**Wrapping Paper**

Don’t judge God’s abilities on what seems possible to the world.

**Prep**

Inside a big box put a brick or something else worthless and wrap it really beautifully. Then inside a small box put a candy bar or a $5 bill and wrap it as ugly as you can.

**Demonstration**

Call up 2 volunteers and let one choose which present they want to open and keep. Then have the class raise their hands to vote which present they would have picked.

Let the first volunteer open the present they chose and then let the second volunteer open the other present.

**Object Lesson**

“Wrapping paper is an interesting thing. It can be beautiful or ugly, expensive or cheap. But in the end, it doesn't tell us anything about what is inside it, and we just throw it in the trash.

A present may be wrapped beautifully, but inside is just a pair of socks. Or a present may be wrapped with really ugly brown paper and actually be something really cool.

Wrapping paper reminds us of why we don't judge a situation by what we see.

Many times in the Bible things looked a certain way, but God had a very different plan.

The Bible tells us that one time Jesus was teaching thousands of people for a few days and during that time they had not eaten. So Jesus wanted to feed all the people, but it didn’t look like that was possible. The only food available was a little boy’s lunch of five pieces of bread and two fish.

But, no matter how situations may look outwardly Jesus is able to do anything. He took that little food, thanked God for it and passed it out to the people. In the end, there was enough food for all 5,000 men who were there and all the women and children as well. Not only was there enough, but when they picked up the leftovers there were 12 baskets full of food!”

**Wrap Up**

“You may go through situations that may seem impossible. You may wonder why God has you in a certain place or going through a certain circumstance. But it’s important to not be discouraged by the situation you see but know that God can do anything no matter how things look on the outside!”