

# City SG - June 23-24, 2018

**Bible Story:** They Didn't Start the Fire (Elijah and the Prophets of Baal) • *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." *Psalms 27:13, NIV*

## 1. We Go Together

**What You Need:** "We Go Together" Activity Page cards (one set per 3 kids)

### **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.*) Today we learned that Fire, Water, and God go together!"

## 2. Possible with God

**What You Need:** "That's Possible with God" Activity Pages (one per kid), pens, Bibles

### **What You Do:**

- Pass out the Bibles and the "That's Possible with God" Activity Pages.
- Let kids get in pairs or groups of three to look up the Scriptures listed on the page.
- The goal is to match the passage in Scripture with its picture on the page and draw a line between the two.
- When all the Scriptures and pictures have been matched, talk through each "impossible" event that was possible with God.

### **Answer Key:**

Genesis 1:1

Exodus 14:21-23

Exodus 17:5-6

Matthew 14:13-21

John 11:38-44

Acts 2:23-24

God created the heavens and the earth

The parting of the Red Sea

Water from the rock

Feeding the 5,000

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Jesus is raised from the dead

### **What You Say:**

"These are just SIX examples of impossible things that were possible with God. There is nothing He can't do. There is no problem, no circumstance, no situation that God can't handle. You can have confidence in knowing that **[Bottom Line] God can do the impossible**. You can take these pages home as a reminder that the same God who created the world, who parted the Red Sea, who fed that huge crowd, and who raised Jesus from the dead is the same God who loves and cares for you!"

### **3. Memory Verse Slide**

**What You Need:** 5 pieces of cardstock (per group, per service), markers, scissors, Bibles

**What You Do:**

- Cut all five pieces of cardstock into fourths. You'll need 20 pieces total. Fold each piece in half to create a table tent.
- Open Bibles to this month's memory verse: Psalm 27:13.
- Enlist the kids to help you write each word of the verse on the individual tents.
- Place the completed tents in verse order, lined up along one side of the table or flat surface.
- Line up the kids and let them take turns.
- The first kid will say the first word and then blow the corresponding table tent across the table.
- The goal is to blow each word as close to the opposite end of the flat surface as possible WITHOUT blowing it all the way off the table.
- Talk about how this task may seem impossible.
- Continue down the line of kids, saying the words of the verse and blowing each table tent until you've recited the entire verse. Some kids may need to go twice.

**What You Say:**

"Getting those verse word tents to the edge of the table without them falling off seemed pretty impossible, didn't it? We've had a great month looking some awesome reasons why we can have confidence in God. He IS good, and we can believe that's true, even when things don't seem good. Because **[Bottom Line] God can do the impossible**, we can live like we believe what God says is true."

### **Pray and Dismiss**

**What You Need:** "That's Possible with God" Activity Pages from earlier

**What You Do:**

- Ask the kids to hold their Activity Pages from earlier
- Talk about how God is alive and still working in each of our lives today.
- Explain that while we might not see God part the waters of a raging sea or send down fire from heaven, we can see God at work.
- Give the kids a few minutes to name some ways they know that God is still at work.
  - Examples: the birth of a new baby, the changing seasons, etc.
  - Close in prayer.

**What You Say:**

"Heavenly Father, You are a GREAT BIG God. We believe that just as You've done the impossible in the past, You can do the impossible today, too. Help us to have confidence in knowing that You are always trustworthy. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."