

Emperor Constantine

God Makes the Impossible, Possible.

Activity:

Write down what you think is nearly impossible to achieve on paper. Then, break up into groups of 3-4 and share. After a few minutes, after everyone sees what your nearly-impossible task is, rip them up.

The Life of Emperor Constantine:

Christians were heavily persecuted in Rome at the time. When Constantine became emperor, there was a fight for the Roman Empire. As he led his army to battle one day, legend has it that he saw a light in the shape of a cross in the sky. Another version of the legend says he saw a small meteor crash into the earth. Regardless, that evening, he was told in a dream that if he “conquered with that sign”, he will win the battle. He commanded his soldiers to paint the cross on every shield. The next day, his victory was decisive. To give you an idea of how decisive it was, Constantine has 20,000 soldiers against the enemy’s 100,000.

Much later, as emperor he was supposed to give a ritual offering to the Roman gods. He walked to the temple and simply shouted that there is only one God. Eventually, he had the Edict of Milan (which has penalties for being Christian) revoked.

Scripture and Lesson:

Acts 1:8

God calls us to be messengers of His Word. In the times of the apostles, this would’ve been nearly mission impossible. However, without their courage and faith, we would not be Christians today.

Sometimes, it’s hard for us to share or even live out the Gospel among our friends. We may even get in trouble for this. However, God calls us to stand our ground and put our faith in Him.

Key Lesson: **God makes the impossible, possible.**