



## *God's Power and Glory - A Doxology of Hope and Assurance*

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Jude 1:24-25 - "To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

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## Setting the Scene

### Key Concept:

Jude concludes his letter with a beautiful doxology celebrating God's power, glory, and faithfulness. This passage reminds us that God is not only able to sustain us but is also preparing us for an eternal relationship with Him. It is a call to trust in God's strength and sovereignty, knowing that He is the one who keeps us safe, helps us overcome challenges, and leads us to eternal joy.

### Engaging Analogy:

"God's power is like a lighthouse guiding a ship safely through a stormy sea. The light never falters, shining brightly to show the way home. In the same way, God's glory and power illuminate our lives, helping us navigate challenges and keeping us secure in His care."

### Invitation:

Invite participants to reflect on the greatness of God's power and glory, drawing hope and assurance from His promises. Encourage them to trust in His ability to guide them through life's challenges and to rejoice in His eternal majesty.

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## Section 1: Reflect and Discuss

### Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean that God is able to keep us from stumbling? How does this give you hope?
2. How does recognizing God's power and glory inspire confidence and joy in your daily life?
3. What are some practical ways we can give God glory in our thoughts, words, and actions?
4. How does this doxology remind us of God's eternal plan and His promises to His people?
5. How can reflecting on God's power help us remain faithful during challenging times?

### Family or Group Discussion

- **Biblical Examples:** Discuss moments in the Bible where God's power and glory were displayed. Examples could include:
  - The parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14).
  - Jesus calming the storm (Mark 4:35-41).
  - The resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 28:1-7). Reflect on how these events show God's faithfulness and ability to fulfill His promises.
- **Living with Assurance:** Talk about how trusting in God's power and glory can bring peace and joy, even in uncertain times. Share personal testimonies of how God has provided strength, guidance, or hope in difficult situations.

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## Section 2: Hands-On Activities

### Activity 1: Lighthouse of Hope Craft

**Objective:** Create a lighthouse as a symbol of God's power and glory guiding us through life.

#### Materials Needed:

- Cardboard tubes (e.g., paper towel rolls)
- Construction paper
- Markers and crayons
- Glue or tape
- LED tea lights
- Scissors
- Stickers and decorative items

#### Instructions:

1. Wrap the cardboard tube in construction paper and decorate it to resemble a lighthouse.
2. Draw and cut out windows and beams of light, adding words like "God's Power" and "God's Glory" to symbolize His guidance and protection.
3. Place an LED tea light on top to represent God's eternal light leading us to safety.
4. Reflect on how the lighthouse serves as a reminder of God's constant presence and ability to guide us through life's storms.

**Extension Idea:** Encourage participants to write a prayer of thanksgiving on the lighthouse, thanking God for His guidance and faithfulness.

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## Activity 2: Crown of Glory Craft

**Objective:** Design a crown to represent the majesty and glory of God.

### Materials Needed:

- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers and crayons
- Scissors
- Glitter, stickers, and decorative jewels
- Tape or glue

### Instructions:

1. Cut out a crown shape from construction paper or cardstock.
2. Write words like "Glory," "Majesty," "Power," and "Authority" on the crown.
3. Decorate the crown with symbols of God's glory, such as stars, crosses, or scripture verses.
4. Reflect on how the crown represents God's eternal reign and our place as His children in His kingdom.

**Extension Idea:** Encourage participants to wear their crowns during a time of worship or prayer, reminding them of God's power and their call to glorify Him.

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### Activity 3: Timeline of God's Power and Glory

**Objective:** Create a timeline of key biblical events that showcase God's power and glory.

#### Materials Needed:

- Poster board or large paper
- Markers and crayons
- Index cards or sticky notes
- Tape or glue
- Optional: Decorative stickers

#### Instructions:

1. Draw a horizontal timeline across the poster board and mark key events, such as:
  - Creation (Genesis 1:1-31).
  - The Exodus and parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14).
  - Jesus' resurrection (Matthew 28:1-7).
  - The outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).
2. Write short reflections or lessons from each event on index cards or sticky notes and attach them to the timeline.
3. Highlight how each event reveals God's power and glory and reflect on how they inspire trust and hope in His promises.
4. Decorate the timeline with symbols like rays of light, crosses, and hearts to emphasize the themes of power and glory.

**Extension Idea:** Encourage participants to add modern examples of God's power and glory in their lives to the timeline, such as answered prayers or moments of guidance.

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## Section 3: Music and Creativity

### Memory Verse Song

Set Jude 1:24-25 to the tune of a familiar children's song, such as "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star":

*"To Him who keeps us safe each day, / In His power, we will stay. / Glory, majesty, power, and might, / Forevermore, He is our light."*

Encourage participants to create hand motions or additional verses to personalize the song.

**Extension Idea:** Invite participants to write their own songs or poems celebrating God's power and glory. Share these creative expressions during a group worship session.

### Creative Writing Prompt

Ask participants to write or draw about a time when they experienced God's guidance and power. How did it strengthen their faith and remind them of His glory?

**Extension Idea:** Combine participants' stories and drawings into a group "Book of God's Power and Glory" to serve as a source of encouragement and testimony.

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## Section 4: Closing Reflection and Prayer

### Reflection Questions:

1. How can I trust in God's power and glory when I face challenges?
2. What are some practical ways I can glorify God in my daily life?
3. How can I encourage others to celebrate God's power and trust in His promises?

### Prayer:

Lead a prayer praising God for His power, glory, and faithfulness. Thank Him for guiding and sustaining us and ask for strength to glorify Him in all that we do. Include a moment of silence for participants to reflect on God's presence and their trust in Him.

**Extension Idea:** Encourage participants to write personal prayers of praise and thanksgiving, sharing them with the group or keeping them for personal reflection.

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