

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



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TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Fire on the Mountain
Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
1 Kings 18:16-46

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can do the impossible.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**I remain confident of this:
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Psalm 27:13, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see
yourself the way God sees you**

BASIC TRUTH

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EARLY ARRIVER 1

WHAT YOU NEED: Hand sanitizer, offering container, scrap paper, and pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Direct the kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Give each kid a piece of scrap paper and a pencil.
- Ask the kids to pair up and play tic-tac-toe.
- Explain to the kids that you'll play tournament style—the kid who wins two out of three games advances to face the winner from another pair.
- Play until one kid is the overall winner.
- Watch for the times when the game ends in a draw—where it is impossible for anyone to win. Point out that this happens fairly often.
- Ask:
 - What does it mean when the game ends when no one can win?
 - How does it feel?

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an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



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EARLY ARRIVER 2

WHAT YOU NEED: hand sanitizer, beanbag

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet each kid by name as they arrive.
- Direct each kid to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Ask the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Instruct the kids to toss a beanbag around the circle.
- When a kid holds the beanbag, direct them to tell the group about the coolest or craziest thing they've ever seen or done themselves.
- When everyone has had a turn, allow the beanbag tossing to continue as kids share more crazy, cool stories!

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MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

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BE THE STORY

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Be the Story" Activity Page, "Elijah Cards" Activity Page, Bible marked at 1 Kings 18

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible where marked.
- Show kids the "Elijah Cards" one at a time. Model the following motions for each card, guiding kids to imitate you.
 - **Elijah**—Shout triumphantly, "**God can do the impossible!**"
 - **Ahab**—Use both hands to make a crown over your head.
 - **Fire**—Wave your hands and arms like fire.
 - **Rain**—Open up both hands, spreading your fingers. Starting with your hands above your head, bring them down. Your fingers are the "falling rain."
- Next, read "Be the Story" Activity Page. Pause after each key word (Elijah, Ahab, fire, rain), showing the corresponding "Elijah Card" and cueing kids to do the motion.

HINT: Set the cards faceup near you so you can retrieve them easily.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Can God do the impossible? Yes! **God can do the impossible!** When the Israelites saw God send the fire that burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and even the WATER, they saw God do the IMPOSSIBLE. And they cried out, 'The Lord is God!'"

"There might be some things in your life that seem impossible. God may do the impossible or He might help you trust Him, no matter what. Just remember that God loves you, and He is with you! He is always in control. Can God do the impossible? (Pause.) Yes, **God can do the impossible!**"

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MADE TO MOVE

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



PADDLE BOP

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: inflated balloons

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask the kids to pair up.
- Have the partners stand, facing each other, about six feet apart.
- Give one kid in each pair a balloon.

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- Direct the kids to bop the balloon between themselves a few times.
- Instruct the kids to take a step back, away from their partner, and bop the balloon.
- Play this a few times, stepping back a little each round, until no one can reach their partner with the balloon.
- Set aside the balloons.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"There are a lot of factors that make this game tricky, and after a while it seemed impossible to keep going. What things did you have control over? What things could you change about how you played? (*Invite responses.*) What things were out of your control? (*Invite responses.*)"

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"When you face something in your life that's out of your control and impossible for you to change, who can you have confidence in? Why? (*Invite discussion. Prompt answers like: you can have confidence in someone who can exert control like your parents who can drive you somewhere, a doctor who can help you get better, a teacher who can adjust a lesson or let you retake a test, etc.*)"

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"Because **God can do the impossible**, we can have confidence that He can help us in any situation. He might not change what's going on, but He can change how we face it. If you're scared of thunderstorms, you can't always change how you feel when you're in the middle of one. But if you talk to God and ask for His help when you're scared, how is God likely to help you? (*Invite responses.*)"

BASIC TRUTH

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"God can remind us that He is with us in every situation and we don't face anything alone. We can lean on Him when we go through something hard."

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MUSICAL HOP

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Construction paper, device to play music, upbeat music, and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Review Psalm 27:13, and ask if anyone wants to say it completely from memory.
- Lay the pieces of construction paper down in a circle. Put down about same number of pieces of paper as there are kids in your group.
- Instruct the kids to walk from paper to paper as you play the music.
- Stop the music suddenly and call out a color of construction paper.
- Direct the kids standing on that color to share one way they have seen God's goodness this week, month, or year.
- Instruct the kids to say the verse together.
- Play the music again and have the kids walk from piece to piece.
- Each time you pause the music, call out a different color of paper and have kids share a way they've seen God's goodness.
- Play enough rounds that everyone has a chance to share.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Those are all such awesome ways to see God's goodness! And some of those situations you were in might have seemed impossible at the time, but we know that **God can do the impossible**. Our verse talks about confidence in seeing God's goodness. When you see God's goodness, who can you share this confidence with? (*Invite responses.*)

"When we talk about God and His goodness together with our friends and family, it helps us remember who God is. It helps us remember that **God can do the impossible!**"

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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids that you will lead them in a responsive prayer. A responsive prayer is when you pray and the kids respond to

what you pray.

- Instruct the kids to say **"God can do the impossible,"** when you prompt them to say it as you pray.
- Make sure everyone has plenty of room.
- *(Optional)* Ask the kids to listen carefully and to move their bodies to sort of pantomime each situation as you pray about it.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, please help us remember that You can do the impossible.

"When I lie in bed and feel afraid, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"When I take a test that makes me nervous, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"When I clean out my closet and it's too big of a job for me to do alone, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"When I play video games and my mom tells me it's time to stop, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"When I'm afraid to stand up for what's right, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"When I play sports and I'm frustrated, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"When I'm in a line and I feel like I can't wait another minute, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"When someone says something rude and I want to be rude back, I'll remember that **God can do the impossible!**

"Thank You God that You can do the impossible! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"

As adults arrive to pick up, send kids home with the candy altars they built. Ask the kids to tell the adults about the Bible story the candy altars illustrate and how **God can do the impossible.**