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Your Sunday Funday
CYFM

Let Us Pray...

A logo for 'Pray BIG' featuring the word 'Pray' in a cursive font and 'BIG' in a bold, blocky font, centered on a white background with black vertical bars on either side.

Pray
BIG

Gott, der Sonntag gehört dir,
deinen Segen wünsch ich mir.
Lass mich deine  Wege gehn,
täglich deine Wunder sehn.
Amen.

Sunday in a quiet time,
bless this little life of mine.
In the wonder  each day,
let me live a holy way.
Amen.

Read or watch Jocelyn welcome us to this weeks adventure



Welcome to this week's Sunday Funday!

Last time we learned all about Adam and Eve, the first people, and that we are responsible for taking care of God's creation. We also talked about different ways we can do this, like planting, composting, making birdhouses, and even bug hotels. Caring for creation might seem like a really big task - in fact, you might call it another **Mission Impossible**. This week we find out that it is actually possible because God has our back! Hmm... how do we know that?

Well, remember when we talked about Noah, who had to build that ark for all the animals? It must have been hard to believe everything would be alright after the Earth flooded. But God made a promise to Noah that the flood would end, and it did! Nature was restored, and God even sent a rainbow to show Noah everything would be alright.

In today's lesson, we'll talk about another promise that God made that people thought was impossible - but, as we'll soon

learn, when God makes a promise he does the work, and we just have to believe!

Before we read and watch today's passages let me ask you...

Has anything happened that you thought was impossible?

How did you feel when it actually happened?

Let's each think about these things when you read or listen to today's story.

In your Spark Bible turn to page 34, did you find Bible Bug?
We call him Barnaby, what do you call him?

Genesis 18:11



I wonder...



I love today's story because today is Father's Day and this passage is about God's promise to make Abraham a father, the Father of Nations!!!

Remember when Jocelyn asked us before the story if anything has ever happened to you that seemed impossible?

What impossible promise did God make with Abram and Sarai?

How can we tell that Abraham and Sarah have been waiting a long time for God's promise of a big family to come true?

Hint: What colour is their hair?

How did Abram feel waiting until he was old and gray to be a dad?

How have you felt just waiting for playgrounds and schools to reopen?

Why did God change Abram and Sarai's names?

Hint: Abraham means father of a multitude and Sarah means mother of nations so this was God's way of showing he'd keep his promise.

Do you think Abraham and Sarah were worried about being parents?

How old were your parents when you were born?

Ask them how they feel about being parents.

What did the visitors say to Sarai and Abram?

How would you react if someone told you that you'd have a baby when you're 99?

Would you laugh as Sarah did?

Did God keep his promise?

What can we learn from this and our own stories about trusting God?

If God can bless Abraham and Sarah with the baby Isaac and a BIG family, what else do you think he can do?

What do you hope for your future?

Reflecting on that...



Hello friends, happy Father's Day, happy third Sunday of Pentecost, and happy Indigenous Peoples of Canada Day. There is a lot going on today here I am sitting beside this garden which I see a Mission Impossible turned Miracle. This week's welcome from Jocelyn, retelling from Solveig, and BIG questions from Marlena got me thinking. We heard about Abram and Sarai who became parents called Abraham and

Sarah and their mission impossible. Our friend Jocelyn noticed it sounds a lot like Noah and his family and their BIG journey. Sailing and sailing for days waiting... waiting... and even more waiting, are you good at waiting? I am NOT! Both families had big adventures and did BIG things because a parent listened to God, trusted God's promise, and trusted each other, even if they laughed about it first. Each family looked different, they lived in different areas, but they were all people of action. Remember when we talked about action without understanding? We said action without understanding = faith. Those families went out in faith and God followed through on his promises, as Jocelyn said, God has got our backs.

Marlena asked us have we ever done something or seen something we thought was impossible? Well, have you? When I hear these stories from our history I think of when my father came home and said we're moving to Pakistan!

The reality was likely that my parents had spent a lot of time talking to each other, thinking about what was best for all of us, and what this BIG journey could mean for us. It might have sounded crazy or impossible to others but we did it! Just like Abram and Noah's experiences, in our house and community, there was likely some doubt but there was a lot of trust, a lot of faith, and a lot of love. Can you imagine Noah walking into his house and saying, "I know it looks dry and dusty but there's going to be a flood so let's build an ark", or maybe our friend Dan walked in and said "Jocelyn this is how to plant those beans", maybe your mom came home and said, "Let's pack girls, we're moving to New Zealand!" The stories we heard the past few weeks, my story, your stories helped me to realize that when we put our trust in the people that God puts in our lives we can do BIG things. God sees a trusting faithful heart and thinks they're ready for something big, what's your next something big? I want you to think about that this week but your big call to action is to find a way to show the people you

love and trust just how thankful you are for them. I am going to show my thanks by asking for help, to some people that is like a gift. You know I want this garden to be great, not because I love kale, you know I don't. I want it to be great so I can share the food I grow. That is a way of sharing my gifts, skills, and talents as a good steward. We know sharing = Caring. So I am going to ask my Father and Grandmother, who I love and trust, for advice. They might not ever see this garden but they will figure out Zoom and move heaven and earth to make this garden a success because it is important to me and I am important to them. That's why I pray so often, I know that what is important to me is important to God, because I am important to him, and so are YOU!

Keep us updated on your planting projects so we can share.

We also have a prize for the first person to guess the mystery seed, so send us your guess.



Parents and guardians, we would like your permission to make a collage of the pictures you send us, we will publish it on our social media accounts



As We Prepare to Say Goodbye For this week let's...

And Pray Our Goodbye Prayer

INDEX FINGER
FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US
For those who instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.

MIDDLE FINGER
FOR OUR GOVERNORS
As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.

RING FINGER
FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST
It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.

THE THUMB
FOR THE ONES WE LOVE
Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.

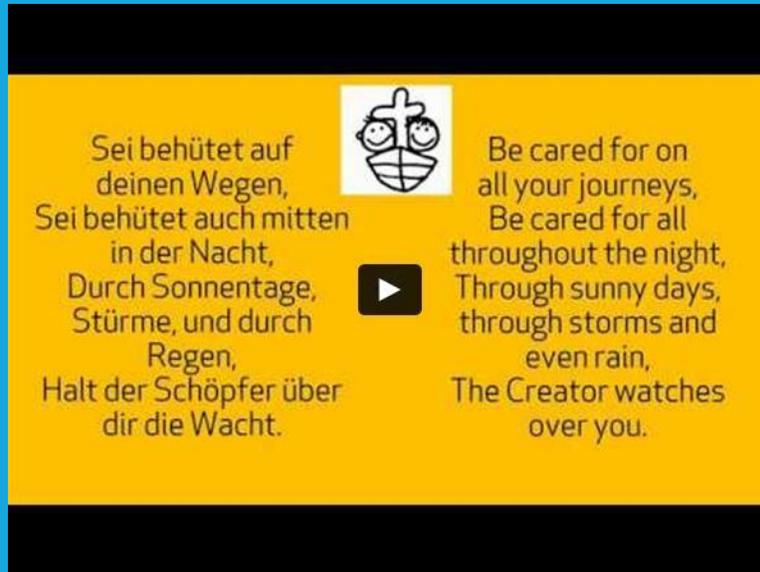
THE PINKY
PRAY FOR YOURSELF
The smallest finger should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups.

THE 5 FINGER PRAYER
BY POPE FRANCIS

SOURCE:
CATHOLIC.ORG - POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER
<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3396>

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Sing Our Goodbye Song



Sei behütet auf
deinen Wegen,
Sei behütet auch mitten
in der Nacht,
Durch Sonnentage,
Stürme, und durch
Regen,
Halt der Schöpfer über
dir die Wacht.

Be cared for on
all your journeys,
Be cared for all
throughout the night,
Through sunny days,
through storms and
even rain,
The Creator watches
over you.

Super Steward Resource Guide:

For video tutorials on each of the projects discussed and others enjoy the following playlist curated by your Children's, Youth, and Family Ministry Team.

Sunday Funday Super Steward Projects

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIjEQnirqCMMKgPXc27OrE0SQUrBQNaIR>