

Series: Re-born

Lesson 2: Born to be a person of power

Lesson Objectives:

As a result of this lesson, students will be able to...

- Interact with what the Bible says about being filled with the Spirit
- Identify some actions that can quench the Spirit and amplify the Spirit

Materials Needed:

- ☐ DVD copy of *Sky High*
- ☐ double-sided handouts of A-2 and A-3
- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Pens
- ☐ Overhead copy of page A-4
- ☐ Overhead projector
- ☐ Overhead pens

Lead In:

Tell the students that you are going to play a clip from a movie called *Sky High*. The clip is in chapter six. It begins when Will Stronghold walks into the cafeteria (38:09) and ends when he puts his fists up (40:45). Tell the students that as they watch, they should identify what factors lead Will Stronghold to the discovery of his super powers. After you have played the clip, solicit some answers. Good answers include fear, self-defence, necessity, threat, and so on.

Say something like, *Movies with super heroes are very popular these days. Maybe they've always been popular. Humans like to imagine that they have special powers that they don't currently have. Well, the Bible talks about special powers too. Not flying and flame throwing and super strength, but another kind of power. And today we are going to look at what it means to be a person of power in the biblical sense.*

Tasks One and Two:

Divide the students into groups of three to five. Give the students copies of the double-sided handout (A-2 and A-3) and ask them to follow the instructions for Task One and Task Two. Tell them that after Task Two, the whole class will gather together to take up Task Two.

When the groups are at or near the end of Task Two, gather them together as a whole class for feedback. Note there are no correct answers for Task One, only previously held opinions. Put an overhead copy of page A-4 on the overhead projector. Give the students overhead pens and ask them to come and put check marks beside the correct answers. Then have them sit down and look at the class' answers. Ask them if they agree or disagree. Guide the conversation until the answers are as follows. The answers are below. If the statement is crossed out, it is incorrect. If it is not crossed out, it is correct. If it has a D next to it, it is debatable.

To be filled with the power of the Spirit means....	
Being spiritually united to all other Christians	Having ecstatic and strange spiritual experiences
Being empowered for effective ministry	Having abnormal courage and grace under fire
Being 'slain' – falling down unconscious (D)	Defeating the basic instincts and living free
Being given words to speak for God's glory	Developing a character that is similar to Jesus'
Letting Jesus take the wheel – Spirit in control (D)	Having access to supernatural wisdom
Being able to defeat disease in your own body (D)	Having all the same powers as earthly Jesus (D)
Losing your personal identity and let God	Not having to work hard—let go
Loving like Jesus	Having an inner compass

Task Three:

Instruct the groups to go onto Task Three on the handout. When the groups are done, solicit some answers from the whole class. Some of the actions that could quench the Spirit in you include sinning; filling your mind with junk like pornography, gossip, lies; and resisting the leading of God. Some of the actions that could amplify the Spirit in you include speaking to wise Christian people, responding to God's leading, prayer, and reading Scripture. Have the whole class choose three that they agree on for each question.

Closing:

Bring the lesson to closure by asking the whole class if there are any points that were surprising in this lesson and then guiding the discussion to a close.