



BLOCK PARTY

1.2

Move Mountains

LESSON SNAPSHOT:

BOTTOM LINE:

Just a little faith in Jesus can move mountains.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that “Just a little faith in Jesus can move mountains.”

KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 17:14-21, Jesus Heals a Boy

MEMORY VERSE:

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Psalm 13:5 (NIRV)

*“But I trust (put hands out and close them, like you’re holding a hanging rope)
in your faithful love. (Cross hands over chest, one arm at a time))
My heart (Make heart shape with hands)
is filled (move hands from low to high)
with joy (Point to smile)
because you will save me.” (point up one hand at a time)
Psalm 13:5 (NIRV) (Hold hands out like a Bible)*

SUMMARY:

The disciples wondered why they were unable to drive out the demons that controlled a young boy when Jesus was able to take care of it right away. Jesus said they lacked faith. Even a little faith can have big results – like moving mountains!

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God, Please help our faith in You to grow every single day.
In Jesus’ name, Amen

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Activity:

Practice saying the memory verse a few times together. Then, let each kid pick an animal, and say the verse as that animal. If a mouse, use a squeaky voice. If its a kangaroo, jump the whole time, etc. Repeat until every kid has had a turn.

GROUP GAME: I Like To Move It, Move It

Items Needed:

1 balloon per group

Instructions:

Move the balloon from one side of the room to the other without directly touching it with any part of your body. You may use anything you find in this room, but the teacher has the right to deem an idea unsafe.

Say: Just like you had to have faith that your idea would work, it only takes a little faith for Jesus to move mountains.

OBJECT LESSON

For this series, each object lesson will begin with a 5-10 minute building challenge that will then transition into the object lesson.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Lego bricks, Balloon, empty soda can

Block Build: Mountain

Say: Hello! Welcome to our new series! Block Party! We will be partying every week with everyone's favorite hobby, LEGO bricks! Each week, I will give you a brick challenge to work on while I work on our object lesson.

Say: This week, your Block Build is a mountain! It can be a tall mountain, a mountain range, it can be all one color or it could reflect the colors of a sunset. The choice is yours. And go!

(Set a timer for 5-10 minutes, depending on your schedule.)

Say: Okay, builders! Time is up! Does anyone want to share their creation? *(Allow kids time to talk about what they've built.)*

Say: Those were awesome creations! I have a question for you. Without touching it, can you make your lego mountains move? Let's try! (Try different things like blowing on it, waving your hands at it, etc.)

Say: As you know, this series is all about faith. Today, we're going to do a little experiment to test our faith, but to do this, I need some help from one of you, someone who won't mind if their hair gets a little messy.

Say: Great! So for this experiment, we have **one balloon and one empty soda can**. We are going to see if we have enough faith to move the can without touching it with the balloon. First, let's just try staring at it to see if we have enough faith that it will move. I will hold the balloon right above it. Let's see if it does something.

Say: Hmm... That didn't work. Maybe if we try wiggling our fingers at it, maybe that will give us enough faith to make it move.

Say: Okay, I have one last thing for us to try. I need everyone to close their eyes and count down from ten. *(While they're counting down, rub the balloon on the volunteer's head to create static electricity.)* Okay, I'm waving the balloon. And, look! The can is moving! My faith might not be able to move a mountain, but it can move a soda can!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

INTRO:

Say: Have you ever had a time when you had a job to do, but you just couldn't do it. You tried, but for some reason, it was simply impossible. It's such a bad feeling, right? No one wants to fail. No one wants to give up. A lot of us have this independent streak that makes us want to do everything on our own. Sometimes we just have to admit that we can't.

Say: I have to imagine that the disciples were feeling this way in our story today. They couldn't do something they thought they should be able to do. Let's read to find out how they responded and how Jesus responded to them.

READ MATTHEW 17:14-21

MAIN POINT:

Say: The story opens with a man desperate to see Jesus. A father with a boy in need of healing. This man had surely heard of Jesus. Then, to find out that his disciples were nearby. Surely they can heal him, the man must've thought. But they couldn't. So they all go off in search of Jesus. They were likely expecting a warm response and a gentle healing. But they got the opposite. Jesus quickly healed the boy. The disciples seemed to sense his frustration.

Say: So, after it was all said and done, when it was just Jesus and the disciples, they asked the question: Why couldn't we drive out that demon? Why couldn't we heal that boy? Jesus' answer was shocking. How could their faith be too small? They walked away from their homes, their lives, for some, even their riches to follow him.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Say: What Jesus says next is incredible! If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there" and it will move. Nothing will be impossible. Our faith must be really small in Jesus' eyes if it only takes a mustard seed. Mustard seeds are teeny tiny. Here, let's look at one! (show the kids the mustard seeds. You can open it and show them as well.) So, how do we grow our faith?

Say: I think the biggest key in growing our faith is to have regular prayer habits. Maybe you pray in the morning for your day. Maybe you pray silently as you walk through the hallways at school. (Keep your eyes open, though!) Then, pray at night to reflect on your day and thank God for the blessings that the day has brought you. Definitely pray for people that are sick or hurting. Keep a journal to see all of the times that God has answered your prayers. You can even pray for bigger faith!

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION & SNACK

ICEBREAKER: Would you ever want to climb a mountain? Why or why not?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How do you feel when you can't do something you think you should be able to do?
- How do you think the disciples felt when they couldn't heal the boy?
- How do you think the father felt when the disciples couldn't heal the boy?
- What are some ways that we show our faith?

On each of their take homes are little baggies they can take some mustard seeds home to remember that they just need faith as small as a mustard seed. The kids can also glue/tape a mustard seed to the page if they'd like.