

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



*Before kids arrive, pray for each one of them by name. Ask God to show you things in their lives that they see as impossible and ways that you can help them connect individually to the bottom line of today's story: God can do the impossible.*

### JUST FOR FUN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container, paper, markers or pencils, mobile device

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- Give each kid two sheets of paper and a marker or pencil.
- Instruct kids to draw nine dots in a three-by-three dot grid.
- Challenge kids to connect all nine dots using only four lines without lifting their pencil from the paper.
  - For the solution, go to: <https://bit.ly/3dsnFGV>
- Then challenge them to connect the nine dots using only three lines.
  - For the solution, go to: <https://bit.ly/2ODkaCS>

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### Fire on the Mountain

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

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What seems impossible to you?

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can do the impossible.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 27:13, NIV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Confidence—Learning to see  
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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
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### MADE TO PLAY

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



### TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Ask: What are some things that seem impossible to you?
  - Can you wiggle your ears?
  - Raise one eyebrow?
  - Curl your tongue? (*Allow kids to try. Some kids will be able to do these activities, but they will be impossible for others*)
- Challenge kids to try some of activities listed below (these should be impossible for everyone):
  - Paralyzed Finger (<http://bit.ly/2peoYze>):
    - Place a hand on the table.
    - Bend your middle finger in, toward your palm, so both knuckles are on the table.
    - With your middle finger bent, try lifting, one at a time, your thumb, your index finger, your ring finger and your pinky finger.
    - Can they do it? (*Kids won't be able to lift their ring finger.*)
  - Lift Your Foot:
    - Stand against a wall so their ankle, knee, hip, shoulder, and head are resting on the wall.
    - Without moving any part of their body from the wall, kids try to lift their foot that is not touching the wall.
    - Can they do it? If not, why? What happens when they move their head and shoulder off the wall? Can they move their foot now?
  - Figure 8
    - Sit in a chair and move your right leg counter-clockwise.
    - At the same time draw a figure eight with your finger in the air.
    - Can you do it? What happens?
  - Lick your elbow.

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### BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper, scissors, mobile device, "Step Through Instructions" Activity Page

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Review the Bible story with the group.
- Potential story discussion questions could be:
  - Who is Elijah? What's a prophet?
  - Why was there a drought?
  - There was a showdown on Mt. Carmel between God, who Elijah worshiped, and Baal, the false god King Ahab worshipped. What happened?
  - What did the prophets of Baal do? What did the false god, Baal, do?
  - What impossible things did God do on Mt. Carmel?
  - Where did Elijah get his confidence to take on Ahab and the 450 prophets of Baal? (Encourage kids to explain their answers.)
- After you review the story, give each kid a piece of paper and scissors.
- Challenge them to do the impossible and to cut a hole in their paper in such a way that they can step through the hole.
- For a visual on how to do the "impossible," refer to the "Step Through Instructions" Activity Page.
- Tell kids that with God, sometimes the impossible becomes possible. Sometimes it is something small that becomes possible, like stepping through a piece of paper or it is something momentous like what happened with Elijah on Mt Carmel.
- **[Make It Personal] (Share with the group about a time when you faced an impossible situation. Maybe you and a friend were on the outs and reconciliation seemed impossible. Or maybe something related to the pandemic caused an impossible situation. Were you able to maintain confident of God's power, no matter the outcome? What truths or Scripture did you lean into during that time?)**

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



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- When was a time thought something was impossible and it wasn't? Maybe your friends were in a fight and you thought it was impossible the fight would ever end but it did. Or you thought it was impossible you would get a new bike and you did.
- What are some examples of times God/Jesus did things that seemed impossible?
- What seems impossible to you right now? What situation is going on in your life where it'd be really great if God intervened in a powerful way?
- What are some truths we know about God? How does it help to remind ourselves of these truths when we feel like we don't have any say or control over something? *(This is an opportunity to review the discussions from week two – even when we don't have control and we want things to change, we can trust God's plan is the best way. We know God can do the impossible, but the impossible isn't always in His plan. But we can still trust Him with our outcomes.)*

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an activity that creates space  
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and application



### MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Lead the group in a responsive prayer.
- Allow kids to respond silently if they want. *(If no one is responding out loud, add an answer or two of your own, and ask them to share based on your initial responses.)*
- God, You are . . . *(Pause for kids to answer aloud or silently)*
- God, I know You love me because . . . *(Pause for kids to answer aloud or silently)*
- God, You provide every good thing. Thank You for . . . *(Pause for kids to answer aloud or silently)*
- God, You are able to do the impossible! Right now, God it seems impossible that *(Pause for kids to answer aloud or silently)*. But, God, I trust that You are in control.
- God, like Elijah, I want my confidence to come from You. Help me to show confidence and trust You no matter what!
- In Jesus' name, amen.

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