Opening Prayer
Dear Father, We thank You for creating us and the awesome world
where we live. We are sorry for the times we have sinned against You
and have separated ourselves from You. We have marred that perfect
creation that You called “very good.” Thank You for Your great love for
us in sending Jesus to be our Savior from sin. Thank You for Your
Word and Sacraments. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit who
enables us to share the Good News of Jesus with those in our lives, in
our communities, and even into the world. Bless our study of Your
Word. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

How Great Is Our God!
What do these passages reveal about the greatness of our god?
Deuteronomy 7:21 ___________________________________
2 Samuel 7:20–22 _____________________________________
1 Chronicles 16:25; 29:10–13 __________________________
Psalm 48:1; 95:3; 99:2 _________________________________
Psalm 145:3 ________________________________________
in the first verse of “How great Thou art,” the author pens the
words: “O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder …” The
word “awesome” is used (or misused) frequently in today’s jargon
and can be synonymous with the word “great.” For example, we
might have an awesome experience, an awesome car, or even an
awesome outfit. In the Bible, the word awesome is used over
30 times. Most of the time, and perhaps all the time, it is used
in connection with God: Who He is or what He has done, has
made, or will do for His people. In Deuteronomy 10:17a, what
words or phrases are used to describe God? ________________
___________________________________________________
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Faith Talk
Share with a partner or the small group how you would describe
your great God. Be specific. See Psalm 68:35 for additional help.

Great Things He Has Done!
Many Scripture passages connect the greatness of God with
what He has done. Read the following examples. Identify what
great things God has done in these verses:
Genesis 1:1, 31a _____________________________________
Deuteronomy 7:6–10; 17–21 __________________________
1 Chronicles 16:8–9; 12–22
Psalm 92
Psalm 118:1
Revelation 15:3–4

If Time Permits
Share with a partner or the small group your favorite place in God’s creation and why.

The third verse of the hymn “How Great Thou Art” begins with these words, “But when I think that God, His Son not sparing ...” This verse is pivotal as it tells the Good News of the great act of our loving Father in sending His Son Jesus to live a perfect life, suffer, and die to free us from our bondage to sin. Identify phrases in the following Bible verses that speak of this salvation:

Psalm 40:11–12; 16–17
Psalm 145:8
Isaiah 53:5–6
Luke 1:31–33
John 15:13
Ephesians 2:1–10
Titus 2:11–14
1 John 4:4

Our great Lord and Savior did not stay dead, but arose, so that we who believe in Him will be raised to new and eternal life in heaven with Him. The fourth hymn verse of “How Great Thou Art” continues with these words: “When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart ...” Read Ephesians 1:15–23; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; and 1 Peter 1:3. How do these verses describe the Christ’s resurrection from the dead ... and yours?

Then Sings My Soul!

“Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee. How great Thou art, how great Thou art!” This certainly sums up the Christian’s response to the great things God has done! Each verse of the hymn ends with this refrain. How do the following Scripture passages reaffirm this hymn phrase?

1 Chronicles 16:8–9, 24–36
Psalm 40:16
Psalm 92:1–4
Psalm 145:1–3
Psalm 66:1–4

Faith Talk
Share with the small group one great thing that the Lord has done for you.

Faith Walk
1. Sing the hymns heartily during your worship services this month. Think about the words and thank God for giving this gift of music to you.
2. By the power of the Spirit, rejoice in your salvation in Christ and share the joy of your salvation with a special woman in your life.
3. Use a Bible concordance and meditate on the many Scripture verses that contain the words “great” and “awesome.”
4. Memorize the words to the hymn, “How Great Thou Art,” during the next month.
5. Read Psalm 136 for a praise account of the great things God has done.
6. Make a list of the great things God has done in your life.

Closing Prayer (from Psalm 145 and Jude 24–25):
Leader: I will extol You, my God and King.
Group: And bless Your name forever and ever.
Leader: Every day I will bless You
Group: And praise Your name forever and ever.
Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.
Group: I will declare Your greatness.
Leader: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority.
Group: Before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Closing
Sing together “How Great Thou Art” (LSB #801).

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