

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



*2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, scissors, mobile device, "Step Through Instructions" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Review the Bible story with the group.
- Potential story discussion questions could be:
 - Who is Elijah? What's a prophet?
 - Why was there a drought?
 - There was a showdown on Mt. Carmel between God, who Elijah worshiped, and Baal, the false god King Ahab worshipped. What happened?
 - What did the prophets of Baal do? What did the false god, Baal, do?
 - What impossible things did God do on Mt. Carmel?
 - Where did Elijah get his confidence to take on Ahab and the 450 prophets of Baal? (Encourage kids to explain their answers.)
- After you review the story, give each kid a piece of paper and scissors.
- Challenge them to do the impossible and to cut a hole in their paper in such a way that they can step through the hole.
- For a visual on how to do the "impossible," refer to the "Step Through Instructions" Activity Page.
- Tell kids that with God, sometimes the impossible becomes possible. Sometimes it is something small that becomes possible, like stepping through a piece of paper or it is something momentous like what happened with Elijah on Mt Carmel.
- **[Make It Personal] (Share with the group about a time when you faced an impossible situation. Maybe you and a friend were on the outs and reconciliation seemed impossible. Or maybe something related to the pandemic caused an impossible situation. Were you able to maintain confident of God's power, no matter the outcome? What truths or Scripture did you lean into during that time?)**

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

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Confidence—Learning to see
yourself the way God sees you

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When was a time thought something was impossible and it wasn't? Maybe your friends were in a fight and you thought it was impossible the fight would ever end but it did. Or you thought it was impossible you would get a new bike and you did.
- What are some examples of times God/Jesus did things that seemed impossible?
- What seems impossible to you right now? What situation is going on in your life where it'd be really great if God intervened in a powerful way?
- What are some truths we know about God? How does it help to remind ourselves of these truths when we feel like we don't have any say or control over something? *(This is an opportunity to review the discussions from week two – even when we don't have control and we want things to change, we can trust God's plan is the best way. We know God can do the impossible, but the impossible isn't always in His plan. But we can still trust Him with our outcomes.)*

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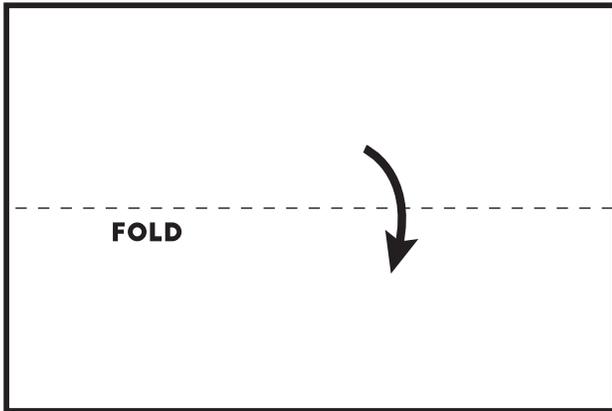
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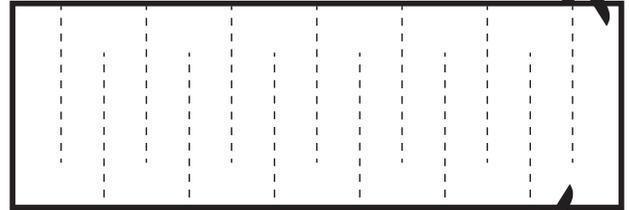
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- 1** Fold a piece of paper lengthwise along bold line.



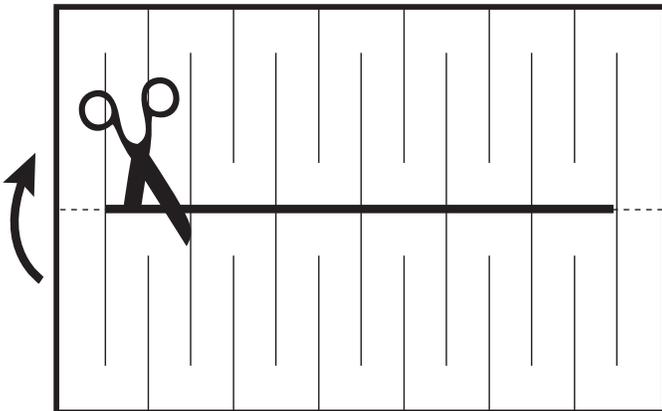
- 2** Starting at the folded edge, cut along the dashed lines. Stop cutting about 1" from the edge of the paper.



- 3** Starting at the edge opposite the fold, cut along the dashed lines. Stop cutting about 1" from the folded edge.



- 4** Skipping the first and last tab, cut along the fold of the remaining tabs.



- 5** Open up the paper and carefully step through!



What to Do:
Provide one for each small group.

"Step Through Instructions" Activity Page

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