



INTRODUCTION

In week two, head to **Acts 2:1-41** and find out how the disciples would have the strength to keep going and tell the world about Jesus. As the disciples were gathered together, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them to preach with boldness. Peter preached the message of his life, and over 3,000 people put their faith in Jesus.

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BIBLE STORY

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost — Acts 2: 1-41

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

God gives you what you need to keep going.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

UNSTUCK

DON'T GIVE UP

Parent Cue • Preteen • Week of May 10th



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

First, watch this video:

<https://bit.ly/PreteenUnstuckWeek2>

Then follow up with the activity below!

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Galatians 6:9, NIV

LIFE APP DETERMINATION:

Deciding
it’s worth it to finish
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BIBLE STORY

The Holy Spirit Comes
at Pentecost
(Acts 2:1-41)

KEY QUESTION

What helps you keep going?

ACTIVITY: True/False Race

WHAT YOU NEED:

Two sheets of paper, tape

WHAT YOU DO:

Write a giant “T” on one sheet of paper and a giant “F” on the other. Tape the papers to the wall or place them on the floor, as far apart as possible (but still in the same room!). Read the true/false statements below, one at a time. Challenge your kid to quickly decide if the statement is true or false—and then, as quickly as possible, slap the corresponding paper. If you have three or more people who can participate, you can make this a competition. Otherwise, make it a goal just to get to the correct paper as fast as possible.

True/False Statements:

All of the believers gathered for the day of Pentecost. True or false? (True)

Days before Pentecost, Jesus gave the believers a huge job that seemed impossible to complete. True or false? (True)

A sound came from heaven; it was like a strong wind blowing, and the believers saw a light bulb rest on each of them. True or false? (False; it looked like fire in the shape of tongues)

The believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to floss dance in front of a crowd of people. True or false? (False)

Bonus: What did the believers begin to do when they were filled with the Holy Spirit? (speak in languages they didn’t know)

After receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke boldly to the crowd about Jesus. True or false? (True)

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit will give us whatever we want. True or false? (False)

Talk about the Bible story:

o What was the task that Jesus gave to the disciples right before He was taken up to heaven? (Hint: See Matthew 28:16-20.) (To tell everyone about Him; to spread the word all over the world)

o Why would the disciples need determination to spread the word about Jesus? (Because there are a lot of people in the world; they didn’t speak the same language as everyone in other countries)

o In the story, what did the Holy Spirit give Peter? (determination, boldness to speak, the words to say)

o Ask about some frustrating situations your family has recently experienced—and talk about how you can keep going instead of giving up.

o What’s something you can do this week when you feel like giving up, or when you’re super-frustrated with our current circumstances?

PRAYER

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

“Dear God, when something is really hard and we want to give up, please give us what we need to keep going. We know that there’s a lot we can’t do on our own, but You want to help us have determination. When we get discouraged, please encourage us with Your Spirit. And when the people we love get discouraged, help us to know how to encourage them to keep going, too. Thank You that You’ve never and WILL never give up on us! In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Encourage your kids to share about a time they wanted to give up but they didn't. What helped them keep going?

- *But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26, NIV)*
 - We often talk about how God is with us, but this verse really hammers it home. God is with us via His Holy Spirit; He sent something specific to help us.

 - How does it feel to know that God is with you in a specific and intentional way?

 - What can you do to remember this verse and let it encourage you when you get worn out?

- What current situation are you in right now that you need to access some determination for?

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



Day 5

Pick a spot where you can draw something—a place you'll see often throughout your day. It could be using a dry erase marker on your bedroom mirror, a piece of paper stuck to your fridge, or even a washable marker on the back of your hand.

Now, draw a fire, the flames bold and bright.

Every time you see this fire, remember that you are not alone. Just as Jesus sent the Holy Spirit like tongues of a fire to equip His disciples to the task He called them to, He has given you everything you need to accomplish His will too.

Anytime things seem impossible, focus on the flames and ask God to show you how He is with you, empowering you, and giving you what you need to keep going. Then do it. Just keep going and finish what you've started.

Day 1

Go to [Studio252.tv](https://www.studio252.tv) and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

Day 2

Read Acts 2:1-6, 36-41

As you read Acts 2:1-6, imagine each event unfolding.

You're hanging out with your friends, celebrating what God has done.

A loud sound enters the room. It sounds like a strong wind, but in no time, it fills the entire house with the sound.

Then something that looks like fire appears on the heads of your friends. Wait, do I have one too? What IS this?

You begin to speak in a language you've never once studied. But how? And why?

But then suddenly, you know. This was the gift Jesus had promised He would send after He went back to be with God. This is what He is sending you so you can do what seemed impossible: tell the world about Him.

Now read Acts 2:36-41 to see what Peter and the disciples were able to do through the power of the Holy Spirit!

And here's the best part: we too receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we put our trust in Jesus. It doesn't look the same as when the disciples received the gift for the first time (don't worry—no fire involved!), but it still means that you've got all the power with the Holy Spirit's help to accomplish whatever seemingly impossible task God has given you!

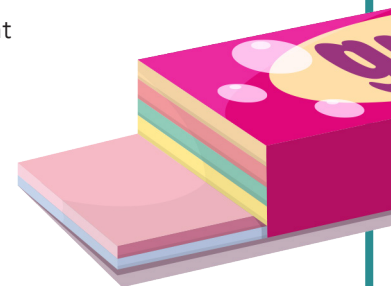
Day 3

Talk to God about something you're facing right now that seems impossible. As you pray, walk around either outside in your backyard or even just inside your room. Don't stop moving the entire time you're praying.

Tell God:

- **What you're facing that seems impossible**
- **Why it seems impossible**
- **How you feel about it**
- **How you need His help to keep going**

Lastly, end your prayer by thanking God for His presence and His power. When you're done praying, you can stop walking. But even after you stop walking, keep going toward what seems impossible, and remember God will give you what you need to keep going.



Day 4

Who is the most determined person you know? Maybe it's someone who has accomplished some things that seem impossible to you. Or maybe they've had to overcome some really hard obstacles in their life, but they've never given up.

Reach out to that person today and ask them what helps them keep going no matter what—how do they keep working, moving toward their goal? Is what helps them keep going something that you can use on your journey toward your own seemingly impossible goal?



WEEK TWO

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AT PENTECOST • ACTS 2:1-41



ASK THIS:

WHAT HELPS YOU
KEEP GOING?



REMEMBER THIS:

"Let us not become tired
of doing good. At the right
time we will gather a crop
if we don't give up."
GALATIANS 6:9, NIV



DO THIS:



Q & A for kids: What is something
you're doing now that you're
having a hard time finishing?
Q & A for parents: What is
something that you started and
finished that changed your life?
How would your life be different
if you hadn't seen it through?

DETERMINATION:

DECIDING IT'S WORTH IT TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED

EVERY MOTHER IS A WOMAN OF VALOR

By Sarah Anderson

"Thank you for making this dinner! But I think I like Dad's spaghetti better." It was so close to being a compliment, but I'll take it. My five-year-old was right. I put forth a good effort, but his dad is the better cook. Mothering can feel like this at times. Like you are just close enough to getting it, only you just didn't make the cut. You want to be the best. But these days you'll just settle for someone noticing your effort. "Thanks for trying, but . . ."

Mother's Day can feel like the day to celebrate the golden standard of mothering, leaving you to hope others don't get close enough to see how insecure parenting really makes you feel. I get it. But I'm starting to think on days like Mother's Day, or any day we feel inadequate, the last thing we should be doing is worrying over everything we're not.

Proverbs 31 is famous for the picture it paints of the ideal woman. It's today's domestic superhero. The wife of noble character it describes is nothing short of intimidating—getting up before dawn, making her family's clothes, and conducting lucrative business with her handiwork. It's a beautiful picture, but sounds so daunting.

The Hebrew words used to describe this elusive woman are *eschet chayil*, directly translating to "woman of valor."

But interestingly, this doesn't imply something women should aim for. **It asserts we've already accomplished it.**

These words are celebratory, meant to be a blessing, spoken over the valorous women in our lives. It isn't, "Next week, work a little harder on making your own bread." It's, "You love our family well—you are a woman of valor! *Eshet chayil!*"

Sure, we may miss the mark sometimes. **But there are a million things we have done and are doing that make us, that make you, worthy of the title, "woman of valor."** For the clean dishes, homework help, warm hugs, listening ears—for the courage to get up each day, every day, and do it all again, *Eshet chayil!* **You are a woman of valor.**

This Mother's Day, instead of feeling inadequate or guilty for what you think you ought to be, but can't muster the strength to actually be, be encouraged. You are doing a great job. You are worth celebrating. And if no one else notices, your Heavenly Father does. He looks at you and says, "*Eshet chayil!*" Nice work, mamas.

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