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Elijah and the
Prophets of Ba'al

SAY
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God can do the impossible.

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THIS



BED TIME

Is there something in your life that seems impossible? Facing something big like that can make you feel helpless. But here's the awesome thing to remember: God can do anything! You can live with confidence knowing that God can take away that obstacle in front of you or maybe carry you right through it. Pray that God will help you see how big He is so that you can live with confidence in Him.

REMEMBER THIS

"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."
Psalm 27:13, NIV

LIFE
APP

CONFIDENCE—Living like you believe what God says is true

MAKING THE MOST OF DRIVE TIME

By Sarah Anderson

My parents live in northern Virginia. We live in Georgia. So when it comes to visiting my family, we've spent a lot of time in the car. Only minutes into our 12-hour-road trip, my kids would always ask the dreaded question, "How much longer 'til we get there?"

For a lot of parents, and for a lot of kids, drive time is a necessary evil we have to endure before arriving at our final destination: the grandparents house, the soccer game, the carpool line, the grocery store, church, or wherever else. But drive time can become an opportunity when we infuse meaning into the every day moments we have with our kids.

When you think about it, time in the car is packed full of potential. You are literally stuck in the same space with your kids as you drive from point A to point B. But this doesn't have to be a death sentence. In fact, if you turn down the radio, turn off the DVD player, and use it as a time to connect with your kids, you may find yourself wishing for more (maybe not a twelve-hour drive, but you get the idea).

Drive time is also a non-threatening way to spend time with your kids. You can avoid eye contact—which eliminates a lot of pressure—and use distractions

to your advantage, allowing you to interact in a really casual way. The goal is to enter *their* world, talk about the stuff *they* love, letting your kids set the agenda for the conversation.

Don't think of the time you're driving in the car as wasted time until you get where you're going, but use these extra minutes as if they are a gift. Make them count by getting into their world. You can start by learning to ask good questions:

- What movies do you want to see?
- What was the best part of your day?
- The worst?
- What are you most looking forward to about where we are headed?
- Did anything funny happen today?
- Did anything surprising happen?

For some of us, a win is just turning off the DVD player, and turning down the sports radio. Even if magic doesn't happen during drive time, at least give it the space. And you'll likely find that some of your best conversations with your kids, and most revealing, will happen in the car.

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READ PHILIPPIANS 4:13

DAY 1

"It's too hard!" "I tried but I just can't." "I'll never get this right."

Are you ever tempted to quit because you think you can't do it? Your math homework is completely confusing. You'll never land that trick on your skateboard. That back handspring looks way too scary.

Or maybe you feel this way when it comes to making wise choices or treating others the way you want to be treated. You've tried to be kind but there's a group of girls that just won't be kind back. You did the right thing but no one noticed.

The next time you're about to say, "I can't"—read this verse! Nothing is impossible with God. When you follow God, you can have confidence that He is with you, ready to help. The best thing you can do is TRY. Refuse to give up if you fail the first time. Ask questions when your math homework is confusing. Be kind even when others aren't. Don't give up just because something is hard.

Write out the words of today's verse on a piece of paper and carry it with you today as a reminder that you CAN do all things through Christ who gives you strength. At the end of the day, add the verse to your Wall of Confidence!

THANK God for the reminder that He is with you to help you do ALL things!

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

DAY 2

Have you ever played the statue game? The object of the game is to stay as still as possible. But no one can be a statue forever, well, except for real statues.

Actually, this verse isn't talking about statues! The "stand firm" part really means to hold on with confidence to what you believe. When the world tries to tell you that God's way isn't the best way, you can remember the TRUTH! God made you, He loves and He knows what's best. Put your confidence in Him knowing that He can do anything!

Finish the following statements and then write them down on a piece of paper.

Sometimes I'm tempted to tell a lie, instead I should _____.

Sometimes I'm tempted to cheat, instead I should _____.

Sometimes I'm tempted to be unkind, instead I should _____.

Underneath your statements, write "Stand Firm" and "Let nothing move" and the reference (1 Corinthians 15:58). Then post it on your "Wall of Confidence."

ASK God to help you stand firm with confidence that He will help you.

READ PSALM 27:13

DAY 3

Have you ever read the book “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day”? Ever had a day like Alexander’s? You woke up late and missed the bus, you had a spelling test, you jammed your finger catching the football at recess, a kid accidently tripped you in the hall . . .

Some days are just like that. But even on our worst days, God is still the same. He is our good Father, always. When bad stuff happens, or you have the worst day ever, you can have confidence that God loves you. You will see His goodness even when nothing around you seems very good.

Write out the words of the verse on separate sticky notes and hang them up on your Wall of Confidence.* Pull three words off the wall and repeat the verse. Now pull off three more words. Continue until all the words have been removed and you can say it from memory. (Then put them all back so you have today’s verse up on your wall!)

LISTEN to these words and choose to put your confidence in God, your good Father.

*This week, we’re continuing to build a “Wall of Confidence.” If you haven’t gotten a chance to start yet or you missed a week—it’s not too late! Check out the 252Studio.tv parent’s page for directions for what you missed (<http://studio252.tv/parents/this-month>).

READ ISAIAH 41:10

DAY 4

All month long, we’ve been talking about _____? Yep, confidence.

Confidence is living like you believe what God says is _____.

Were you there to hear Sunday’s Bible story about Elijah? If not, you should check out 1 Kings 18. Here’s the truth – the SAME God who brought down fire from heaven and burned up that altar is the God you follow. He will strengthen you and help you. He will hold YOU with His hand as you follow Him. God can do the IMPOSSIBLE!

Write out the words of this verse and add stickers or decorate it any way you’d like and then add to your wall. Step back and take a long look at your “Wall of Confidence.” Read over each verse as you remember all the things you’ve learned this month.

KNOW that God can do the impossible and you can put your confidence in Him.

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