

## Got Fruit? Faithfulness

Ready (*Plant the seed*)

For with God, nothing shall be impossible. –Luke 1:37

Set (*Get the conversation started*)

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” –Hebrews 11:1. Faith is knowing God’s word is true and trusting him with your whole heart. One of the greatest stories of faith in the Bible is David versus Goliath. 1 Samuel 18:45-46 says, “David said to the Philistine, ‘You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty...This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands and I’ll strike you down...’” David struck down Goliath with a sling and a stone. How brave was he! He had incredible faith which gave him the confidence to do what none of the other soldiers would do. He didn’t give up because he knew God was with him.

A confident athlete is a successful player. True confidence comes from knowing that God is always with you. When you are out on the field and you’ve shot the soccer ball multiple times missing the goal or you’ve caught the football and you make a run for it as fast as you can only to be tackled short of the end zone yet again; you can feel like giving up. When you accept Jesus as your savior and the Holy Spirit dwells within you, you begin to grow faithfully. It is this faith that gives you the confidence you need to get up over and over again knowing that He will give you the strength you need to continue. Success comes through perseverance.

Grow (*Talk it over*)

-Can you share a time that you gave up when it was too difficult? What could have happened if you had chosen to honor God by trying again faithfully?

-How does God’s faithfulness empower you to try again?

-What can we do to grow our faithfulness?

Pray

Father God, You are all powerful and with you we know that nothing is impossible. Sometimes, though, we feel like giving up when life gets hard. Please strengthen us and grow our spirit of faithfulness. We know that through our faith, we will persevere just like David did against Goliath. In Jesus name, Amen.

Overtime (*Optional object lesson as time permits—Walk through paper trick.*)

Materials needed: Attached directions, piece of paper, scissors

Note: Once cut properly, the paper will open up into a huge ring that a player can essentially “walk through”.

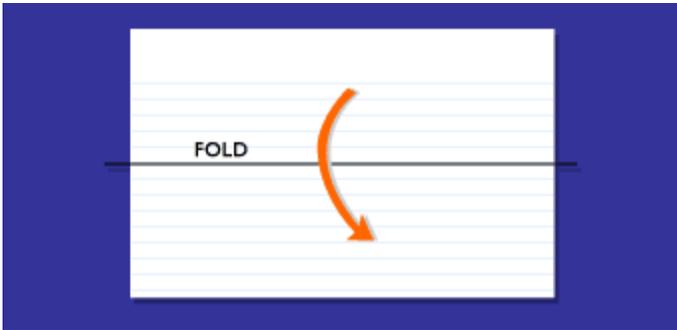
-Hold up the piece of paper to show the players the whole sheet.

-Say: *How many of you could walk through this paper? No? Seems impossible, right? What did Luke say again? That’s right, nothing is impossible with God! We just have to trust Him even when we don’t see way.*

-Make your cuts & open it up. Have a player walk through the hole.

-Say: *I knew we could do it! I had faith! Did you?*

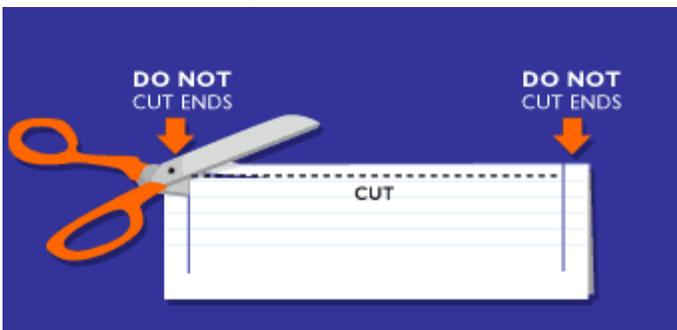
Fold the index card in half, the long way.



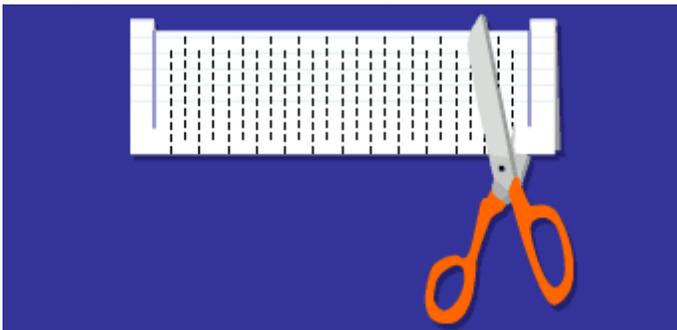
Cut two slits near the right and left edges of the card, each perpendicular to the fold. The cuts must come down from the folded half, not up from the unfolded edges. Be sure not to snip off the ends of the paper.



Cut off the folded edge from slit to slit.



Then, make about 40 cuts with your scissors. Alternate each cut, first coming down from the folded edge, and then coming up from the unfolded edges. The cuts should be parallel to the first slits you made.



Finally, open up the hole in the card. It should unfold kind of like an accordion. If you did it right, the hole is big enough for you to squeeze through!