HEY, FAMILIES!

ELEMENTARY

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

For nothing will be impossible with God.

(Luke 1:37)

DEVOTIONAL: GOD NEVER FAILS

Whenever I do object lessons or teach kids, I always have a plan A, a plan B, and a plan C because how kids respond is unpredictable. Parenting feels the same. But God is nothing like you or me. He doesn't need backup plans because His plan, His love, and His nature never change and never fail.

So many kids today feel the sting of disappointment. Losing friends, a beloved pet, navigating a broken home, or watching the constant stream of bad news reminds them that the world is not as it should be. What we need to remember, and help our kids remember, is that in the book of Judges, people failed God and each other, but God never failed them. And Jesus never fails us.

Even when things look bleak because of the sinful nature and sinful men, we have a sure and certain hope anchored in an unfailing God (Hebrews 6:19).

-Sam Luce

THE SUN STOOD STILL *(Joshua 10; 13)* — Week 1

Led by Joshua, the Israelites conquered Canaan as God promised. When kings attacked Gibeon, God assured victory. Joshua prayed, the sun stood still, and Israel won. The Israelites defeated their enemies, conquered more land, and Joshua divided it among the twelve tribes. The Promised Land became theirs, just as God said.

Brite Idea: God does what He says.

DEBORAH LEADS *(Judges 4-5)* — Week 2

Israel disobeyed God and had been taken over by King Sisera of Canaan. Deborah, a judge in Israel, told Barak to fight Canaan's army. God caused the enemy to panic, and though Sisera fled, Jael killed him. The Lord gave Israel victory.

Brite Idea: God is victorious.

HANNAH AND SAMUEL *(1 Samuel 1-3)* — Week 3

Hannah prayed for a child and promised to dedicate him to the Lord. God gave her Samuel, and she kept her promise. God called Samuel and raised him up as a prophet for Israel.

Brite Idea: God cares about us.

DAVID AND JONATHAN *(1 Samuel 20)* — Week 4

Saul was king, but God chose David to replace him. As David lived with Saul, Jonathan became his closest friend. When Saul grew jealous and tried to kill David, Jonathan helped him escape, choosing God's plan over becoming king.

Brite Idea: God's plan comes first.

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FAMILY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY & SATURDAY
REMEMBER & RESPOND	*WONDER & DISCUSS*	*EXPLORE*	*REVIEW*	*PUT INTO PRACTICE*	*PREPARE AHEAD*
WEEK 1 God does what He says. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** 1 Thessalonians 5:24 How has God proved He is faithful to your family?	Make shadow puppets with your hands. Make the shadows freeze by shouting, "Sun stand still!"	***LUKE 1:37*** How does this verse help us believe God always does what He says?	Look up God's promises online. Choose one and write it on the bathroom mirror with a dry erase marker to read all week.	Host a family game night. ***READ TOGETHER:*** Judges 5:1–5 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 2 God is victorious. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Deuteronomy 20:4 How would a person who really believed this verse live each day?	Make a homemade trophy using anything around your home. If possible, write "God is victorious" on the front.	***LUKE 1:37*** How can these words help us when we feel discouraged and defeated?	Pray for someone who needs God's victory over a hard situation. Tell that person you prayed for them.	Write "There is no rock like our God" on a rock. ***READ TOGETHER:*** 1 Samuel 2:1–2 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 3 God cares about us. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Matthew 11:28–30 How would you describe the rest Jesus offers in these verses?	Someone closes their eyes. Others take turns saying "Samuel!" in a funny, disguised voice. The person with eyes closed guesses who spoke.	***LUKE 1:37*** If God cares for us and can do the impossible, what should we worry about?	Ask your pastor one way your family can serve your church family this week.	Make friendship bracelets and pass them out to friends. ***READ TOGETHER:*** 1 Samuel 20:35–42 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?
WEEK 4 God's plan comes first. What does this mean for me?	***READ TOGETHER:*** Ephesians 2:8–10 What does it mean to walk in good works God prepared for us to do?	Play rubber-band archery with rubber bands and any target. After each shot, take one step back to increase challenge.	***LUKE 1:37*** If God calls us to do something that seems too hard, how should we respond?	Have each family member use six words to describe a great friend. Challenge each other to be those six words for your friends this week.	Dunk a candle in water, then try lighting it. Discuss best way to start fire. ***READ TOGETHER:*** 1 Kings 18:30–39 ***DISCUSS:*** What does this teach us about God?

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