

Lesson 11 / February 14, 2010

# Mission: Impossible or Possible?

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## STEP 1

Lesson 11

### Focus:

We can have strong faith in Jesus.

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### Bible Basis:



Matthew 14:22-33

Students will learn that no matter the size of an obstacle, faith in Jesus can help get them through it.

#### Supplies needed:

- a computer with Internet access (optional)

Discuss:




-  Have you ever experienced an earthquake, or do you know someone who has? What was it like?
-  It's just been a bit more than a month since the terrible earthquake in Haiti. What do you think it's like there now?

In the days after the earthquake, we heard some amazing stories of rescues from collapsed buildings. One man named Wismund Exantus was pulled from underneath a grocery store 11 days after the earthquake. He said to pass the time he prayed, recited psalms, and slept. After he was rescued, he explained, "I wasn't afraid because I knew they were searching and would come for me. I would eat and drink anything I found . . . I drank Coca-Cola every day and ate some tiny little things. After the quake I didn't know when it was day and when it was night. It was God who was tucking me away in his arms. It gave me strength."

This man wasn't the only man who got his strength from his faith in God. Here's a short video about a woman named Jeanette who thanks God for her rescue. If your classroom does not have Internet access, watch the video before class so you can explain it to your students. To find the video, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-FIbD17zlo&feature=related>

Discuss:

-  How did Wismund and Jeanette's faith in God help them while they were waiting to be rescued?
-  How can our faith in God help us through difficult situations?
-  Do you know someone who has faced a life or death situation and relied on a strong faith in God to pull them through? If you are comfortable, please share your story.

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**Memory Verse**

I can do everything  
through him who gives  
me strength.  
—Philippians 4:13

We all face situations where we aren't strong enough to handle a problem by ourselves. Let's continue with today's lesson to see what happens when Peter needs to put his faith in Jesus in order to do something everyone thinks is impossible.

[Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your *Upper Elementary Teacher's Guide*; your Step 4 appears below.]

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Read more about the rescue of Wismund Exantus at:  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1245646/>

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## STEP 4

### Lesson 11 Focus:

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faith in Jesus.

### Lesson 11 Bible Basis:

Matthew 14:22-33

Students will watch a video by Casting Crowns and discuss how their faith in God can help them through the challenges that they are currently facing.

#### Supplies needed:

- a computer with Internet access (optional)
- a copy of the lyrics to the song, "The Voice of Truth" (optional)

In our day-to-day lives we rarely face a catastrophe such as an earthquake, but we still need the strength that comes from a strong faith in Jesus. Let's watch this video from the Christian rock group Casting Crowns. You can find the video for "The Voice of Truth," at:

[castingcrowns.com/?q=blogs/crowns-news/catch-crowns-video-huckabee-show](http://castingcrowns.com/?q=blogs/crowns-news/catch-crowns-video-huckabee-show)

If your classroom does not have Internet access, watch the video and explain it to your class. You can find the lyrics for "The Voice of Truth" at:

[christianlyricsonline.com/artists/casting-crowns/voice-of-truth.html](http://christianlyricsonline.com/artists/casting-crowns/voice-of-truth.html)

Discuss:

- 1 In what way did Casting Crown's lead singer Mark Hall need a strong faith in Jesus when he was your age?
- 2 Does it surprise you that Mark Hall had these challenges to deal with? Why or why not?
- 3 How can our memory verse help us face challenges that seem impossible?
- 4 In what ways could kids your age use some extra strength that comes with faith in Jesus?
- 5 Has there been a time in your life that you asked the Lord for strength? What happened?
- 6 What challenges do you, your friends, and family face in the week ahead, or the months ahead? Please share if you feel comfortable.

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**Memory Verse**

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We'll close today with a circle prayer. Let's go around the circle. When it's your turn, ask the Lord for help for you or someone else to have a strong faith in Jesus. If you don't want to pray, just tap the person next to you when it is your turn. I'll start and end the prayer.

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