

# Bible Time for Kids!



**CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:**

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**LESSON TITLE: Zacharias and Elizabeth**

**THEME: God makes possible the things that seem impossible.**

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:5-25**

# Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about **Zacharias and Elizabeth**, the parents of John the Baptist. What we learn from their lives, and in many other examples in the Bible, is that **God makes possible the things that seem impossible**. Zacharias and Elizabeth were too old to have children, but God chose them to be the parents of the man who would be the forerunner of Jesus. What a privilege!

Whenever we face things that seem impossible in our lives we can always turn to the Lord. At first Zacharias couldn't believe the news about what they had been chosen to do. But God was completely faithful and did in their lives exactly what He said that He would do. God will do the same in our lives if we will only believe and trust in Him.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 1:1-25**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

# Child of Promise

**Text: Genesis 21:1** - " And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken."

**Also read Genesis 21:1-8**

Have you ever heard a story that seemed so impossible that you thought it was actually funny? It just sounded like there was no way for that story to happen. How could you believe such a silly story? Abraham's wife, Sarah heard a story that she had a hard time believing. She even laughed a little when she heard it. But Sarah was going to learn that God can do the impossible. For all of her life she was unable to have children, she was what is called barren. She always wanted children though, but just kept getting older and older and she thought that it would never happen.

One day the LORD appeared to Abraham and told him that Sarah was going to have a son. Now God had already promised to Abraham and Sarah that they would begin a great nation. But that promise had come many years ago and Sarah was just getting older. Sarah overheard the conversation and thought that it was so impossible that she began to laugh inside. She just felt that there was no way that this impossible thing could happen.

But the impossible is exactly what God did in Sarah's life. As we see in our reading, God did exactly as He had spoken. When God says that He will do something in His word; that is exactly what He will do. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was about 90. Could you imagine them having a brand new baby at that age? Neither could they! But God made possible the very thing that seemed impossible to them. He'll do the same for you and I as we trust in Him.

- What "impossible" things has the Lord done in your family's life?
- How do reading stories like the one about Abraham and Sarah help you in trusting the Lord?
- When the Lord asks you to do something that seems to be impossible how do you think that you will react?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Barren:** Not able to have children.  
**Impossible:** Something that seems like there is no possible way that it can happen apart from the Lord.

Day Two

# Let's See What the Lord Will Do!

**Text:** 1 Samuel 14:6b - "For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."

**Also read** 1 Samuel 14:1-15

Sometimes the Lord will use us in amazing ways when we let Him. In this story we learn about Jonathan and his armorbearer taking on the entire Philistine army. Two against an army! Sounds pretty impossible doesn't it? But Jonathan knew that God could do the impossible. Sometimes we just need to trust in the Lord and step out to see what He wants to do. The Israelites and the Philistines were at war. Jonathan was King Saul's son. One day he decided that he would take on the Philistines with his armorbearer if that was what the Lord wanted him to do.

Jonathan told his armorbearer something very important about the Lord that we can all learn from. He said, "nothing restrains the Lord." There is nothing that keeps the Lord from doing what He wants to do. Whenever we look at a situation and understand that nothing will keep the Lord from doing what He wants to do, it helps us to trust in Him. There are many promises in the Bible for all of God's children and there is nothing that will keep the Lord from accomplishing every one of them in our lives.

Jonathan also said, "the Lord can save by many or by few." It doesn't take an army to do what God wants to have done. God gave two men, Jonathan and his armorbearer, victory over the Philistine army. With our own eyes we can look at problems in our lives and think that they are impossible situations. But with God, He can use a lot of people, or if He wants, He can use us. Jonathan did a great thing by trusting in the Lord. What great things does the Lord wish to do through your life?

- How did the armorbearer react to what Jonathan wanted to do? (see verse 7)
- How does knowing that nothing restrains the Lord help you to trust in Him to do the impossible?
- How does this story about Jonathan help you to trust in the Lord more?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Armorbearer:**

A helper that would carry the armor and weapons for the king, his sons or other soldiers.

**Restrain:**

To keep from doing something.

# Camels and Needles

**Text: Luke 18:27** - "But He said, 'The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.'"

**Also read Luke 18:18-27**

Sometimes it can be something that we **think** is impossible that keeps us from coming to the Lord. Unfortunately, for the rich young ruler it was all of his money. This man came to Jesus and asked what he needed to do in order to inherit eternal life. He was a good man and lived according to God's laws. Jesus said that there was still something that he was missing. He was attached to all of his money and the things that he owned. Jesus knew that for him this was more important than following Him. So Jesus told him that he would need to sell everything and give to the poor and then He was to follow Jesus.

This man was very rich, had a lot of power and was young. He had everything going for him. But when Jesus said this to him, it was just too much for him to handle. To him this was impossible. He could never sell everything that he has and give it away to the poor. So he went away very sad and even more sadly, without eternal life. Then Jesus said that it is very hard for those who are attached to their money and things to enter His kingdom. In fact he said that a camel could go through the eye of a needle easier than for rich people to enter the kingdom. This is only because for many people these things become more important in their hearts than serving the Lord.

But some of the people who heard Jesus say this immediately said, "Who then can be saved?" Then Jesus said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." The impossible things that we may think will keep us from the Lord become possible with God. Anyone can be saved no matter what we think will keep us away from Him. We only need to trust in Him for our salvation and He will remove everything that is impossible.

- Can you think of someone who may feel like it is impossible for them to come to the Lord?
- What do you learn about God doing the impossible from this story?
- Pray for others who are possibly allowing "impossible" things to keep them from Jesus.

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Possible:** Able to happen.  
**Riches:** Money and valuable things.

# Jesus and the Impossible

**Text:** John 10:17 - "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again."

**Also read John 10:11-18.**

Jesus did a lot of things that were impossible. But one of the most amazing things is the fact that he rose again after dying (resurrection). Now there is something that sounds pretty impossible. Jesus was able to lay down His life, but He was also able to take it again. He was able to do the impossible! We don't have the ability to lay down our lives and take them up again if we want to. This was something that only Jesus could do. The only way that we can live forever like Jesus is to just believe in Him. And just like He rose again on the third day, He will return one day and take us to forever be with Him.

Death is something that is impossible to avoid. Unless the Lord returns in our lifetimes, everyone who is now living will die. It is impossible to keep that from happening. But when Jesus died on the cross a couple of things happened: He conquered sin and He conquered death. In other words, sin would no longer have any power over us. Also, death can no longer have control over us. For those of us who believe in Jesus, we will be given new, glorified bodies that will allow us to live with Him forever.

So, we as Christians don't have to be afraid of these things. Because Jesus rose again, we know that He can do the impossible. In these verses Jesus said that He has the power to lay down His life and that He has the power to take it again. Only He has the power in our lives to give us eternal life if we will believe in Him. He can take something completely impossible and make it possible because of His power.

- What does Jesus' resurrection (coming back from being dead) mean to you?
- Knowing Jesus' power, how does this help you to not be afraid?
- Think of some other times in the New Testament when Jesus did the impossible.

**"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.'" John 11:25**

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Resurrection:**

Coming back to life after being dead.

**Power:**

Ability to do something.

Day Five

# Mission Possible

**Text: Philippians 4:13** - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

**Also read Mark 6:32-44.**

The Disciples were certainly in a tough spot. It was late in the day and there were so many people who had come to hear Jesus teach. They were getting worried about dinner so they told Jesus that He should send the crowds away so that they could eat. But Jesus turned to them and said, "You give them something to eat." You must wonder what the disciples thought. Immediately they said, "Do you want us to go and buy enough bread to feed everyone?" Jesus said, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." So they returned and told Him that they had five loaves and two fish.

Now this certainly wasn't going to be enough food to feed over 5,000 people! It seemed like an impossible situation for the disciples. The important thing for them was that they brought to Jesus everything that they had and allowed Him to do the rest. It is the same in our lives. We may not be able to offer very much, but if we bring to Him what we do have He will bless it and multiply it, just like the loaves and fishes.

The Bible doesn't just say, "I can do all things." But it goes on to say, "through Christ who strengthens me." We can never accomplish great things by ourselves. Just like the Apostles could never feed all of those people by themselves. We have to take everything that we are and have to Jesus and allow Him to work great things through us. We can do all things through Jesus, even impossible things. Whatever mission the Lord has for us is very possible because of Jesus who gives us strength.

- How do you think the Disciples reacted when all of a sudden all of this food appeared?
- How does knowing that you "can do all things through Jesus" help you to live for Him?
- What are some things that you take to Jesus and ask Him for help with?

## Kid's Prayer Time



**This week when you pray you can thank the Lord for doing the Impossible many times and in many ways. Ask Him to help you to trust in Him in all things. If you have any needs that seem to be impossible ask Him to help you with them.**

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

Third Grade and Above

"And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

Luke 1:16