



Powerfully Invisible - Science Devotion - Almighty

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Romans 1:20

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Main Spiritual Point:

Though I cannot see God, I can see what He does and I can feel His presence.

Science Concept:

The Airzooka is a unique hand-held device that blows a harmless "ball of air" towards any object or person. The ammunition is an accelerated ball of invisible air. Because it shoots air, you'll never see the ammunition traveling across the room. However, you will see the effects of the invisible ball of air on objects like stacked cups or someone's hair. Requiring no batteries or electricity, Airzooka operates simply by pulling and releasing a built-in elastic air launcher. Airzooka also features a pop-up site for improved accuracy. Laugh with amusement as you mess up someone's hair, ruffle their shirt, or just plain blow them away from across the room. The harmless ball of air travels nearly 25 feet with great accuracy.

Time Needed:

10 minutes for initial assembly of unit, 10 minutes to execute the devotion with kids.

Difficulty:

Simple. Requires assembly of the Airzooka. Practice shooting puffs of air to understand the sights.

You will need:

- 1 assembled Airzooka
- 6 Styrofoam Cups
- 4 Candles and Stands
- Matches

Tips for Success:

- Follow all instructions included in the purchased Airzooka kit.
- Take time practicing and aiming.
- The Styrofoam cups can be replaced by having volunteers hold lit candles out to the side. **Be cautious using any type of open flame**

Powerfully Invisible - What to Say to Kids:

1. "Let me read Romans 1:20 out loud: 'For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.'
2. God has invisible qualities. God is powerful. However, I have never seen God. He has eternal power, but I can only see what His power does, I cannot see Him."
3. "Can you list some ways we see God's power displayed in nature?" (Storms, earthquakes, wind blowing, lightning, etc).
4. Let's pretend you were sitting on the side of a large grassy hill. You look across the hill and see a massive oak tree. Suddenly, the tree's branches and leaves begin to move. You see, the great preacher and teacher Billy Graham often said, "You cannot see the wind, but you see what the trees move. You can't see God but you see what He does."
5. "Today, we are talking about God's almighty and yet invisible power. This amazing science illustration not only packs a powerful puff, it communicates a powerful lesson about the Kingdom of God."
6. "This is an Airzooka. This is just like a bazooka; a bazooka shoots "Ba" but the Airzooka shoots "air". When I pull back and release, this air-cannon shoots an invisible ball of harmless air through space and time (be really dramatic here!).
7. "I need several helpers. I need 3-4 volunteers (with longer hair) to the front of the room (Have each volunteer face the audience, extend their arm to their side, with their palm up and place a Styrofoam cup on their hand)."
8. "I will now attempt to shoot the Styrofoam cup out of the hand of our helpers." (Stand about 10-15 feet away from the volunteers. Announce again to the audience that you are preparing to shoot out each candle or the Styrofoam cup with a puff of air.)
9. "I will now pull back on the Airzooka, take aim and fire!" (Everyone in the audience/small group expects you to shoot a puff of air and knock over the cup or extinguish the candle. However, you will actually shoot the volunteer in the face with a harmless blast of air, blowing their hair back and shocking them as well as the audience! Shoot the first volunteer 3-4 times before moving on.)
10. "Wait, something is terribly wrong! Let me try this again!" (Repeat the "face-shots" with each volunteer as the audience/small group laughs!)
11. "Alright, Alright! I was only joking! I will now really shoot the Styrofoam cups or shoot out the candles. Can I have a drum-roll on your knees, please?" (Now extinguish each candle or knock over each cup.)
12. "Can you see the ball of air (shoot cannon off to side at nothing)? No, you cannot see this invisible ball of air! But you could see what the ball of air did. This puff of air actually had the ability to invisibly put out a candle or knock down a cup and puff someone's hair."
13. Let's read a Bible verse from John 3:8, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."
14. "I cannot see wind, but I see the trees move. I have never seen God, but I see what God does. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
15. "Do you remember the story of Jesus and His disciples in the boat when the wind and waves were crashing on and around the boat? Jesus stood and using His voice, commanded the wind and the waves to stop and they obeyed. The disciples on the boat witnessed something very special. They got to see God the Son give a command and the invisible wind stopped blowing. The waves stopped hitting the boat. God has power over nature."
16. Read Psalm 148:7-8. "God has power over all nature. He is powerful. His invisible qualities show He is Almighty God. Remember, though you cannot see God, you can see His works and feel His presence."

