

JESUS DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE



Let us create a “promise star”

Materials:

- Popsicle sticks (minimum 5 pcs) ; or you can use paper strips
- Markers / coloring pens / crayons
- Glue

Ask your kid(s) to write a promise per popsicle stick (ex: I promise to do my best in school). Each child is to be given 5 popsicle sticks. Once they have written their promises, they can color and decorate their work with coloring pens or crayons.

Afterwards, parents assist the kids in placing glue on the edges of the popsicle sticks and shaping them and sticking them together to form a star.

Objective of the activity is to use these popsicle sticks as a keepsake for the kids to remember the promises they wish to keep. These promise stars can be used as a showpiece or a bedroom décor as well.



The second Christophany we will look at was when Jesus visited Abraham to let him know that God’s promise to give him a son is about to be fulfilled. Let’s read Genesis 18:1-15.

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. 2 Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

3 He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord,[a] do not pass your servant by. 4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5 Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

7 Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. 8 He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

9 “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

10 Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. 11 Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

15 Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

We know that as we continue to read the book of Genesis, Abraham and Sarah did have a son named Isaac. Abraham was at least 100 years old and Sarah, his wife, was about 90 years old when Isaac was born.

What an amazing thing to know — that God can make possible what seems impossible to us and is beyond our understanding. God is trustworthy and faithful in His promises and actions. He keeps His promises, because He is faithful and He will never lie!



Huddle

Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- What is the meaning of a promise?
- Has anyone made a promise to you? Has it been fulfilled?

7-12 years old

- Have you been promised something that was not fulfilled? How did you feel?
- Is there anything that seems impossible that you would want to believe God for?

Kid/s to Parent:

- Are you believing for something that seems impossible from God? What is it?
- Can we really ask for anything impossible from God?

Perhaps some may not have the audacity to come to God and ask for something impossible. Abraham certainly didn't. Nor did Sarah. They didn't ask for a son but God gave them one even if it was physically impossible. God fulfilled His promise to them made a long time ago.

Just as He did with Abraham and Sarah, Jesus can do the impossible for us. Let's come to Him with believing hearts and trust that He will answer according to His will.



Dear God, thank you because You are faithful. Even if there are times when we are not in our best behaviour, you still love us and care for us and have great plans for us. Please help us to remember that nothing is impossible with You. Teach us to come to you with trusting hearts, knowing that You will answer according to Your will.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Discover

Do you know how long Abraham and Sarah waited for God to fulfill His promise to them about giving them a son?

It was a total of 25 years from the first time God made the promise to Him in Genesis 12 up to the time his son, Isaac, was born in Genesis 21.

Wow! That is a long time! And imagine this - the longer the promise was not fulfilled, the older Abraham and Sarah got. Every year that passed, the more impossible it looked to them that the promise was ever going to be fulfilled! Their hope must have grown weaker and weaker each passing year. But God did not forget! And in the right time, He fulfilled His promise.

Do you think you can wait that long? What is the longest time you will hold on until you give up and say "It's not happening anymore"?

Remember, nothing is impossible with God! (Matthew 19:26)

Source: <https://voiceofmessiah.com/how-long-did-abraham-wait-for-his-breakthrough/>