



WEEK FOUR - JUNE 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

Bible Story: *They Didn't Start the Fire • 1 Kings 18*

Bottom Line: *God can do the impossible*

Memory Verse: *"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." - Psalm 27:13 NIV*

Life App: *Confidence - Living like you believe what God says is true.*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: Finally, we head to a principle found in 1 Kings 18. Elijah had confidence that God could do the impossible. He believed that God would send fire from heaven to prove that He was the all-powerful God of the universe.

8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES

1. Early Arriver Idea

Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids to your group and use a couple minutes to ask about their week (highs/lows)
- Then ask a series of silly possible/impossible questions, such as:
 - Is it possible for pigs to fly?
 - Is it possible for pizza to dance?
 - Is it possible for cats to bark?
 - Is it possible for dogs to moo?
 - Is it possible to see with your ears?
 - Is it possible to hear with your nose?
- Invite kids to ask their own "impossible" questions.

2. We Go Together

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: "We Go Together" Activity Cards

What You Do:

- Guide kids to get into groups of 2 or 3.
- Give each group a set of "We Go Together" cards (Activity Pages).
- You can adjust the number of picture pairs you give each group based on the kids' skill levels - some kids might be able to master 6 pairs while others might master 8. Just be sure to include fire and water cards in each group's set.
- Lead kids to set the cards face down in a grid - no peeking! (Don't worry if a grid is wonky. The fact that the kids arranged the cards themselves means that a lot of brain cells were firing!)
- Guide kids to take turns flipping over two cards at a time to find a match - but with a twist: instead of finding two identical cards, kids must find two items that go together.

What You Say:

"You did a good job finding the things that went together. What were some of the matches you found? (Pause.) How do those things go together? (Pause.) Let me ask this: How could fire and water go together? (Pause.) Let's go to Large Group to find out about a time when fire and water did go together, but probably not in the way you think. Let's go learn more."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP

OVERVIEW:

Bottom Line: *God can do the impossible.* This simple bottom line is packed with some amazing truth. God has the power to do anything! When we believe that, it changes everything. We hope kids discover how they can live differently knowing this truth about God.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP

1. Mission: Possible

[Application Activity]

Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: "Mission: Possible" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Take your group to the center of the room
- Play a variation of "Mother, May I?" to emphasize the truth that [Bottom Line] **God can do the impossible.**
- Guide kids to line up side by side at one end of your space while you stand at the other end.
- Call one kid's and read a statement from "Mission: Possible" along with a specified number and type of steps for that child to move forward.
- Before moving, the child must answer, "Yes! [Bottom Line] **God can do the impossible!**"
- The game ends when every child reaches you.
- Celebrate with a giant group shout-out of [Bottom Line] **"God can do the impossible!"**

What You Say:

*"Can God do the impossible? Yes! [Bottom Line] **God can do the impossible!** So if you have a problem that's too big for you, trust God with it. If you have a small problem, trust God with it. If you have any kind of problem at all, trust God with it! He may not always answer as quickly as you want or in the way that you want, but you can be confident that He will answer, and His answer will always be good. So the thing to give you confidence today is this: [Bottom Line] **God can do the impossible.**"*

2. Pray & Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: "Fire!" Activity Page; markers/crayons

What You Do:

- Distribute the "Fire!" cutouts and invite kids to color them with markers or crayons
- As they work, use the conversation below to lead them into prayer.
- Encourage kids to take their flames home as reminders that [Bottom Line] **God can do the impossible.**

What You Say:

"The prophets of Baal called on their god all day long. But did anything happen? Nope. No one answered. No one paid attention. But what happened when Elijah prayed to God? (Pause.) Yes! God sent fire from heaven. God's fire burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the altar, the stones, the soil, AND the water! All who saw it knew that God is the one and only true God!

"So is there something hard you're facing right now? Ask God to help you. You can trust Him, because He loves you, He is good, and He can do the impossible."

Guide kids to hold their flames as you lead them in prayer. Allow time for kids to pray silently, asking God to help them with anything hard they may be facing. Thank God for His love, His goodness, and His ability to do the impossible!

*As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show parents their flame and tell what happened when Elijah prayed to God. Also encourage kids to tell their parent today's Bottom Line: [Bottom Line] **God can do the impossible.***