

WEEK 1 – May 3, 2020

Hello 4TH-5TH Grade Parents!

New month, new season, new theme, new “normal”. Jesus makes all things NEW! For the month of May, we will be investigating: DETERMINATION ~ NOT GROWING WEARY ~ NOT GIVING UP! I know this is an area that I have room to grow in, and I pray that your family is able to benefit from this month’s study as well. What we are facing right now as adults may feel too hard, too big, or too long to finish. Kids can experience the same feelings. But that’s where God can meet us.

“Father God, Help us all, no matter our age, to understand that no matter what we face in life – impossible or not – that we can trust You to help us through it.

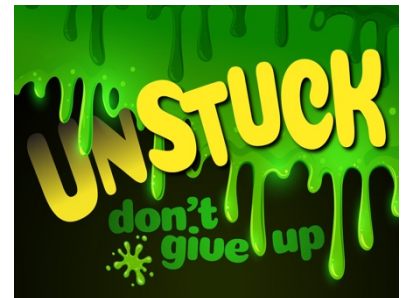
In Jesus’ Name, Amen”

Here are some At Home Activities *suggestions* for you to do with your child(ren). Everyone is different, so feel free to pick any or all of these ideas to fit the needs and desires of your family. If you are unable to print these pages, just use any substitute non-print ideas. ie: draw a picture instead of color the one provided. You can also find a simplified version of the lesson on the website called “4TH-5TH Parent Guide”.

Praying you all are well and safe during our time apart!

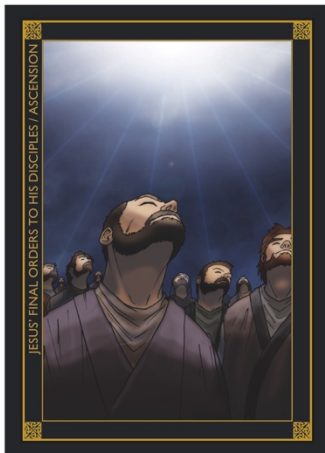
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BIBLE STORY

Matt. 28:16-20, Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-11



BOTTOM LINE



YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 3 POINTS TO SPEND AT THE STORE FOR EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY AND 10 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"

~ PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK ~

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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. WATCH VIDEOS (link is on the church website)
2. LIFE APPLICATION ACTIVITY:
3. COLOR BIBLE STORY PICTURE and/or DRAW A PICTURE OF THE STORY
4. BIBLE STUDY
5. JOURNAL ENTRY **Key Question:** What seems impossible to you?
6. PRAY TOGETHER
7. "GOD TIME" FOR FURTHER STUDY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK (LAST 2 PAGES)

2. Life Application Activity:

What You Need: “Possible or Not Cards” (next page), 2 different colored markers

What You Do:

- **Lay out** the “Possible or Not Cards”
- **Read** the “Possible or Not Cards” one at a time and then discuss whether:
 - If the situation seems impossible, color a red dot on the card.
 - If the situation seems possible, color a green dot on the card.
- **Discuss** the results, especially for situations with both colored dots on the card.
 - **Ask:** What makes a situation seem impossible?
 - If necessary, **prompt** the discussion by using one of the situations given.
 - For example: When does math seem impossible? Or why is it impossible to be nice to your brother ALL THE TIME?
- **Encourage** giving examples of other things that seem impossible to them.
- ***[Make it Personal] (Consider sharing an age-appropriate example of something you find impossible. Maybe you are learning a foreign language and it seems impossible you will ever be able to speak it fluently. Or your friend moved to another state and it seems impossible that you will stop missing them.)***

Getting an “A”
on a math test

Learning to play
the clarinet

Being nice to my
brother or sister
ALL the time

Living on the moon

Talking about
Jesus with my
friends

Running five miles

What to Do:

Print and cut apart

Possible or Not Cards

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3. Color and/or draw a picture



4. Bible Study

Read the following Scriptures:

Matt 28:18-20. Acts 1:4-11. Luke 24:50-53

- **Discuss** what they discovered in the verses they read.
- Potential answers could be:
 - Jesus Says . . .
 - *(don't leave Jerusalem, wait for a gift promised by God, you will receive power from the Spirit, you will be witnesses, you will make disciples of all nations, teach people to obey Jesus, I will be with you always)*
 - What happened?
 - *(Jesus was taken up, angels appeared and said Jesus will return, Jesus blessed them, the disciples worshipped Jesus)*
- Potential Story Review/Discussion Questions:
 - What did Jesus ask the disciples to do? Why would this seem impossible?
 - *(This is an opportunity to emphasize there were no TVs, not phones, no social media. **Encourage** kids to imagine what it was like for the disciples.)*
 - How do you think they spread the news about Jesus? How can we spread the news about Jesus?
 - What promises did Jesus give to the disciples?
 - *(He would always be with them; He would give them the Holy Spirit to help them)*
 - How do we know that the disciples showed determination?
 - *(This is an opportunity to emphasize we are here over 2000 years later talking about Jesus because the disciples didn't give up and they decided it was worth it to finish what they started)*
 - How can this story help remind us the importance of deciding it is worth finishing what we start?

Jesus gave the disciples a big job, to tell others about Him. The disciples were probably intimidated by the enormous calling ahead of them. Can you think of a time you thought, "I can never do that!," and then ended up doing it? **Encourage** sharing examples.

- What can we do when we are faced with something, we think is impossible and we don't even know where to start?
- We know about Jesus because the disciples showed determination. What are ways we can show determination, like the disciples, and let others know about Jesus? Can you think of times you have told others about Jesus?
- Are there times when talking to others about Jesus seems impossible? **Encourage** sharing examples.

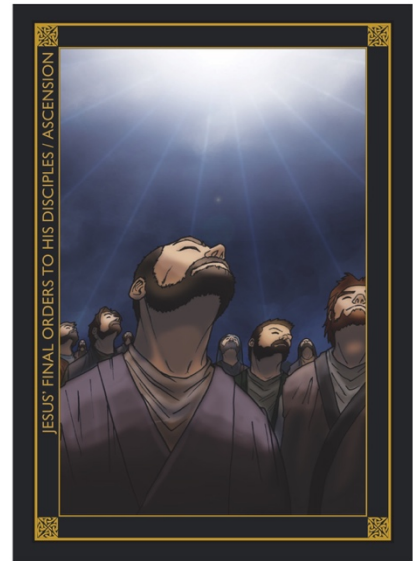
5. JOURNAL ENTRY

- WRITE THE ANSWER TO THIS Key Question: What seems impossible to you?

Talk to God about it. Ask Him to give you a Bible verse that helps you with trusting God to help you even though it feels impossible. Write down anything He says to you about your situation.

OTHER JOURNALING SUGGESTIONS:

- WRITE OR DRAW ABOUT THE BIBLE STUDY -



- WRITE A PRAYER ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE

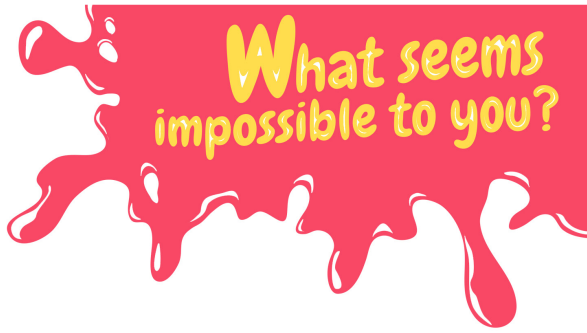


6. Pray Together

- Read **Mark 10:27**
- **There** will be situations in our lives that seem impossible.
 - Maybe passing the spelling test seems impossible
 - Maybe it seems like you'll never be able to hang out with your friends again.
- When things seem impossible for you, remember all things are possible for God.
- **Pray together** using Mark 10:27 as a guide.

"God, we know we can trust You no matter what. You promise to be with us always! When situations in our lives seem impossible, help us to remember Your promise – You are with us always! Help us to remember that we may think things are impossible, but all things are possible for You! As we go through our week, give us strength to not grow tired of doing good, of being kind, of being patient and open our eyes to times we can tell other about Jesus. We love You! Amen!"

7. "God Time" throughout the week (next 2 pages)



Day 5

Did you follow through and share with someone yesterday about God's love? It's okay if you didn't—it's not always the easiest thing to do. But even if it seems impossible, it's not!

Think about these things that at one time people thought was impossible:

- 1) Walking on the moon
- 2) Air travel
- 3) The automobile
- 4) Computers (and now we carry them in our pockets!)

What is something that seems impossible to you right now? Maybe it's long division, doing a cartwheel, or making the swim team. Write it down here: _____.

Now, write down one thing you can do today to make that impossible thing seem a little more possible: _____

As you work toward doing the seemingly impossible, remember Jesus is with you. And one day, when you achieve what once seemed impossible, be sure and share with others how Jesus' power and presence carried you through!



WEEK 1

Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

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Day 2

Read Matthew 28:16-20

As you read Matthew 28:16-20, underline the direct commands Jesus has for His disciples. If you were a disciple that day, do you think those commands would feel possible or impossible? _____

Now, read back through and circle the places where Jesus makes the seeming impossible, possible. (*Hint: It has to do with His power and His promise.*)

The task Jesus gave His disciples may have seemed impossible, but having Someone with all authority by their side no matter what meant they could keep going!

Day 3

What is something that you believe Jesus is calling you to do that seems impossible right now? Maybe it's like the disciples: to tell others about Jesus. Or maybe it's being nice to your little brother or sister, and some days it just doesn't seem possible. Fill in the blanks below and ask God to help you.

"Dear God,

I believe You want me to _____,
but it feels very overwhelming and even impossible at times. I believe
that Jesus has the power to help me do this, and He is with me
always. Help me to take one step today by
_____, remembering that Jesus is
always with me. In His Name, I pray.

Amen."

Day 4

The command that Jesus gave His disciples wasn't just for the 11 men who met Him at the mountain that day. Jesus told them to keep sharing until all nations know Who He is, and until then, we are also tasked with that mission: to share God's love and the fact that He sent Jesus to be our Savior with everyone.

You can just tell a friend about how God's love makes you feel, or share a story about a time you felt Jesus with you, or do something kind for someone and explain that you love because God first loved you. There are so many ways to talk about Jesus. Think about who you will see and talk to today, and what you might be able to share with them about Jesus and His love, then follow through (and remember that Jesus is there with you)!

