

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



Prayer Moving Mountains

- Best for High School ages •

Main Point: If you pray for God to move a mountain, don't be surprised when He hands you a shovel. That is, oftentimes God has a part for us to play as He responds to our requests.

Suggested Bible Passages:

"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

Mark 11:23, *NIV*.

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20, *NIV*.

Instructions: When speaking on the topic of prayer, add one or both of the Scriptures above to your message. Then show your listeners a garden shovel. Say something like this: "If you pray for God to move a mountain, don't be surprised when God hands you a shovel!" Explain that while there are prayers that can only be answered by a miracle from God, many times there are parts we can play as God answers our prayer. A simple example would be praying that an unchurched friend would join the youth group; could you and a couple of pals pick the person up at home?

As the teacher, think of a time God moved a mountain in your life or perhaps in your church. Tell that story.

High School students tend to respond well to challenges; now would be a good time to present an area of service that your group could prayerfully commit to.

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video: <https://youtu.be/qxmf-USIQAU>

Activity Page: Boulders and Shovels. See the next page for details.

Discussion and Activity Ideas:

- Have your group discuss service projects for the church or community. Lead in prayer and sign kids up.
- Have each student write a prayer request on a card, anonymously. Collect, then distribute the cards randomly for a time of prayer.
- Purchase a brand new shovel with a light-colored handle that can be written on with markers. Kids volunteer to pray and get involved in whatever service project you have, and they sign the shovel as their commitment.
- If this object lesson is part of an event featuring fun games, here's an idea: Have teams compete by rolling tennis balls to knock over "prayer mountains" made of stacked paper cups.

Boulders & Shovels

for TWO PLAYERS

If you pray for God to move a mountain, don't be surprised when He hands you a shovel! In other words, sometimes God expects and welcomes our involvement as He gets that problem mountain out of the way.

Try our version of the famous game called **Connect Four**. One player wants to get **four boulders** in a row, the other is trying to get **four shovels** in a row. Put a letter **B** in a circle to make it a boulder. Put a letter **S** in a circle to make it a shovel. The winning row can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal, but not bent.

Like Connect Four you must **start at the bottom row** and work up, like gravity.

