

Alley Rundown—June 26th-28th, 2021

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: *I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.* Psalm 27:13 (NIV)

CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

Pre-Service Activity: Musical Squares

Supplies Needed: Colored Paper Squares

“Hey, everyone! Can you believe it is the end of June already?! I've had so much fun kicking off each week with a musical challenge as we Press Play. And today will get EVERYONE involved. Who likes musical chairs? *(Pause for responses.)* Me too. Now, I get it. Musical chairs might feel a bit young for you, but I think you'll like this. THIS is not just any old musical chairs. No, this is the ULTIMATE musical chairs. In just a moment, everyone will get a sheet of paper. That we be your 'chair.' Then we'll make one big circle. I'll remove one of the sheets. When the music starts, you'll move around the circle with the instructions I call out. When the music stops, quickly sit on a paper square. When you get out, sit in the middle of circle. Get it? Got it? Then let's go!”

AUDIO: Spotify Playlist

Arrange the paper squares into a giant circle. Use the following commands for ways to go around the circle, but also take suggestions for the kids who are out in the middle to keep them involved.

Ways to go around the circle: Crawl, Hop while holding your feet, crab walk, backwards, etc.

Play until there is a winner. Collect sheets of paper.

“(After the game) That was pretty amazing! Now, let's get started with our talk today!”

“Hey, everyone! Glad to see you here today. What a good month we've had together learning more about how God can give us confidence. You know, it can take a lot of confidence to be the first one to try something. Have you ever thought of that before? There are things that seem so impossible, outrageous even, and yet somebody came along and said, 'I'm gonna do that.' Take this for instance.”

SLIDE: Airplane Flying

“I know when we see an airplane flying in the sky, we don't even give it a second thought. But can you imagine being the very first one who said, 'You know how birds fly through the sky? I should do that?'”

And they found a way to do it. On December 17, 1903, brothers Wilber and Orville Wright completed the first successful airplane flight in North Carolina.”

“And then there is this . . .”

SLIDE: Niagara Falls

“Niagara Falls. Who decided, ‘You know what, I think I’ll go across this. . . on a TIGHTROPE!’”

SLIDE: Niagara Falls Tightrope Walk

“But Charles Blondin did just that in 1859. He walked over 1,000 feet at 160 feet above the gorge below. And what about this . . .”

SLIDE: English Channel

“Who looked at this Channel between England and France and thought, ‘I could swim the over 20-mile journey across it?’ Matthew Webb did. In 1875, he swam the 21 miles across, which actually took almost 39 miles because of currents, in just under 22 hours!”

“But there’s more, right? I mean, what about even this?”

SLIDE: The Moon

“What kid looks out their window and thinks, ‘I’m going to fly to that and land there someday?’ Well, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin did just that in 1969, that’s who.”

“What is the common theme here? Something at first that seemed impossible—or was IMPOSSIBLE—until one day, it wasn’t. Until somebody decided to do it.”

“We don’t have to face an impossible trip into space to feel like a job, a situation, or even a relationship is impossible. We deal with all sorts of things that make us scratch our heads or throw up our hands and think to ourselves: ‘That’s never gonna happen.’ But remember, no one thought landing on the moon was possible until someone figured out how to make it happen. Which makes me wonder, what if what we need to do isn’t as impossible as we might think? We might need to keep trying and not give up or pause and look at the situation differently. We might just need a little help. All that to say, what if the impossible really isn’t that impossible? As we’ve seen already, that’s a question people have been considering for years and years and years—even as far back as the people in the Bible. Let’s see if they have something to teach us about having confidence in the face of what seems truly impossible.”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 12:00)

“Okay, most of us won’t find ourselves on the top of a mountain in a showdown with 850 false prophets. And we’re probably not asking God to rain down fire from heaven to light a soaking wet altar. But you know, we will face times when we find ourselves in situations that seem pretty impossible. We’ll wonder if God will show up or if God can even help. Maybe your family is in a bad situation right now with a job or a health issue and it seems like a pretty impossible place for God to show up. But what if you could be confident that God is still with you?”

“Or maybe you’re in a bad spot with a friend right now and it doesn’t seem like it is going to get better. But what if there is still a way for God to work in that relationship?”

“Now I should say that not every impossible situation will go the way we want it to every time. God brings situations into our lives that we don’t always understand. But God can give you peace while you go through it. This is the peace that Jesus came to bring. Even feeling at peace with a situation might feel impossible. But the peace Jesus gives defies what’s impossible. His peace reminds us that, just like Elijah, we’re never ever alone.”

“As you go to groups, think about this:

SLIDE: Key Question

“**What seems impossible to you?** What’s something in your life that it’d be really great if God showed up in a powerful way? Honestly, even small things we face can feel impossible sometimes. Think about it. In just a second, you’ll chat more about this with your Small Group, a bunch of friends who can help you feel like you’re not alone in this. We all face impossible situations. With that in mind, let’s pray. Let’s thank God for always being with us. Let’s ask God to give us peace that only He can give, even when life feels impossible. Let’s pray.”

Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead offering and dismiss kids to Small Group.

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here’s a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now as we dismiss to Small Groups.

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri
New Lenox: Daniel
Homer Glen: Victor