

SCOUTS & DISCOVERERS GRACE ACTIVITY GUIDE SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

INTRODUCTION

In Acts 3:1-4:21 we see that Jesus' mission isn't going to be that easy. Peter healed someone in the name of Jesus and caused quite a stir. Peter and John used this moment to share the message of Jesus. Soon though, the religious leaders arrested them and had them stand trial. Peter and John showed determination. They made it clear that no matter what happened to them, they would continue sharing Jesus with others.

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BIBLE STORY

Peter and John are Taken to the Sanhedrin — Acts 3:1 - 4:21

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 NIrV

LIFE APP

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

BOTTOM LINE BASIC TRUTH

Keep going even when it gets tough. I can trust God no matter what.



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

First, watch this video:

https://bit.ly/KidsUnstuckWeek3
Then follow up with the activity below!

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PARENT CUE

ACTIVITY: Signs of Encouragement

WHAT YOU NEED:

poster board, construction paper, or plain copy paper; craft supplies, such as markers, crayons, stickers, glue, glitter, etc.

WHAT YOU DO:

Talk with your kid about Peter and John from today's story. Remind your kid that Peter and John didn't give up on their mission, even though the religious leaders tried to stop them. Then lead your kid to make encouragement posters for Peter and John, similar to the kinds of signs spectators hold up at races and other sporting events. Prompt them to think about what might have helped Peter and John keep going. What words of encouragement do they think Peter and John would have wanted to hear or see as they went on trial for telling others about Jesus?

For some extra fun, get 2 cups of dry cornstarch and 1 cup of water. Pour both ingredients into a mixing bowl and let your kid mix it with their hands! As they play with the goo, talk about how we can sometimes feel "stuck" when something gets hard and we want to give up. But God wants us to keep going even when it gets tough!

Talk about the Bible story:

- o What mission did Peter and John need determination to carry out? (Spreading the word about Jesus)
- o What did they do on their way into the temple? (Through the power of the Holy Spirit, they healed a man who couldn't walk)
- o How did the religious leaders respond to the man's healing? (They were angry; they arrested Peter and John)
- o Did Peter and John stop preaching about Jesus after they were told not to? (No; they kept going and spreading the message of Jesus)
- o What is something that is hard for you?
- o What can you do to find the determination to keep going even when that thing gets really hard?

PRAYER

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

"God, we know that You can help us keep going when things get tough—just like You helped Peter and John. There are times when it's tough for us to finish what we've started. There are times when we get tired or frustrated, or we're confused about what to do next. Help us to remember that You are always with us! Help us to decide that it's worth it to finish what we've started—and give us the strength to keep going. Amen!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When was the last time you didn't finish something you started? What kept you from finishing?
- Sometimes we don't finish what we start because we simply get distracted. When do you get distracted or find yourself doing something else instead of the thing you're supposed to be doing?
- What can we do to help us when we want to give up?
- Who encourages you to show determination and finish what you start?

QUESTIONS?

<u>Contact us</u> 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



Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

BOTTOM LINE: Keep going even when it gets tough.

Read Galatians 6:9

Be Tough When It Gets Tough

Below is a list of some challenges and your goal is to try and hold each one for 30-seconds each. Ask an adult to time you if they can. Ready, set, go!

- Stand on one foot
- Stand on one foot WITH your arms crossed
- Touch your toes
- No blinking
- Attempt to touch your nose with your tongue
- Spin around
- Stand like a statue
- Close your eyes

Great determination! How can we really find the determination to "stick with it" in real life challenges? That's right, we go to God. We take the things that feel hard and He will give us what we need to stick with it!

Ask God to help you keep going even when it gets tough!

Don't Give Up

Ask an adult to help you look up this month's memory verse in Galatians 6:9. In your own words, tell someone what you think this verse means. Now, see if you can you use some determination and find all of the words from this month's memory verse on the back of this page.

Remember that God does not want us to give up!

I Can't Do It

Has your mom or dad ever asked you to do something and your first response was, "I can't do it!" What are some of those things that are really hard for you? Maybe it's helping your mom with some big chores like emptying the dishwasher or learning something new like tying your shoes. Whatever it is that we think we can't do, we can! God wants us to keep going, no matter what it is. Grab a piece of paper and some crayons and rainbow write KEEP GOING until you fill the entire page! It's going to take some determination, but you can do it!

Look for ways to keep going this week instead of giving up!

Just Keep Going

In the Bible story this week, Peter and John were taken to jail for sharing the message of Jesus and they faced some really tough people. It would have been super easy for them to walk away and decide that it was just too hard to do what God had asked them to do. But they decided it was worth it and showed great determination and continued to share Jesus with others. Pray and ask God to give you courage to show this kind of determination.

Dear God,

Thank You that You give me everything I need to do what You ask me to do. Give me courage to keep going even when things get tough. Help me finish what I start because I know I have You on my side! Amen.

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What You Do: Find all the words to the verse in the word search. Cross out each word as you find it.

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ELEMENTARY



WEEK THREE

PETER AND JOHN ARE TAKEN TO THE SANHEDRIN • ACTS 3:1-4:21



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KEEP GOING EVEN WHEN IT GETS TOUGH.



REMEMBER THIS:

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DO THIS:



Do you think that following Jesus means things will be easy? When you try to live the way Jesus taught us, things will get hard! But the awesome thing is that you don't have to tough it out on your own. When you follow Jesus, God promises to give you the power of His Spirit to keep going. Pray that God will give you the power of His Spirit this week to keep going, even when things get tough.

DETERMINATION:

DECIDING IT'S WORTH IT TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED

HIGH HOPES

By Esther Gray

What do you want your family to look like or feel like 10-15 years from now?

As a parent, you get the extraordinary privilege, and incredible pressure, of creating your own family culture for your kids. When my husband and I started our parenting journey, we decided to make some informal goals for our family (these are not written anywhere, but they could be). We like to revisit them every time an important decision comes up in our lives.

We ask ourselves these three things:

What kind of parent do we want our kids to have?

What kind of relationship do we want between our kids?

How do we want our family to react in times of stress?

These three things we knew we can work on! Three things, that even in the midst of the imperfection of everyday life, we can still learn and teach our kids. I wanted to create and maintain a culture for our family.

- We want to be the kind of parents who will listen, not judge, and not freak out at every little thing.
- We want to be the kind of parents who teach our boys how to deal with fear in a healthy way.

- We want to be parents who will love no matter WHAT.
- We want to be parents who do not "fight" in front of the kids.
- We want to be parents who express our love to each other at home.
- We want our kids to have the best relationships. Although we do not have complete control over this, we want to make sure we always encourage, love, and respect each other.
- And lastly, we try to help our kids to trust God no matter how hopeless a situation may seem.

These things we continue to work on for our family. We have realized that when we make decisions based on these things, we work towards a family that 10-15 years from now will love each other, will trust each other, and will trust God no matter what.

What are your goals for your family?

For more blog posts and parenting resources, visit:

ParentCue.org

