



With God Nothing Shall Be Impossible

Objectives:

- Teach that Heavenly Father hears and answers prayers.
- Learn to trust God and his timing.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Faith
- Prayer

This lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family’s schedule.
Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

- Reverence Time:** Song, prayer, scripture and video clip
- Lesson Time:** Lesson summary and points to ponder
- Activity Time:** Object lesson or activity
- Treat Time:** Prayer, theme related recipe & music video



Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: Children's Songbook page 12, "A Child's Prayer"

If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<https://www.lds.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/a-childs-prayer>

Prayer:

Scripture Time: Luke 1:36-38

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age:
and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me
according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Video Clip: Watch a clip (0:30 - 5:50) from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library,
John the Baptist (The Animated New Testament)



Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 5-10 minutes

Lesson Summary:

Elizabeth and Zacharias had prayed for a long time for a child. They both grew old and never had any children. One day, an angel came to Zacharias and told him that his wife would bear a child, a boy whose name should be John. Zacharias didn't believe the angel - he thought that he and his wife were too old to have a child. The angel told him that "with God, nothing shall be impossible.

Elizabeth did have a son, and his name was John. He would prepare the way for Jesus Christ as a prophet, and he would baptize Jesus.

Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. When an angel came to tell her that she would be the mother of the Messiah, she must have felt overwhelmed. But she said to the angel, "be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). She was willing to accept God's will, even if she didn't quite understand yet.

It can be helpful to remember this story whenever we face something impossible, or it seems that God isn't hearing our prayers. God has a plan for us, and sometimes we need to be patient and willing to trust God.

Points to Ponder:

How did Zacharias and Elizabeth remain faithful? (See Luke 1:5-25, 57-80)

Do you find yourself waiting for a blessing? (Discuss ideas.)

What do you feel the Lord expects of you while you wait? (Discuss ideas.)

What can we learn from Zacharias and Elizabeth about accepting God's will?
What can we learn from Mary? (Discuss ideas.)

Does Heavenly Father always answer our prayers in the way we expect? (No.)

How can we learn to accept God's will and timing? (Discuss ideas.)

Quote:

"Some blessings come soon, some come late, and some don't come until heaven; but for those who embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ, they come." *Jeffrey R. Holland*



Activity Time

What you need: A copy of the “Scripture Pictionary” activity (game cards included with this lesson), scissors, dry erase board and dry erase marker or several sheets of paper and markers, a clock or stopwatch, and a Gospel Art book or scripture story pictures from LDS.org (optional)

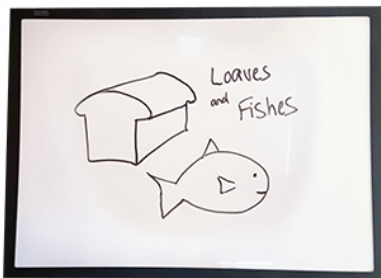
Preparation

1. **Print** out the game cards (or make up your own!).
2. **Cut** out the cards and place them in a stack face down.

Activity: (Younger children may need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. **Scripture Story Review:** Do you know of any times in the scriptures where God has done seemingly impossible things? Let’s look through a few pictures (or talk about a few scripture stories) and see if you remember these stories (Look through the Gospel Art book or pictures online, if available). Do you think we could guess these stories if we took turns drawing them?

2. **Game Instructions:** Choose one person to be the “artist”. That person chooses a scripture story card from the stack, careful not to show it to anyone. They have 60 seconds to draw the picture. While they are drawing, the other family members try to guess what story is being drawn. If someone guesses correctly, a new “artist” is chosen and they take a turn drawing while the family guesses.



3. Discuss: Why did God choose to do these things? What was he teaching?

4. Conclude by bearing testimony about how God has power to do things we may not understand, or things we may think are impossible. God hears and answers our prayers, not always when or in the way we expect, but he knows what is best for us and he loves us.

David & Goliath	Joseph Smith translates the Gold Plates
Daniel & the Lions Den	Lehi is given the Liahona
Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego and the Firey Furnace	The Brother of Jared and the glowing stones
Jonah & the Whale	Helaman's 2000 stripling warriors are protected
Jesus heals the blind man	Nephi builds a ship
Jesus raises Lazarus	Helaman's 2000 stripling warriors are protected
The miracle of the loaves and fishes	Arrows cannot hit Samuel the Lamanite
Jesus walks on water	Jesus appears to the Nephites
Jesus is resurrected	Moses and the Burning Bush



Treat Time

Approximate Time: 20 minutes

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Bake Time: 1 hour

Chill Time: Approximately 2 hours (optional)

Impossible Pie

1/2 cup butter, softened

1/2 cup flour

1 cup sugar

2 tsp vanilla extract

4 eggs

2 cups milk

1 cup shredded coconut



Preheat oven to 350F.

Add all ingredients to a large bowl and beat together until combined.

Pour into a 9-inch greased pie pan. Bake for 1 hour or until centre is firm and pie is golden.

Cool on a cooling rack and then put in the fridge until ready to serve.

It is recommended to let the pie cool for a few hours so it has a chance to firm up.

(Recipe credit: <https://www.simplystacie.net/2017/08/impossible-pie/>)

Treat Time: Show your family the pie before it goes into the oven, and after it's baked. What happened?
(A crust forms on the bottom, a custard bakes in the middle, and the coconut rises to the top.)
Did you expect the pie to turn out like this? Why is it called "Impossible Pie"?

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.