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GET IN THE MIX

PRETEEN ACTIVITY (4th-5th grade)



JUNE 27, 2021

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: Fire on the Mountain (Elijah & 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 LIFE APPLICATION: Confidence—Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

BASIC TRUTH: I can trust God no matter what.

MONTHLY 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)*

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

Choose from the following questions to review the story and engage kids in a discussion about how God can do the impossible.

- Who is Elijah? What's a prophet?
- Why was there a drought?
- There was a showdown on Mt. Carmel between God, who Elijah worshipped, and Baal, the false god King Ahab worshipped. What happened?
- 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.)
- When was a time you 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 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?

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Lead 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.