Real World Skit: God Is Awesome!

Characters: Arielle, Tessa, and Max talking together at school

Tessa: Did you see that movie last night? It was awesome!

Arielle: Oh yeah. And the costumes were great! They really were awesome. It was so amazing. Don't you think so, Max?

Max: Well, I saw it, and I really liked it, but I don't think I would call it AWESOME! That is a strong word to use for a movie!

Tessa: What are you talking about, "a strong word"? It was awesome!

Max: Well, like I said, it was really cool, the costumes were great, and the special effects were unbelievable.

Arielle: That's right! Like Tessa said, the movie was awesome!

Max: No. I just don't like using that word to describe a movie.

Tessa: What is your problem with that word?

Max: Well, you may not get it.

Arielle: Um. Please Max. We'll get it!

Max: Well, first of all, what do you think awesome means?

Tessa: Really cool!

Arielle: Right. It means something is really neat.

Max: That is our first problem. That is not the meaning of that word. If something is awesome it should fill us with awe!

Tessa: Fill us with awe? What do you mean?

Max: Well, awe is a sense of fear, wonder, and great respect.

Arielle: Fear? Wonder? Great respect? I never heard that before.

Max: Yes. And who do you know who deserves all that? Who deserves all of our respect? Who is so great and so powerful that we should be filled with wonder and holy fear?

Tessa: No one but God, I guess.



Max: That's right. We know from the Bible that God is awesome! He is the Creator of all things. In fact, He created everything by just speaking it all into existence. And He controls everything that goes on in this universe! He is working all things all the time so His perfect plans will be done.

Tessa: Well, yeah, we know that. But are you saying we shouldn't say awesome? Is there something wrong with it? Is it a sin?

Max: No, of course not. It is just that the Bible describes God as awesome over and over. And if the Bible calls God awesome, that is what I want to call Him.

Tessa: I agree. God is awesome! But why can't we use the word at other times?

Max: You can, Tessa. That is up to you. But I don't feel right describing a movie, my clothes, a skateboard, or a high score on a video game in the same way the Bible describes the AWE-SOME God!

Arielle: I think I understand. I mean if we believe God is who He says He is, and He has done so many wonderful things...if we really believe He is holy and deserves ALL the glory from the people He created—

Tessa: (Interrupting Arielle)—That does make sense! If He is the God we say He is and we believe that nothing in the universe could possibly be greater than Him—especially a movie made by men—we shouldn't describe Him the same way we describe the movie.

Arielle: Right. Because when we call the movie or anything else awesome, we really aren't full of wonder! And certainly not respect—it's just a movie!

Max: That's right. And that is why I try to reserve the word AWESOME to describe God. I just don't think the word fits for anyone but Him. After all, everything was created by Him and comes from Him.

Arielle: And I guess nothing that He created can be as great or awesome as He is!

Tessa: So, getting back to the movie! It was really good, right?

Max: Yes! It was. I enjoyed it.

Arielle: But it really wasn't awesome! I'm going to try to reserve that word for God alone.

