



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 5: Power Revealed

Suggested Week of Use: December 29, 2024

Core Passage: Exodus 14:19-31

News Story Summary

When the Tesla Cybertruck rolled out, it got more than the usual amount of criticism for its odd look. Many people also wondered if an electric truck could possibly match the power and acceleration of a gas-powered pickup. One of the early commercials for the Cybertruck attempted to resolve these questions. The commercial showed the Cybertruck at the starting line of a dragstrip, even with a Porsche 911. When the light turned green, both vehicles peeled off for the finish line. The way the commercial was shot, viewers only saw the front half of both vehicles. After a few seconds, the Cybertruck crossed the finish line well ahead of the high-performance sports car. But then came the twist: the commercial replayed the race from a different angle, revealing that the Cybertruck was towing an identical Porsche 911 for the entire race—and *still* beat the Porsche. It was an effective display of power.

For more information on this story, search “Cybertruck vs. Porsche” or “Cybertruck beats Porsche 911 while towing a 911”

Engage

Replace the Engage activity with a summary of the news story about the race between the Cybertruck and the Porsche. If possible, show the commercial during the session. Ask: *Besides trucks, what other products want to convince you that they are powerful? How do they do that? When have you bought a product based on an advertisement, only to find it wasn't nearly as powerful as suggested?*

Modify the “Transition” paragraph to discuss marketing budgets instead of Hollywood special effects. Explain that in today’s session, adults will see how God revealed His divine power to both the Israelites and their enemies.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activity, remind the group of the Cybertruck commercial. Point out that while the commercial tried to demonstrate the power and the speed of the truck, it failed to address a third factor. Invite adults to guess what that third factor was. After a few guesses, say: *Nothing was said about how long the truck would run between charges, especially when going at top speed while towing a sports car.* Affirm that the power of every vehicle, whether electric or gas-powered, has limits. Emphasize that God’s power is limitless and everlasting. As you pray, invite individuals to praise God for His mighty power.