

Monthly Overview

Week	Bible Story	Bottom Line	Conversation Starter
1	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal 1 King 18:16-45	God can do the impossible.	What seems impossible to you?
2	Jonah Jonah 1-3	God knows what's best.	What keeps people from doing their best?
3	Daniel and the Lions' Den Daniel 6	God is always with you.	When have you felt alone?
4	Esther Esther	God can help you stand up for others.	When has someone stood up for you?
5	Nehemiah Nehemiah 1-4 and 6:1-15	God can help you do big things.	What do you need help with?

Core Insight

God's Image / Identity

Key Application

Confidence

**Those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength.
They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired.
They will walk and not grow weak.
Isaiah 40:31 NIV**

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Weekly Summaries

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1	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal	We start off with Elijah on Mount Carmel. King Ahab had led the people far from God—and for three years, the land had received no rain. But Elijah was so confident in God that he challenged 450 prophets of Baal to a duel-by-fire-from-heaven. These prophets placed their confidence in a false god. But when Elijah called out to the one true God, the answer was explosive! [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God can do the impossible.</u>
2	Jonah	During week 2, we'll meet a prophet known for his lack of confidence. God told Jonah to go preach to Israel's enemies. But Jonah didn't trust God to take care of him—so he hopped onboard a ship heading in the opposite direction. A storm blew up, and Jonah ended up in the belly of a giant fish. Jonah cried out to God and was spit up on dry land. But when he reluctantly traveled to Ninevah and the people actually repented, Jonah just about choked on sour grapes, unable to handle God's mercy to his enemies. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God knows what's best.</u>
3	Daniel and the Lions' Den	In week 3, we discover that Judah was conquered and many Israelites taken to Babylon, including Daniel. But even though Daniel grew up in a foreign nation, he placed all his confidence in the one true God. Because of his wisdom from God, Daniel was given a position of authority by several kings. But as an old man, he faced an incredibly difficult choice—to pray to an earthly king or to continue placing his confidence in God alone... which would mean a trip to the lion's den. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God is always with you.</u>
4	Esther	Next up, in Week 4, we're back in foreign lands with the story of Esther. After catching King Xerxes' eye, Esther was made queen. But when a plot was set in motion that would destroy all the Jewish exiles in Persia, Esther knew that even her royal position couldn't save her. So relying on her confidence in God, she went before the king to beg for the lives of her people. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God can help you stand up for others.</u>
5	Nehemiah	We wrap up with Nehemiah, who served as an advisor to King Artaxerxes. But when he received news that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down, Nehemiah's heart broke, too. He boldly asked the king for permission to return to his homeland and rebuild. Once Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he discovered the job was bigger than he imagined. But with confidence that God would be with them, Nehemiah rallied the people for an epic building project. [BOTTOM LINE] <u>God can help you do big things.</u>