



EXPLORERS ACTIVITY GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

INTRODUCTION

We end the month in **Acts 8:26-40**, and discover a Jesus follower named Philip. An angel told Philip to travel toward the desert. On the way, Philip met an Ethiopian official who was reading the Jewish Scriptures. He had questions and asked Philip. Philip answered the man’s question and pointed him to Jesus. The official put his faith in Jesus and was baptized.

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BIBLE STORY

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia — Acts 8:26 - 40

MEMORY VERSE

“Let us not become tired of doing what good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.” — Galatians 6:9 NIV

LIFE APP

Determination — Deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when you have questions.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

UNSTUCK

DON'T GIVE UP

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Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us live with determination.

First, watch this video:

<https://bit.ly/KidsUnstuckWeek5>

Then follow up with the activity below!

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ACTIVITY: Hopscotch Holdup

WHAT YOU NEED:

Construction paper, tape, marker, a die (from a board game)

WHAT YOU DO:

Create a six-to-12-space hopscotch path with construction paper. If possible, use tape to secure the pages to the floor. Draw a question mark on three or four of the pages. Let someone roll the die, which will tell them how many spaces they should hop. (The spots with two squares next to each other count as two spaces.) Whenever someone lands on a “?” spot, ask them a story review question from the list below. Continue rolling the die until you reach the end of the path. Then it’s the next person’s turn. If you run out of questions, repeat them, or ask the person whose turn it is to name a situation in which it’s hard to have determination.

Talk about the Bible story:

- Who appeared to Philip while he was telling people about Jesus? (an angel of the Lord)
- What did the angel tell Philip to do? (to leave and go to the desert road that led to Gaza)
- Who did Philip meet while he was traveling on the desert road? (an Ethiopian official)
- What was the man doing? (he had traveled to worship God in the temple and was trying to read Scripture)
- What did God tell Philip to do? (go to the chariot)
- What did Philip do after he realized the Ethiopian official needed help understanding the Scripture? (he told the man about Jesus)
- What did the Ethiopian official decide to do after learning all about Jesus? (he got baptized)
- What happened to Philip after the man was baptized? (God’s Spirit took him away so he could continue telling people about Jesus)

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight:

“Dear God, it’s so cool to know that we can keep going even when we have questions. If there’s something we don’t understand, we can ask—just like the Ethiopian official did in the story. Thank You that no question is too big or too small for You. Thank You for always being with us—even when we can’t see the full picture of what’s happening in our life. Help us trust You no matter what. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

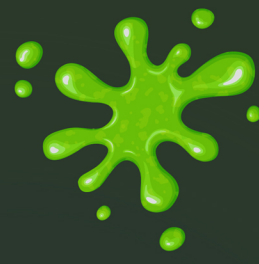
- Why is it important to ask questions?
- What happens if we don't understand and we don't ask questions?
- When is it hard to ask questions?
- Are there questions that have no answers? Encourage your kids to think of examples.

QUESTIONS?

Contact us with any questions you have about this activity guide. Please note, we can best support you during the week (Monday thru Friday). No question is too big or too small. We're here to help! With love, Elisa Booker and Danielle Swink.

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DETERMINATION

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WEEK
Five
2nd-3rd Grade

Read Romans 15:4

DAY 1

Do you know why the Bible is important?

Maybe that's a question you've never really thought about. The Bible isn't just another book that tells us about events of the past. The Bible is God's word to us. When we read it, just like you're reading it today, it can help, teach, comfort and guide. When you have questions about God, the Bible is the best place to go for answers.

We all have questions for God. Some questions might seem silly (like "why are there mosquitoes?") and some are more serious (like "why is my grandmother sick?") Questions aren't bad! That's how we learn. Don't be afraid to ask questions, to search the Bible for answers and to talk to other people who love and follow God too. This week, if you find yourself wanting to give up, read this verse. Thank God for His word. And remember, you can keep going, even when you have questions.

Read Acts 17:24-26

DAY 2

Do you have a friend that doesn't go to church? If you wanted to tell that friend about God, where would you start?

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks from today's verses.

God made the _____.

He made _____ in it.

He is the _____ of heaven and earth.

He doesn't _____ in temples built by human hands.

He doesn't need _____.

He himself gives life and breath to all _____.

From one man, he _____ all the people of the world.

He decided exactly _____ they should live.

He decided exactly _____ they should live.

anything
made
when
everything
Lord
people
live
world
where

We learn a ton about God from these verses! And while these words don't answer every single question about God, they tell us quite a bit about who He is. We all have questions about God. Questions help us learn and grow. But even with our questions, we can still trust God. And just like Paul did in these verses, you can tell others what you know about God too. Remember, you can keep going with determination even if you have questions.

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

DAY 3

Do you know how your Mom's car works?

Can you take apart a washing machine and put it back together?

When you turn on your TV, do you understand how the images appear on the screen?

You put your trust in stuff every day without completely understanding how it works. The same is true in our relationship with God. You might be tempted to give up, to quit living the way God wants you to live when things happen that you don't understand.

But trust means that you choose to believe, even with all your questions, that God is good and that He loves you. Even when things don't make sense or when you have questions you can't answer, you can still trust God and obey what He's asked of you.

Pick one thing in your house that you depend on but maybe don't completely understand (like your washing machine or refrigerator). Write out the words of today's verse on a notecard and tape it to that item. Ask God to help you continue to obey Him, to keep going, to keep trusting, even when you have questions.

Read Joshua 1:7

DAY 4

Do you know what the word "distraction" means? A distraction is something that takes your focus off the task in front of you. What are some things that distract you or keep you from finishing your homework? Write your answers below.

It's easy to get distracted and let other things get in the way when we're trying to get something done. When we stay focused, not looking to the right or to the left, we have a better chance of limiting the distractions around us.

What are some things that keep you from doing what God wants you to do? What are some things that often distract you or get you off track?

When it comes to determination, focus is super important. When you look ahead and keep going, not looking to the right or to the left, it's much easier to finish what you start. As you pray today, ask God to help you stay focused so that you can finish with determination. He will help you be strong and brave as you follow Him.



KEEP GOING
even when you have questions.



WEEK FIVE

PHILIP AND THE MAN FROM ETHIOPIA • ACTS 8:26-40



SAY THIS:

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YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

REMEMBER
THIS:

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of doing good. At the right
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GALATIANS 6:9, NIV



DO THIS:



Sometimes life can feel pretty confusing. The awesome thing is that God knows everything, and He wants to give you what you need to keep going, whether it's wisdom for a decision or an answer to a tough question. He will send the answers we need at the right time. Pray that God would give you peace and the power to keep going, even when you have a lot of questions.

DETERMINATION:

DECIDING IT'S WORTH IT TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED

CELEBRATE YOUR FAMILY WINS

By Holly Crawshaw

You and your family have made it to the end of another school year. Regardless of your school situation, it feels like an achievement for all of you, doesn't it?

It's a big deal! And it's definitely something worth celebrating. Before you fully dive into summer, get a date on the calendar to gather your family together to talk about all the awesome things that happened this school year.

Below are some suggestions for what this celebration could look like:

- Make the celebration a little more enticing by offering everyone's favorite snack. Cupcakes usually draw a crowd!
- Consider adding some decorations if you're celebrating at home—a few streamers, some noise makers, and if you're extra brave, some silly string.
- Prepare some fun awards beforehand. You can even print out certificates or buy objects that represent the award. For example, "The No Cavities Award" could get a new toothbrush. Or the "New Bike Rider Award" could get a bike horn.
- Start the celebration with your fun awards. Take time to share funny stories that go with the awards. End by taking a family selfie with your awards.
- Talk about your family wins by asking and answering the following questions.

Keep track of the answers. You may want them later.

- What's one new thing you learned?
- What's one new skill you gained?
- What's an area you improved in?
- What's one way you grew in character?
- What's one way you grew in your faith?
- What's one thing you're really proud of from this school year?
- What's your favorite friend-related memory?
- What's your favorite family-related memory?
- What are some things we could do next school year to make it even better than this last one?

Record some of the family-related answers in a creative way. Maybe on a chalkboard, a whiteboard, poster, cardstock—whatever you have on-hand. Post this in a central location so you can celebrate the wins all summer long.

After you're finished with your questions, give each family member a sincere compliment, telling them some of the wins you've noticed. End your time together by spending a few minutes in prayer, thanking God for the past year, and praying for an awesome, safe, and connected summer.



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