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HEAVEN ON MY MIND
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Song:

CAMPFIRE (THAT VERY LOVE)

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Playlist

This song is featured on “The Linc: Difficulties; Trials” Spotify playlist – which is the perfect way to remind your students what you’ve taught them in this session. To share it with them, click the live link on the web version of this study.

Themes

Difficulties; Trials, God’s Plan, Righteousness

Objective

Students will learn concepts and strategies to help them flourish, even in impossible situations.

Warm Up

That’s Impossible! – Use a Pringles can as the goal and set it up somewhere in the room. Ensure the rules are clear before you begin (i.e., will you allow it if the ball bounces out or if the can gets knocked over?). I recommend using a regular-sized wiffleball because it is just slightly smaller than the Pringles can. Challenge your students to stand at a specified distance and try to make the shot (play *Mission Impossible* music if you have it). The shot is possible, but certainly not easy. You could turn this into a weekly challenge and offer a nice prize (like a scholarship to camp) to the ultimate champion.

Transition

We frequently encounter situations where maintaining our faith and staying true to God can feel impossible. In this session, we will explore concepts and strategies that will help us thrive, even in seemingly hopeless circumstances.

The Song

TobyMac’s song “Campfire (That Very Love)” offers encouragement when life is anything but positive. Urge students to complete the missing lyrics on their Student Guide as they listen.

Play “Campfire (That Very Love)” by TobyMac.

Here are the missing lyrics: *sleeping, deep, alone, praying, change, He’ll, way, rising, huddle, around, need, fail, mountain, undone, passing, holding*

Bible Study

This study focuses on **Daniel 1**, where Daniel and his three friends were among around 150 young teenagers captured, deported to the enemy’s capital, and forced into a training program designed to erase their Jewish identity and convert them into government officials for the enemy empire.

Life’s Not Fair
Read **Daniel 1:1-7**

- What are some unfair or difficult situations you’ve faced? How did you respond?
- When you feel like God is distant, how can you remind yourself that He is still present?

- The phrase “God gave” shows up repeatedly in this chapter. How does recognizing God’s presence in hardships change our perspective?

You Don’t Have to Sin
Read **Daniel 1:8-14**

- Have you ever felt pressured to compromise your faith? How did you handle it?
- What strategies can you use when facing temptation? (Share **1 Corinthians 10:13**)
- Why is obedience to God sometimes difficult in the moment but always worth it in the long run?

God Will Come Through
Read **Daniel 1:15-21**

- How did God work in Daniel and his friends’ lives because of their obedience?
- What does this teach us about trusting God in uncertain situations?
- In what ways do you see God working in your own life, even when things seem difficult?

Read **Philippians 4:6-7**

- What are some things you tend to worry about?
- How can bringing our fears to God in prayer help us experience peace?
- How does trusting in God’s plan bring confidence even in difficult situations?

Wrap Up

Finish by quoting from the song: *“You’ve been knocked down ‘til you can’t find the sun, and we been praying for God to change His mind. I have seen Him give and take, and we don’t know what He’ll do – but even if that mountain doesn’t move, God’s already made a way for you.”*

God doesn’t promise that every situation will go the way we want, but He does promise that He is in control. Like Daniel and his friends, we may not always understand what God is doing, but we can trust that He is faithful, present, and working all things for good.

Challenge: This week, identify one “impossible” situation in your life and surrender it to God in prayer. Trust Him to work through it, even if you don’t see the answer right away.

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