

CITY SG – November 1st-2nd, 2025

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

Today's 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)

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: "Possibility Cards" Activity Page (one set per group), beach ball, Blocks (7 per bin), Plastic spoons (a few per bin)

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive!
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Set the stack of "Possibility Cards" in the center of your table.
- Say: "Our group will take turns pulling a card from the stack. You will read your card aloud to the group, and we'll decide together:
 - Is this impossible for you?
 - Could you or someone else do it?
 - Could God do it?
- If it's hard but possible, invite the kids to try it out using the supplies.
 - *For example, if a kid pulls a card that says, "Stack seven blocks, only using your elbows!" Let them use the blocks to give it a try.*
- Play until all the scenario cards have been read.

Say, "In today's true story from the Bible, we'll hear about a man named Elijah. He faced a challenge way bigger than stacking blocks or holding a balloon between your knees. But he trusted God to do something completely impossible. Let's discover what happened when Elijah showed big confidence in our BIG God!"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. True or False Flip

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "True or False" Activity Page (one per group), small Paper plates, (one per kid), Markers, Large craft sticks (one per kid), Scotch tape

What You Do:

- Give every kid a paper plate and a marker.
- Invite the kids to draw:
 - A happy face on one side of the paper plate.
 - A sad face on the opposite side of the paper plate.

- Assist the kids with taping a large craft stick to the back of their plates.
- Say, "I'm going to read several true or false statements from today's Bible Story. If you think the statement is true, hold the smiley face side of your paper plate high! If you think the statement is false, hold the sad face side of your paper plate high!"
- One by one, read the statements from the "True or False" Activity Page aloud, pausing for the kids to show their responses.
- If the statement is false, lead the kids to tell you the true answer.
- Continue until all the true or false statements have been answered.
- Say, "When we put our trust in Jesus, God's very Spirit, the Holy Spirit, comes to live inside of us. He can help us remember that the strong God faces everything with us, and since God is the strongest, we can be confident no matter what we're up against. Elijah was confident because he trusted and believed that God is strong. He was facing hundreds of prophets! We can be confident no matter what we are facing too, because God is with us and **God can do the impossible.**"

2. Built to Stand

Application Activity

What You Need: "Trust Test" Activity Page, Soft pillow, Firm item - a hard cover book, Blocks

What You Do:

- Set the two "foundations" down—the soft item and the firm item.
- Instruct the kids to form a circle around your two "foundations."
- Keep the blocks nearby.

Explore Together:

- Point to the soft item and ask: "What do you think will happen if we try to build a tall tower on this?"
 - *Most will say it will fall. Agree!*
- Point to the firm item and ask: "What do you think will happen if we try to build a tall tower on this?"
 - *Most will say it'll stand strong. Agree!*
- Let the kids help you build two towers simultaneously, one on the soft foundation and one on the firm foundation, as you read the "Trust Test" Activity Page challenges.
- Say, "Each of the Trust Test Challenges describes a tough situation, something that might shake our confidence. As we build a tower on each base, we'll see how trusting in ourselves can feel shaky, but when we trust in God, we're built to stand!"
- Let the tower built on the soft foundation fall and wobble. Celebrate the tower with the firm foundation holding steady!
- Keep adding blocks until you've read all the challenges.

Talk Together:

- Is it easy or hard to have confidence in God in these circumstances?
- What would happen if we only trusted ourselves?
- How does trusting God make a difference, even when it's hard?

- Say, “Elijah trusted God, *even when he was the only one!* He didn’t put his confidence in himself, or in being popular, or in being the loudest. He put His confidence in God—he knew God is strong, and God is powerful—and he faced all of those other prophets, trusting that God was going to do something amazing.

3. Move and Remember

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, “Verse Motions” Activity Page (a couple per bin)

What You Do:

- Before you begin, use floor tape to mark two starting lines on one end of your group space.
- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
 - *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 (NIV)
- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Use the “Verse Motions” Activity Page to teach the Memory Verse motions.
- Walk through the motions slowly, until the kids have learned them.
- Challenge the group to perform them:
 - Fast
 - Slow
 - Without words

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)
- “God, thank You so much for all of my friends here today! Thank You for showing us that You can do the impossible through the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal. Teach us how to live knowing and believing You are with us, and You are the strongest! God, if there are any friends here who are curious to know more about putting their faith in Your Son, Jesus, help them know how much You love them! Thank You for sending Jesus to save us and make a way for us to be close friends with You! Help us all take a step closer to You today, whether we’re just starting or we’ve known You for a long time. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show off the Memory Verse motions to Isaiah 40:31