

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

JULY 26

"THE OMNIS"

Scripture References

- The book of Jonah

Quick Re-Cap

Today we're talking about how God is **Omniscient (He knows everything)**, **Omnipotent (He is all-powerful)**, and **Omnipresent (He is everywhere)**. The fact that God is all-knowing means that there is nothing we can hide from him. He knows us better than we know ourselves! He understands everything about us and the way the world works, even when we don't understand. He is also all-powerful, meaning He can do absolutely anything he wants to. Nothing is impossible for God! Not only is he all-knowing and all-powerful, but he is also everywhere at once! He is here with us now, and also with our friends all the way on the other side of the world. There is nowhere we can go that God can't reach, can't know about, and can't change. He is such a big God!

Illustration

The story of Jonah is a great example of all three of these traits of God. When God told Jonah to go tell the city of Ninevah that they were making bad choices, Jonah didn't want to and went the opposite direction. Because God **knows everything**, he knew what Jonah had done and where he went. While Jonah was sailing away, God sent a storm to show he was doing something wrong, and a big fish to swallow Jonah for three days. God was able to do this because he is **all-powerful**. He was also with Jonah this whole time, before he ran, on the boat, and inside the big fish. This is because God is **everywhere at the same time**. The same God that was with Jonah so long ago is with us today! He knows us, is with us, and has the power to do anything! So what do we do with that?

Application

In the end, Jonah did obey God and preached to Ninevah. The people apologized to God for their choices and changed their ways, so God saved them. Instead of being happy about that, Jonah was angry because God let them live when they had made so many bad choices. Even though he had just gone through a life-changing experience with God's all-knowing, all-powerful, everywhere presence, he was angry that God was merciful on the people of Ninevah. Sometimes, we can be like Jonah: running from God's direction, trying to hide from God, and resenting his grace toward people we think don't deserve it. Instead, let's thank God for who he is, and ask him to help us know him better.

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- What are some ways that we have acted like Jonah in our own lives?
- What are some ways that you've experienced the Omnis in your life?
- What are some ways we can welcome others into God's family and celebrate his grace?