

“Animal Tales” - LESSON 4

“The Lamb”

Main Focus:

When you're facing the impossible,
God will provide a way out



Power Verse:

“What is impossible for people
is possible with God.”
– Luke 18:27



Watt's Up:

“When Your Baaaaack's Against The
Wall, God Will Help Ewe!”

LEADER'S INFO

Abraham was on his way up the mountain. God had told him to sacrifice his own son. He believed God to be a loving, caring God. Abraham was a loving, caring father. However, he now was faced with the choice of either disobeying God or killing his own son. It was an impossible situation.

God specializes in impossible situations. Throughout scripture, when God's people were faced with impossible situations, God came through and showed that His power is greater than anything we face.

In this lesson, the children will learn that God is a God of the impossible. Just like God provided the lamb for the sacrifice, God can provide a way out for every impossible situation they may find themselves in.



“The Spark” Intro Video

Emilie visits a lamb



“Watt's Up?” Teaching Video

Skittles teaches “Watt's Up?”



Character Skit

“The Actor”



Offering Time



Game On!

“Scrambled Breakfast”



Bible Story

“A Lamb Saves The Day”



Power Verse Video

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Call To Action

“Facing The Impossible”



Brain Drain

PowerPoint Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 4 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Animal Tales” Video

“Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video

- “Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video
- “Watt’s Up?” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “The Actor” Theme Graphic/Music
- Large goatee
- Moustache
- Sunglasses
- Lamb costume

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game On!

- “Game On!” Bumper Video
- “Scrambled Breakfast” Graphic (in PowerPoint Presentation)
- Two identical breakfast cereal boxes
- Scissors
- Two large manilla envelopes

Bible Story

- “A Lamb Saves The Day” Graphics (in PowerPoint Presentation)
- Bible

Power Verse Video

- “Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Facing The Impossible” Graphics (in PowerPoint Presentation)
- Two small square blocks
- A large bucket
- A table
- A stopwatch
- Three child volunteers

Brain Drain

- PowerPoint Review Game (in PowerPoint Presentation)

Small Group Experience

- Bible Bricks Print Piece (in Small Group)
- Bibles
- Brick Print Piece (in Small Group)
- Ram Print Piece (in Small Group)
- Styrofoam or plastic cups
- Small rubber ball or plastic ball
- Scissors
- Tape

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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “The Actor” (he is a “method actor” who really gets into his roles which just happen to always be animal roles)

ACTOR: (dressed as a lamb, slowly walks onstage - a look of pure panic on his face)

Leader: Oh dear.

ACTOR: (laughs nervously, speaks rapidly) Deer? Who’s a deer? I’m not a deer! I’m a lamb - little ol’ lamb - BAAAAAAAHAH- see? That’s me! The lamb.

Leader: No, you’re not really a lamb. You’re that animal actor guy. Are you...feeling okay?

ACTOR: (laughs again, in hysterics) Oh sure, feeling great - never better! BAAAAHHHH - just a little ol’ lamb - nothing’s wrong with me! Just wanna...wanna..oh, y’know...

Leader: Wanna what?

ACTOR: (laughs, NOT smiling) Scream in terror, throw up, then find my mommy. In that order. BAAAAAAAHAH.

Leader: Why are you freaking out?

ACTOR: This latest role that I’ve taken is NOT easy. It may be the most difficult thing I have ever done in my ENTIRE animal acting career! I mean - this is more stressful than the time I played a chicken and tried to lay an egg!

Leader: You’re playing a LAMB - what’s so stressful about that?

ACTOR: 5,000.

Leader: What do you mean “5,000?” 5,000 what?

ACTOR: Lambs. 5,000 lambs. The next movie I’m in is supposed to have 5,000 lambs - my agent said that people need to see MORE of me - so I kind of...overbooked myself.

Leader: WHAT?? You’re going to try to play 5,000 lambs AT ONCE?? What kind of crazy movie needs 5,000 LAMBS??

ACTOR: “Wooly Wonka.”

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Leader: *(pause)* Seriously?

ACTOR: YES, SERIOUSLY!! I don't know what I'm going to do! It's not like they can CLONE me into 5,000 different sheep! What was I thinking? I'M FREAKING OUT! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! *(starts going "baah" like a sheep, uncontrollably)*

Leader: Calm down, calm down! Take a deep breath! *(pets the Actor's head)* Take a deeeeeeeep breath.

ACTOR: *(inhales deeply, lets out a long "baaaaaaaaaaah")*

Leader: There you go - now, just listen. I know life is FULL of impossible situations. There's sickness and war and hurt and -

ACTOR: Playing 5,000 lambs at once.

Leader: That too. But luckily GOD is GREATER than ANYTHING we face! He created EVERYTHING. He runs EVERYTHING. And you know what else?

ACTOR: What?

Leader: He LOVES you. *(to the kids)* And He loves YOU, too! More than we can possibly imagine! He's all powerful, and we can TRUST Him!

ACTOR: Really?

Leader: Really. Just TRUST God, and He will bring you through. No matter how scary it may seem. So, are you still freaking out?

ACTOR: *(laughs, excited)* GOT YOU! I was never REALLY freaking out! *(takes a bow)* ACTING! THANK YOU! 5,000 lambs is NOTHING! I once played an ENTIRE herd of WILDEBEASTS! Now, if you'll excuse me, I must go get my wool trimmed. EXIT stage left...SWIMMING!! *(goes around the stage like he's underwater)* ACTING! THANK YOU! *(takes a bow, exits as his theme music plays)*



GAME ON!

“Scrambled Breakfast”

Items Needed For Game:

Two identical breakfast cereal boxes; scissors; two large manila envelopes

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Preparation:

Use the scissors to cut the front of the cereal box off of the box (*so it is just a flat face of the front of the box*). Then, cut the face of the box into 12 identical-sized rectangles. Be sure to keep the two box faces separated so they don’t accidentally mix together. Place the cut pieces inside separate manila envelopes.

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How To Play:

Choose three boys and three girls to compete in this game. Hand each of them a manila envelope and instruct them not to open it until you say, “Go!” When you say, “Go,” the contestants can open the envelope and begin reassembling the front of their cereal box like a jigsaw puzzle.

The first team to fully reassemble their cereal box is the winner!



Bible Story

“A Lamb Saves The Day”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 4; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Genesis 22; have your open Bible as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Genesis, chapter 22. It is one amazing story in the Bible that teaches us all about how God can come through in impossible situations.

Abraham was a man who loved God very much. God spoke to Abraham (*show pic*) and said, “Abraham, I want you to sacrifice your son, Isaac, to me.” This was a shock to Abraham because Isaac was Abraham’s only son. To “sacrifice” him, Abraham would have to place Isaac on an altar and kill him with a knife. This was something that was usually done with lambs and sheep, not people. This was difficult for Abraham to hear. He loved his son, Isaac.



Abraham was in an impossible situation. If he sacrificed Isaac, he would be losing the only son he had. If he didn’t sacrifice Isaac, he would be disobeying God. Talk about an impossible situation.



Abraham obeyed God and took Isaac up a nearby mountain. (*show pic*) On the way up the mountain, Isaac noticed that there was no lamb with them. He asked Abraham, “Father, how are we going to perform a sacrifice without a lamb?” (*show pic*) Abraham told Isaac, “God will provide a lamb for the sacrifice.”



When they got to the top of the mountain, Abraham placed Isaac on the altar. Now, you have to understand, Abraham was over 100 years old at this point. Isaac was a young, strong man. If he wanted to, he could have run away or fought against his dad and won. Instead, Isaac obeyed. It wasn’t easy, but he obeyed his father and got up on the altar to be sacrificed.



(*show pic*) Abraham raised his knife in the air, ready to obey God and sacrifice his son. Suddenly, an angel called out to Abraham. (*show pic*) “Abraham, lay down the knife!” Abraham put the knife down. The angel told Abraham, “Because you have obeyed me, I will bless you richly.” Just then, Abraham looked over at a nearby bush. God provided a lamb caught in the bush—this became the sacrifice.

Even when it seemed impossible, God came through for Abraham in a big way. In your lesson today, you’re going to learn how God will do the same for you and me when we are facing impossible situations.



Call To Action

“Facing The Impossible”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; two small square blocks; one large bucket; a table; a stopwatch; Three child volunteers

Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Four,” begin with the slide titled “Facing The Impossible”; place the two blocks and the bucket on top of the table

The Message: *(title slide)*



Before we get started with the lesson, I need two people to come up and help me with something. *(pick two volunteers)* I have a challenge for you both. Let’s see who can accomplish it first. You each have thirty seconds to get one of these blocks from on top of the table and into the bucket. The challenge is, you can only use ONE index finger from ONE hand to get the block from the table to the bucket. The bucket can’t move! Ready? GO! *(Allow the contestants to try to accomplish this. They will try all kinds of ways to accomplish it such as pressing it against the bucket and moving it up, but will fail. After all, this is an “impossible” task. Allow them to sit down.)*

Wow! This task seemed impossible, huh? How in the world can someone get the block from the table to the bucket using only ONE finger? IMPOSSIBLE! That is probably what Abraham thought when God gave him the task of sacrificing his one and only son. He probably thought, “God, this is IMPOSSIBLE! How can you ask me to do such an impossible thing?” Here’s a truth that we all need to know...

Life Is Full Of Impossible Situations *(slide)*



There are many things in life that seem impossible for us. God said we are to love our enemies. That seems IMPOSSIBLE! God said we are to honor and obey our parents no matter what. That seems impossible, huh? Sometimes we have loved ones who are sick. It seems impossible for them to get well.

Life is full of impossible situations. They seem impossible to YOU and ME. But here is another important truth you need to remember...

God Is Greater Than Anything We Face *(slide)*



God is greater than sickness! That’s why it is not impossible for God to heal us when we are sick. God is greater than depression and sadness! That’s why it is possible for God to fill us with joy when we are sad.

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Call To Action (Continued)

God is greater than death! That’s why it is not impossible for God to raise the dead! It doesn’t matter what you face in life. God is greater than anything! Remember our Bible Story today? It seemed like Abraham was in an impossible situation. He was about to sacrifice his one and only son. He didn’t know how he and Isaac were going to make it out of that situation, but God made a way where there seemed to be no way! Here’s what you need to learn...

Trust God, And He Will Bring You Through *(slide)*



The great thing about facing life’s IMPOSSIBLE situations is that you don’t have to do it alone. Was Abraham alone on that mountaintop? No! God was there with him. God had a plan all along to take care of the sacrifice. Abraham believed that God was going to solve the problem. Remember, he told Isaac, “God will provide a lamb for the sacrifice.” That is exactly what God did. When Abraham gave his impossible situation to God, then God was able to do the impossible. By himself, it was impossible for Abraham. But with God, it was possible.

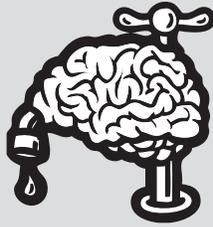
(Call a child up to help you. Prepare them ahead of time so that they know what to do.) Remember the “impossible task” I gave earlier? The task was to get the block from the table into the bucket using only one finger. By yourself, it is impossible. But watch this! I am going to represent God. When you decide to ask God for help with the impossible situation, watch what happens! *(Both you and the child should use only one finger, but work together. One of you take your index finger and press it against one of the blocks while the other person takes their index finger and pushes on the other block. Press the blocks against each other, keeping the pressure as each of you lift the blocks together and place them in the bucket. See picture provided.)* You see, by yourself the task is impossible. But when God is involved the impossible becomes possible!



God is able to do so many things that we think are impossible! Never doubt His power. Just trust in Him. He will never let you down! He can do the impossible! He provided the lamb for Abraham, and He will provide the answer for you!

Altar Response: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children who are facing impossible situations. Pray that God will provide the answer to their need just as He provided the lamb for Abraham.



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; The DVD

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson Four,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “When Your Baaaaaack’s Against The Wall, God Will Help Ewe!”

2. What animal did we learn from today?

Answer: Lamb

3. What did God tell Abraham to do?

Answer: Sacrifice His Son

4. Did Isaac fight with Abraham about being sacrificed?

Answer: No

5. Who called out to Abraham just before he lowered his knife?

Answer: An Angel

6. What did God provide for the sacrifice instead of Isaac?

Answer: A Lamb

7. According to our lesson today, “Life Is Full Of _____ Situations.”

Answer: Impossible

8. According to our lesson today, “God Is _____ Than Anything We Face.”

Answer: Greater

9. According to our lesson today, “_____ God, And He Will Bring You Through.”

Answer: Trust

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Luke 18:27

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