p>

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Tim Hughes – Almighty God Lyrics

The rising sun that fills the sky
The starry host that lights the night
Reflecting Your glory

The mountain heights, forever stand
The rain that falls to soak the land
Respond to Your glory

Almighty God, in every way
You are above and beyond understanding
If we did not praise, the rocks would cry out
Glorious God, high above understanding

The vast expanse of earth and sea
Held by You in harmony
Speaks of Your glory

All You've made, since time began
Life itself; Your perfect plan
And it's all for Your glory

Almighty God, in every way
You are above and beyond understanding
If we did not praise, the rocks would cry out
Glorious God, high above understanding

Creation joins as one to sing
"What a glorious God"
So far above all earthly things

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You are above and beyond understanding
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Glorious God, high above understanding

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