

Faith in the Impossible

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for use as
STEP 1

**Lesson 12****Focus:**

Faith believes in the impossible.

Lesson 12**Bible Basis:**

Hebrews 11:1-13a

Lesson 12**Memory Verse:**

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
—Hebrews 11:6

Students will hear a story about a teenager praying in faith and then discuss praying and acting in faith.

Materials

None

Open today's lesson by reading this brief story to your students:

Mercy, a teenager in Kenya, loves and follows Jesus. Her family cannot afford medical care, so when her mom became very sick, her family was afraid. They thought her mom was dying, but there was nothing they could do.

In her distress, Mercy thought of Jesus saving Peter from drowning and immediately dropped to her knees to pray.

“Deep inside my conscience,” Mercy shares, “God assured me He was listening.” After she prayed in faith, Mercy’s mom recovered! Just days later, her mom was well enough to bring Mercy lunch at school. She was stronger and healthier than ever!

“The story of Jesus saving Peter is my favorite,” says Mercy. “Though Peter fumbles, he still knows that only Jesus can save him and he earnestly cries for help.”

Through Mercy’s faith and prayer, God did a work of healing in her mother.

➤ **Do you think acting in faith is an easy thing or a hard thing to do? Explain your answer.** (Answers will vary based on students’ experiences; faith can be easy to find when we feel safe, secure, and have trust in the situation. When things seem impossible, having faith is much more difficult.)

➤ **Why do we sometimes not pray or act in faith? Explain your answer.** (Answers will vary based on students' experiences; faith can be easy to find when we feel safe, secure, and have trust in the situation. When things seem impossible, having faith is much more difficult.)

As we work through today's Bible study, we'll look at what the Bible says about faith and how it can be a part of our daily lives.

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Materials:

- Index cards or pieces of paper
- Pens/pencils

If you are doing class online, invite students to get a piece of paper and a writing utensil (or even the “notes” section of a phone or device). They will use these in place of the index cards.

Our Bible study today showed us that faith is knowing that something is true or right, not because of what we might see or feel or hear, but because we trust in a loving God. What seems impossible becomes possible when we put our faith in Jesus, trusting Him to care for and protect us no matter what we might encounter. Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

➤ **Think about the week ahead of you. Is there something in your life right now that seems difficult, challenging, maybe even impossible to survive? Is there something in your life for which you need to trust that God is at work, that He is faithful, that He will see you through?**

It could be a relationship challenge with a friend or family member. Or, maybe you are afraid about going back to school with COVID-19 still spreading. Maybe you are looking ahead to getting your driver’s license, applying to colleges, or taking college entrance exams.

If you are teaching in person, hand out index cards and pens/pencils. If you are teaching online, have students get their papers and writing utensils (or even the “notes” section of a phone or device).

Take a moment to think of at least one situation in your life right now in which it is challenging to have faith and trust that God will see you through. Write down the situation. Then, take a minute to pray right where you are, asking God to strengthen your faith and allow you to trust in His perfect plan for you.

Allow students to find a quiet spot somewhere in the room where they can think, write, and pray.

Challenge your teens to pray their written prayer daily this week about the situation they wrote on the card. **When you are facing a tough situation, use the prayer you wrote today and ask the Lord to give you the faith needed to trust that He will hold you up and see you through in His time, according to His plan. Our God is faithful, no matter what, and we can rest assured that He is in control.**

Close in prayer.

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