

**Nothing Is Impossible**

(based on Luke 1:37, 39–40, 46–55)

Mary had just received some big news! She was going to have a baby, and not just any baby, but God's Son! And the angel had told her about her cousin Elizabeth having a baby too. She left immediately for Elizabeth's house. She couldn't wait to tell Elizabeth about the angel and what he had to say.

The two women were so glad to see each other. They talked and laughed and sang. They talked about their special babies. They told stories about angels with unexpected messages. Mary remembered that the angel had told her, "Nothing is impossible with God!"

Mary was so happy that she sang a song to God.

My heart praises God. My spirit rejoices in
God my Savior.

God has looked on me with grace.

I am just a servant, but everyone will see and
remember that God has chosen me and done
great things for me. God is holy!*

God's grace is for all who are in awe,
generation after generation.

God, the strong and powerful God, brings low
the rich, the proud, and the powerful.

God, the loving and gracious God, lifts up
the oppressed, embraces the poor, and fills the
hungry with good things.

The promises of God are coming true.

God's love goes on forever.

Mary was so happy that she sang that song,
but maybe it was more than a song. Maybe it
was about the seemingly impossible things God
would do—for nothing is impossible with God!



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Use one or more activities from each section to explore grace and gratitude with your children this week.

Recognizing God's Grace

- Read the Bible story, and light three purple candles on your Advent wreath.
- Wonder together what seems to be impossible. Then wonder together what possibilities God has for each of you. Remember that with God all things are possible!
- Find stories in the Bible that seemed impossible, such as the sea parting so the Israelites could pass, manna in the wilderness, water from a rock, feeding five thousand people, the raising of Lazarus, and the raising of Jesus! Wonder what other stories from the Bible, history, or in the world today seemed impossible but were possible.



Responding to God's Grace

- Practice seeing new possibilities by playing a game. Choose three or four common objects in your house, such as a fork, a bag, a colander or strainer, and a sock. Have everyone take turns suggesting a different way to use each object. Name as many new possibilities for each object as you can.
- Have everyone make a snowflake out of a sheet of white paper. Then invite each person to write a prayer request or difficult situation they are facing on their snowflake. Pray together that God would be with you in these times. Toss the snowflakes in the air and let them float to the ground. Tie a string around each one and hang it in your home, perhaps on a Christmas tree, to remind you that God is always with you.
- Make a banner for your home, saying "All things are possible with God!"

Celebrating in Gratitude

- Watch the YouTube video "Nothing Is Impossible by Planetshakers Performed by Grace Chapel Kids" (bit.ly/NothingImpossibleSong, 3:49). Sing and dance!
- Pray this prayer each day this week.

Dear God, help us always have faith in you, even when things seem impossible. Thank you for being able to make impossible things possible. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Note: bit.ly web addresses are case sensitive.