



WEEK ONE

**MOLLY PICKENS
& THE RAINY DAY CASTLE**

NEW FRIENDS

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH
HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME"
PHILIPPIANS 4:13 NIV

LARGE GROUP

STRENGTH IS BEING ABLE TO DO THE
RIGHT THING EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT
BE SCARY OR SEEM IMPOSSIBLE.

How to prepare before large group:
Recruit hosts, and rehearse the script.

Gather props:
little girl's shoes
two socks of different colors for Host 2

Play upbeat music as the children enter.

Have praise and worship. (Play 2 of your favorite praise songs.)

Play Week 1 Video.

The video ends, and the hosts enter the stage.

HOST 1

So it appears we are going to have a pretty big adventure on our hands, huh? We must help Molly save the Fantastic World! By raising your hand as high as you possibly can, who would like to be in Molly's shoes?

Host 2 is eagerly waving his or her hand.

HOST 2

I would love to be in Molly's shoes, but I must say I have tried for a good bit now and I can't seem to get my feet in these things.

Host 2 pulls out a pair of little girl shoes.

HOST 2

I've tried grease, butter, sand...

Host 1 is astounded with the efforts of Host 2.

HOST 1

Sand?...I didn't mean literally try to fit in her shoes.

HOST 2

Oh...

HOST 1

I mean, who would like to go on an adventure? Could you imagine finding a really cool old box and being transported to a crazy world filled with funny clocks and talking cacti? *(The children may respond positively or negatively; it doesn't matter.)*

HOST 2

I have to admit that I would be pretty nervous at first. Come on...there is a talking cactus? However, I've had my mother's beef casserole; and I can promise you there is nothing weirder than that, something unnatural about it...

HOST 1

Anyways, I know I would be nervous! I mean, what is up with Rainy Day anyway? Why, do you think, is she not nice

at ALL? And on top of everything, the fate of the Fantastic World now rests in Molly's hands.

HOST 2

I have trouble deciding what color socks to wear. *(Lifts up his or her pants, and the socks are different colors.)* Imagine how much strength you would need to save a world.

HOST 1

Molly is definitely going to need God's help on this. Remember the verse she recites, Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (*Say the verse again for children; put the graphic on the screen.*)

Jesus' story is similar to Molly's but on a much greater level. Jesus came to save our world, the real world! Imagine how much strength that took. How does he do it?...Jesus uses love!

HOST 2

All you need is love.

HOST 1

Love is all you need. Well, just like Molly is learning how to save the Fantastic World, we are going to learn how God sent Jesus to come our world. So over the next few weeks, we are not only going to follow Molly's adventure...

HOST 2

Assuming she chooses to go back. (*Winks.*)

HOST 1

...but also Jesus' adventure, a real-life story of miracles, sacrifice, betrayal, bad guys, good guys, and everything in between!

HOST 2

All right! (*Tries to sing the Indiana Jones theme song.*) Dum dum dum dum, da da da...

HOST 1

Stop that.

HOST 2

OK.

HOST 1

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." So, who is going to find the strength to come back next week to continue on this adventure?

Start pumping up the kids. It's time for them to get excited about the adventure they are about to embark on. Do the next lines with a slow buildup, starting quietly and getting loud.

HOST 1

(Very quietly) So, are you ready for an adventure? *(Wait for the kids to respond.)*

HOST 2

(Louder) I'm sorry, my hearing must be going. I said, "Are you ready for an adventure?" *(Wait for the kids to respond.)*

HOST 1

I'm just not convinced! Let's do it together this time, *(name of host)*, on the count of 3.

HOST 2

OK. I agree. Wait, are we doing it on 3, or on 4? 'Cause this is important.

HOST 1

On 3. Let's just do this, already!

HOST 1 AND 2 TOGETHER

Are you ready for an adventure?!!! *(Wait for the kids to respond.)*

HOST 1

Now, that's what I am talking about! Let's take that energy and sing some praise songs!

Have praise and worship.

Have prayer.

Dismiss the children to small groups.