

## CITY LG – November 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

**Bible Story:** Elijah and the Prophets of Baal • 1 Kings 18:16-45

**Bottom Line:** God can do the impossible.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.* Isaiah 40:31 (NirV)

### WORSHIP

Chasing Me

We are Royals

**SLIDE:** Theme

Hello, everyone! We're so excited that you're here today as we discover another EPIC scene in the big story God is telling in the Bible!

But first, I gotta ask ... who here likes to build stuff? Let's see a show of hands. *(Pause for responses.)*

If you like to build with LEGO® bricks, wave that hand back and forth! *(Pause for responses.)*

If you like to build with magnet tiles, raise both hands and clap three times. *(Pause for responses.)*

If you like to play block-building games on a screen, shout: 'Endless possibilities!' *(Pause for responses.)*

Endless possibilities! There are so many fun ways to build, but anytime you construct something, you've got to have a strong foundation. This year, we've been putting together pieces of God's Story, so we can build our lives on it! That's why this month's theme is 'Bedrock: Building Confidence in God, Block by Block.'

Today we're talking about a seriously epic part of God's Story! But before we do that, we're going to warm up with a super-fun building game. I need 12 volunteers!

*Quickly select 12 kids and bring them up on stage with you. (Be sure the kids are dressed in such a way that they can form a human pyramid—dresses probably aren't human-pyramid friendly.) Divide them into two groups.*

Okay, this is great. We have our two teams of builders. But ... *(Look around.)* ... we seem to be missing any kind of blocks or bricks to build with. So instead, we're going to build with *you!*

When I say 'go!' each team is going to form a human pyramid with three kids on bottom, two in the middle, and one on top.

When your last person climbs on top, then the whole team needs to count: 'one, two, three!' The first team to reach 'three' is the winner. Everyone ready? *(Make sure both teams are ready.)* Awesome! Ready, set, BUILD!

*Assist the kids if they need help. After the game, send the kids back to their seats.*

Excellent building skills, my friends. You all did great! None of you could have built that tower on your own. And none of us can do anything at all without God!

Let's look at our Memory Verse that we are going to try to get in our heads and hearts this month! It's Isaiah 40:31! Let me read it to you, and then you can repeat after me!

**SLIDE: Memory Verse**

*Those who trust in the LORD  
will receive new strength.  
They will fly as high as eagles.  
They will run and not get tired.  
They will walk and not grow weak. —Isaiah 40:31*

Like I said earlier, we're going to go through God's Big Story in the Bible! (*Gesture to slide.*)

**SLIDE: God's Big Story**

Each week, we'll look at a story from God's Big Story and add a picture of that story to our timeline, so we can see where we've been in the Bible as we journey along.

Today, we're continuing right along through the Bible in the book of First Kings! (*Hold up the Bible.*)

You might remember at this part in God's story, the nation of God's people had split into two nations—the northern kingdom was called Israel, and the southern kingdom was called Judah. And while some of the kings of the southern kingdom of Judah were good, ALL of the kings of the northern kingdom of Israel were bad! They didn't listen to God and even led people away from God.

So, a lot of bad things happened. But also some good things. And some good things and bad things happened in our story today too! Let's take a look...

**VIDEO: Bible Story 10:44**

When we think about Elijah, we can remember that Elijah trusted God for the impossible. God is big. Way bigger than we can even imagine. And as we saw in Elijah's story, God can do things that are unthinkable to us. In fact, God can do the impossible.

That's why it's so important for us to remember that. Let's check out our bottom line...

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

Remember those ravens in our story? Ravens brought food to Elijah during the first part of the drought. Every time a raven arrived with food for Elijah, he saw, 'God is faithful. God is faithful. God is faithful.'

And remember the widow's jar of flour and jug of oil that lasted for months and months? Every time the widow's jar of flour and jug of oil didn't run out, Elijah saw, 'God is good. God is good. God is good.

So Elijah's big faith in God to do the impossible that day was built, block by block, with little things. And you will do that too! You can trust God for the little things, and the big, impossible things, because He can do both! Your God is the biggest! When you believe that, you can go through everything you face with a lot more confidence.

In fact, the Bible promises that when you choose to follow Jesus, God sends His Holy Spirit to live inside of you! God Himself lives inside of you. The God who is the biggest faces everything with you! You go into every situation with the God who is bigger than anything.

What did Elijah do before God did the big thing? He prayed. Elijah trusted that God would do the big thing, and he prayed. So when you're facing something that seems impossible, something that is bigger than you, pray. When you need help, pray. Talk to the God who can do the impossible. Ask Him for help. Whatever you need, ask. Let's talk to God about that right now!

Dear God, thank You so much that You are the biggest and You love us. Teach us to trust You in the little things and the big things so we go through life confidently with You. Help us to listen to You and follow You so that when things seem impossible, we can trust You to be with us and guide us every step of the way. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be around 25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part, but remind kids who have offering to place it in the container.**

Our offering is going to Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy. And the cool thing is that there are people who go to church here at Parkview who attend this camp! Let's meet one right now.

**VIDEO: Missions Night 2**

Wow! You can see how much Shady Oaks Camp means to Richard and his mom Sallie, and LOTS of people who live around here! I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities! Bring your money up if you brought it.

**SLIDE: Theme**