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GET RID OF THE IM

Have you ever heard yourself say, "I can't do that—it's impossible!"

As you face "impossible" situations this week, trust God to get rid of the "im" and turn them into possibilities.

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

Luke 18:27

MONDAY Read and memorize Luke 18:27. List two or three things that really seem like impossible situations in your life. Take them to God in prayer and ask Him to help you in these troubling areas.

TUESDAY Read Romans 4:18-21 and Genesis 18:14. Copy Genesis 18:14a on a large piece of paper and hang it in your room as a reminder to trust God in impossible situations.

WEDNESDAY Read Matthew 19:26. Ask your family members to tell about some impossible situations they have faced. How did God turn these things into possibilities?

THURSDAY Read 2 Chronicles 20:6 as a prayer for family devotions or before a meal. What are some ways that God shows His power today?

FRIDAY Think of someone you know who is facing an impossible situation. This could be a friend, a relative, or someone who is sick or lonely. Write a note or short poem of encouragement to this person. Use some of these Bible verses to help you with ideas.

SATURDAY Read Mary's song in Luke 1:46-55 in which she praises God for what He has done for her. Write down at least five things God has done for you. The next time something seems impossible, remember these things. Also trust God to get rid of the "im" and make all things possible.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In Bible times a person's name often said a lot about the person—somewhat like a nickname might today. The names used for God in the Bible say a lot about Him, too.

***“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12***

MONDAY Read Acts 4:12 in your favorite Bible translation. Make a list of ways people think they can be saved. Now summarize in your own words what this verse says.

TUESDAY Using your Bible, find as many names for Jesus as you can (a concordance will help). Use these names to make your own greeting cards to send or give. Include Acts 4:12.

WEDNESDAY Write a letter to an unsaved friend explaining Acts 4:12 in your own words.

THURSDAY Read Acts 4:12 again. Do one kind thing in Jesus' name for someone else today. This might be a good time to restore a friendship or make a new friend.

FRIDAY Think about Acts 4:12 and contrast this verse with things you may make into gods in your life. Confess these things to the Lord today.

SATURDAY Look back over your week. How did knowing Acts 4:12 make you feel? Say a prayer of thanks for Jesus' name and your salvation.



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Who Is This Baby, Anyway?



“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11

To announce Jesus’ birth, the angels called Jesus “Messiah” and “Lord.” This week, see if you can find out who this baby really was.

MONDAY Memorize this week’s memory verse. Then read Matthew 1:21 to discover the Messiah’s job. If someone with this job description were available to you, what three things would you ask him to do?

TUESDAY Read Acts 9:19-22. Jesus changed Saul’s life. Name three things in your life that prove “Jesus is the Christ.”

WEDNESDAY See Matthew 16:15-17. With God’s help, Peter gave the right answer. Pray that God would reveal “the right answer” to a friend or family member who hasn’t figured it out yet.

THURSDAY Read John 13:12-17. “Teacher” is easy to understand, but “Lord”? Write down your definition of “Lord” based on Jesus’ example.

FRIDAY See John 10:1-5, 11-15. Use each letter in the word “shepherd” to describe what you found out about Jesus in these verses.

SATURDAY Look over Luke 2:11 again. Take time to make sure that you believe Christ is Lord. If so, decide how you will tell a friend about Him.



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One & Only

Find out how Jesus, “the one and only Son,” has made God known to us.

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.
John 1:18

MONDAY Get out some pictures of people in your family. Jot down a list of resemblances that you see. Now list ways that you reflect the image of your heavenly Father.

TUESDAY Find a quiet place to go through the greeting cards your family has received. Sort out the ones that say something about Jesus. What characteristics of God’s only Son do they bring out? Design your own card based on John 1:14.

WEDNESDAY Ask Mom or Dad to show you your birth certificate or baby album. Look at the tiny footprints. Say a prayer of thanks that Jesus was willing to be born in a body like yours.

THURSDAY Read John 1:10. Think of some people close to you who have not recognized Jesus for who He is. Pray for them. Plan a way to explain your faith in Christ to one of them.

FRIDAY Read John 1:16. What are some of the blessings you have received? Write them on a sheet of paper. Fold the paper and hang it in your room.

SATURDAY Read John 20:29. Close your eyes and ask Jesus to help you know Him better.



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J In Jesus' Footsteps

Whoever claims to live in
him must live as Jesus did.
1 John 2:6

Walking as Jesus did doesn't mean to
imitate Jesus' walk but His life of faith.
Find out how by working on these
marching orders.

MONDAY Look at 1 John 2:3-6. What claims do you make about Jesus? Are you acting on these claims at home? At school?

First Corinthians 2:16 assures us that we have as a resource the mind of Christ. How can knowing this help you make good on your claims?

TUESDAY Forward, march, and read John 15:4-6. Describe what it means to you to "remain" in Christ. How is this important to walking like Jesus did?

WEDNESDAY Take a "walk" with Jesus by starting off the day with a prayer: "Lord, help me live the way You do." Then thank God for His help as you go about the day.

THURSDAY Walking like Jesus means continually learning from His example. What are some ways you plan to learn more about Jesus?

FRIDAY Walking like Jesus means keeping His commandments. For example, if you've had an argument with someone, make it a point to ask God to help you forgive or to make it right with the person as Jesus commands in Luke 6:37.

SATURDAY End the week praising God for His help in making you more like Jesus. Then read Philip-
pians 1:6 and know that God won't give up on the task!



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CLOTHED IN Christ

MONDAY Start off the week by reading Galatians 3:26-27. Then write the word “ATTITUDE” on a sheet of paper. Using each letter, write a word or phrase that describes a Christlike attitude. (For example: Always faithful; Totally earnest; Teachable; Involved in prayer, and so on.) How can you demonstrate these attributes?

TUESDAY Jesus was baptized as a sign of His commitment to the work He was sent to do. How can you show your commitment to Him?

WEDNESDAY Think about what it means to be in God’s family. Write down the first words that come to your mind. Resolve to pray daily about how you can show others whose family you’re in.

THURSDAY Read Ephesians 6:10-17. How can these “clothing items” help you in your walk with God?

FRIDAY According to Colossians 3:12, what else do you put on?

SATURDAY During this new year ask God to help you remember to whom you belong. Why not make a bookmark listing verses that talk about belonging to God? (For example, Romans 8:14, Galatians 3:26-27, Ephesians 1:3-5.) Or make up a statement of “ownership” to keep in your Bible.

As children of God, we have Christ as our “wardrobe.” Putting on Christ means living in union with Him. We have a share in His life because of His death for our sins.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27



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**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.
Hebrews 4:15**

Sympathetic Savior

You don't have to face temptation alone. If you belong to God, you can depend on Jesus' strength.

MONDAY Read Hebrews 4:15. How do you see Jesus? Think about His character today.

TUESDAY Read 1 Peter 5:7. What anxieties or temptations do you face? How do you feel when you give in to temptation? Use a sheet of paper as your prayer line to God.

WEDNESDAY Think about your biggest temptation. Then finish these sentences. When tempted, I usually . . . I will trust God when . . .

THURSDAY Make a card for someone who needs encouragement. Include Hebrews 4:15 in your note.

FRIDAY Keep in mind the memory verses from past weeks (1 John 2:6; Galatians 3:26-27). How can these verses help when you are tempted?

SATURDAY End the week thanking God for His care.

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Use these daily devotionals to help you get in the habit of praising and thanking God for His kindnesses to you. God deserves our praise, and one of the best ways to do so is to tell others about Him.

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised.
Isaiah 63:7a

POWERFUL Praise

MONDAY Read and memorize Isaiah 63:7a. Why do you think praise is important? What do you think it involves?

TUESDAY Start by reading a psalm of praise, like Psalm 100, out loud. Then, in silent prayer, describe to God all the kindnesses He has shown you in the past week, month, or year.

WEDNESDAY Show God's kindness by doing something nice for someone. Give a word of encouragement, make someone cookies, whatever! Or go on a secret mission. Find out a need that someone has and do something about it without revealing yourself.

THURSDAY Think of one person you'd like to talk to about Jesus. Pray for this person and for opportunities to share God's love.

FRIDAY Think about prayers that were answered in your life or someone else's. If you haven't already, keep track of the answers to prayer. You won't run out of things to thank God for!

SATURDAY End the week by setting a praise goal. For example, you could decide to set aside time each day to devote to praise and worship. Then start today on your goal.

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Some people spend their lives seeking fame, fortune, or whatever it is they feel will bring them happiness. They miss out on the treasures God has for them. What is it that you seek?

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

MONDAY Read Matthew 6:33. “Righteousness” means living according to God’s will. What would you have to do differently to live more righteously?

TUESDAY Read Micah 6:8. What does this verse help you to seek? How does this compare with your goals?

WEDNESDAY Review Monday’s list of how you can live more righteously. Then spend some time praying about those goals, asking God for His wisdom.

THURSDAY Seek out Jeremiah 29:13. What does God promise you will find if you seek? How can you seek with all your heart?

FRIDAY Read Matthew 6:31-33 and Philippians 4:19. How can you demonstrate trust in God?

SATURDAY End the week in prayer, seeking God’s guidance for the coming week.

SEEK & FIND

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EXTRA STRENGTH

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10

Ever have one of those days? You know, when you feel totally overwhelmed by all you have to do? Christians have a source of strength to help them through tough times.

MONDAY Read Ephesians 6:10. Using a recorder, do a “radio interview” with some Christian adults. Have them explain the verse to you. Then conclude the “interview” by summarizing what they said in your own words.

TUESDAY Read Ephesians 6:10-18. List the armor God gives us for our spiritual battles. Label each part. Think of how you can use this armor today.

Wednesday Make a list of Bible characters who relied on God’s strength and power. Make a poster of your favorite one.

THURSDAY Ask yourself this question: “How can I be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power?” If you’re stumped, think about Bible characters who relied on God.

Friday Complete this prayer: “Today, Lord, I am dealing with _____. Please help me be strong in Your mighty power.”

SATURDAY Take inventory of your week. What are some areas you think God gave you strength in? Which ones do you need more help in?



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Do you ever get upset because one sin keeps popping up in your life? Even mature Christians sometimes have problems with sins like that. God can change anyone if we allow Him to and follow His way.

POWER • TO • Change

By his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11b

MONDAY Write out the memory verse and a brief prayer to God asking Him to “bring to fruition your every desire for goodness” this week. Reread this verse later on today and be encouraged.

TUESDAY Think of one sin in your life you are having a hard time overcoming. Write it on a piece of scrap paper. Then pray for help to conquer that sin. Throw the paper away.

WEDNESDAY Look at the memory verse again. Think of a kind thing to do for someone. If the person asks why you did it, tell him or her it was “prompted by faith.”

THURSDAY Do you ever wonder what God’s purpose for you is? Write out some of your goals for life and ask God to take control of them.

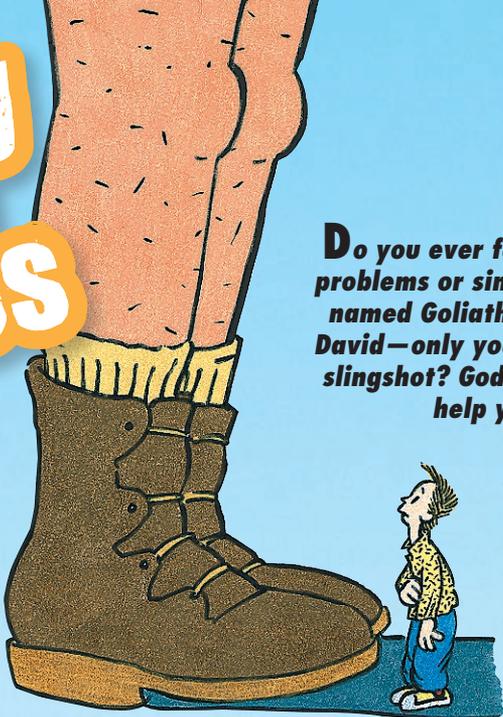
FRIDAY Complete this prayer starter: “Dear Lord, one area of my life that really needs changing is _____. Please help me make that area the way You want it to be.”

SATURDAY Rewrite the memory verse in your own words. How does this verse make you feel? Write a short poem expressing those thoughts.



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**For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7**



Do you ever feel like your problems or sins are a giant named Goliath and you're David—only you forgot your slingshot? God promises to help you.

HELP is on the way

MONDAY Read 2 Timothy 1:7. List some times when you feel nervous or afraid. Write out a prayer asking God for a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline to help you in those times.

TUESDAY Look up some Bible stories of people who were afraid but did great things with God's help (Moses, Gideon). Create a poster using these characters. Include 2 Timothy 1:7 as your caption.

WEDNESDAY Complete this fill-in-the-blank prayer. "Lord, I feel afraid about _____. Please help me feel more confident about this."

THURSDAY Look at 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Send a note of encouragement to someone you know who may be feeling afraid or weak. Mention 2 Timothy 1:7.

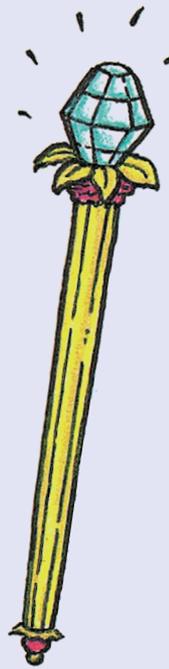
FRIDAY Is there a certain area in your life that you sometimes feel you can't control? Write a prayer asking for help with that area. Or draw a picture of that area, then ask God for self-control for it.

SATURDAY How has God given you a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline? Write a thank-you note to God for these gifts or for any progress you've made.



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***“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.”
Revelation 11:17***

Suppose you became more thankful to God. Do you think your life would change?

MONDAY Declare this week “Thanks Week.” Ask friends and family to name one thing they are thankful for. Compile all the thoughts together on a piece of paper and share.

TUESDAY Read Revelation 11:17. Add the verse to your banner design. Think of one way God has worked in your life and write it down.

WEDNESDAY Read Revelation 11:17 once more. Think of one way you can let God begin to reign (have control) in your life.

THURSDAY Think of a fun and creative way to say thanks to someone in your life. Do an extra chore at home, bake cookies for a favorite adult, or make a gift for a special friend. Give the person a copy of Revelation 11:17.

FRIDAY Look at Revelation 11:17 again. Look in your Bible for some examples of Jesus using His power to help people. Write about or record one incident, telling the story as if you were part of it.

SATURDAY Looking back on your week, what are some other things for which to be thankful? Be sure to include them on your thanksgiving banner.