

FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 1



Materials Needed: Candy cane inside a bag (not see through), paper, drawing utensils

Need to Know: God Can Do Anything

Bible Story: Mary's Good News (Luke 1:26-56)

CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

DO

- Without your family seeing, place a **candy cane** inside a **bag**.
- Show the bag to your family.
- Pass the bag and allow each family member to guess what is in the bag.
- Then take out the **candy cane** and show everyone what was in the bag.

SAY

At Christmas, we celebrate something only God could do, and today we need to know that God can do anything! Say this after me!

Elementary (ES)

God Can (point up)

Do Anything (two thumbs up)

Preschool (PS)

God (both hands point up)

Can Do (clap)

Anything (spread arms up and out)

WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

What was the name of the baby that God was going to give to Mary? (Jesus) What is so special about Jesus? (He is God's Son)

True or false: Mary believed that God could do anything? (True) That's right! The Bible says that Mary was blessed because she believed God could do anything!

(Show **candy cane** in the shape of a "J") This looks like a "J," and "J" is for "Jesus!" Anytime you see a candy cane, you can remember that God can do anything!

ASK your Preschooler:

Did God send an angel to tell Mary she would have a special party or a special baby? (Special baby)

Did the angel tell Mary this was something anyone could do or something only God could do? (Only God could do)

Did Mary and Elizabeth think God can do anything? (Yes) Yes! God can do anything!

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

From guessing pictures to praying together, we can learn God can do anything!

DO

Take turns drawing each of the following. After the image has been guessed, read the question and allow your family to respond.

- Cookies - Why does God want us to know He can do anything? God loves us and wants us to know we can ask Him to do anything for us!
- Sad Face - What makes you sad? If you're feeling sad, can you ask God to help you? (Yes) Let's practice asking God for help. (Pray together: "God, please help me!")
- Christmas present - If you saw a present with your name on it under the Christmas tree, would you want to open it? It may seem hard to wait until Christmas to open presents, but God wants to help us. There is nothing too hard for God because He can do anything!
- Glasses - If your mom asks you to bring her glasses to her, but you are busy playing, what should you do? (Get her glasses) That's right! It may seem hard to stop what you are playing and obey your mom, but God will help you. God can do anything, even help you obey right away!
- Book - When you're afraid of how something will turn out, what book can you read to remind you of all that God can do? (The Bible) Yes! The Bible is full of stories that remind us God can do anything!

SAY

God wants us to remember that He can do anything, even help us when things seem too hard to do! Say this after me:

Elementary (ES)

God Can (point up)

Do Anything (two thumbs up)

Preschool (PS)

God (both hands point up)

Can Do (clap)

Anything (spread arms up and out)

SAY

God can do anything, and that's why He sent Jesus to save us from all the wrong things we do. There's a verse we can remember that will help us say thank you to God for doing such a wonderful thing for us. Say it after me:

"Thanks be (wave hands in air)

to God (both hands point up)

for His gift (pretend to rock a baby)

that is too wonderful (wiggle fingers up high)

for words." (cup hands around mouth)

2 Corinthians 9:15 (make book with hands)

PRAY

Father God, thank You for sending Jesus to show us that You can do anything! Please help us always believe that! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!