

## City LG—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 Bottom Line:** God can do the impossible.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** Here is something I am still sure of. I will see the Lord's goodness while I'm still alive. Psalm 27:13 (*NirV*)

### PRE-SERVICE Activity: Limbo

**Begin this Activity 5-7 Minutes before your Start Time**

**Supplies Needed: Yardstick**

"Hi, everyone! I'm so glad you're here in The City. All summer long we're talking about what it means to 'get in the mix' and live with confidence.

**SLIDE: Confidence**

**"Confidence is learning to see yourself the way God sees you.**

"God thinks you're super-special, super-cool, and super-amazing! When you remember how much God loves you, that will help you live with confidence—no matter what happens around you.

"We've done a lot of games with music this month, and I just realized I don't know what your favorite songs are. Come to think of it, I haven't told you mine, either! So, on the count of three, let's all just shout out our favorite song. Here we go . . . one . . . two . . . three! (*Shout out your favorite song.*) Whoa! Those are some seriously great tunes!

"Well, I'm glad I got you thinking about your favorite music, because I need your help for today's game. We're playing limbo . . . but YOU get to decide the playlist!

*Pick two adult volunteers and have them get into place with the limbo stick.*

"You'll play limbo like normal, bending down like this to get under the limbo stick. (*Demonstrate.*) But every so often, I'll stop the music and call out two great songs. I'll ask you to vote for your favorite. Whichever song gets more applause and cheering will be the winner. I bet our playlist will give us the confidence we need to limbo in style!

"Go ahead and line up for me, right here.

*Have the kids line up in front of the limbo stick.*

**CG: Pick 3 Songs from Spotify Playlist**

"First up, we have [song #1] and [song #2]. If you want [song #1], let me hear you cheer. (*Pause.*) If you want [song #2], let me hear you. (*Pause.*) All right—we're starting with this song...

"Are you ready? (*Pause.*) Well, then let's press play. Let's limbo!

**AUDIO: Song # (based on the audience's choice)**

*Play limbo, but don't worry too much about whether the kids "make it" or not. Just let them have fun and focus on the music.*

*Every 30 seconds or so, stop the music and quickly give the kids another two songs to choose from. If you can't determine a winning song from the applause, just pick one randomly.*

**AUDIO: Other songs (based on the audience's choice)**

*Play as long as time allows, making sure every kid has at least one turn to go under the stick.*

"That was super-fun—and what a great playlist! Thanks for helping us find some really awesome tunes today!

"In just a minute, we'll hear an amazing story about a guy named Elijah who was full of confidence. In fact, he saw God do some AMAZING things. But first, let's take some time to worship God and thank Him for all He does for us!"

## **WORSHIP: Not the Same and Fireblazin'**

"Hello, friends! Today we're talking again about God's people, the Israelites. This . . .

**CG: Joker**

". . . is Ahab. He was one of Israel's kings. I know, it looks like Joker, but for our story, let's say it's Ahab. Over the years, many of Israel's kings didn't listen to God, but Ahab was the worst. In fact, Ahab actually built a temple for a false god named Baal. Yikes!

"So, God sent a prophet named Elijah to deliver a message to Ahab.

**CG: Batman and Joker**

"Elijah's message had some bad news for Ahab. Elijah said that there wouldn't be any dew or rain on the land for YEARS—not until God said so.

"Elijah left and hid, east of the Jordan River.

**CG: Batman in the Bat Cave**

"For three years, there was no rain in Israel. Ahab was desperate! He had a wife named Jezebel . . .

**CG: Poison Ivy**

“. . . and Jezebel was so angry that she hunted down most of the prophets of God left in Israel! What is going to happen next?!?! Let's head to this week's video to find out!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)**

"What an amazing story! Elijah was filled with God's strength and joy. He raced ahead of Ahab's chariot, all the way back to the city. God had done the impossible! He had brought fire down on a soaking-wet altar to show everyone that He is the one true God.

"Here's what we can remember from this story.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] "God can do the impossible!**

"There's nothing that's too difficult for Him. We can have confidence because we know God can do ANYTHING—even when there doesn't seem to be any other way. Let's pray."

**PRAY:** "God, thank You for being the God who can do the impossible! You were with Elijah that day, just like You're with us EVERY day! Give us the confidence to take on the challenges we have to face in life, because we know You're with us. We love You, God, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"God is in control of ALL things. Not just some things. ALL things! Nothing is impossible for Him. Sometimes we don't always see it, but it's true!

"God was definitely in control of that showdown on the mountain between Elijah and King Ahab. It seemed impossible that Elijah's altar could burst into flames after it was covered with gallons of water. But sure enough, God brought the fire! Everyone could see that He's the true God—the One who's in charge of everything.

"And remember, Jesus is God's Son, and He performed miracles, too. He did things that seemed impossible, like walking on water . . . feeding thousands of people with one boy's meal . . . and, of course, when He died then came back to life!

"This week, I want you to remember this and say it over and over again.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] "God can do the impossible.**

"He really can!

"There might be some situations in your life that seem impossible, but you can always trust God and believe that He is with you. He is always in control. Sometimes He can be working in our lives in ways that we can't see—ways that we don't expect. We can put all our confidence in Him.

**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

"You can head to Small Group now and talk about that some more. I'll see you later!"

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*