



SCOUTS & DISCOVERERS ACTIVITY GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

INTRODUCTION

In **Acts 6:8 7:60**, we find a somber moment in the life in the early church. Stephen, a church leader, was arrested and put on trial for teaching about Jesus. Even as he was being stoned to death, Stephen showed determination. He boldly shared how Jesus was the Savior God promised from the beginning. Stephen was willing to die for his faith because he believed that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

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BIBLE STORY

Stephen — Acts 6:1 - 7:60

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 because God knows the end of the story.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

UNSTUCK

DON'T GIVE UP

Parent Cue • K3 • Week of May 24th

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

First, watch this video:

<https://bit.ly/KidsUnstuckWeek4>

Then follow up with the activity below!

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ACTIVITY: The Stories of Old

WHAT YOU NEED:

Play-Doh® (Optional: paper and crayons or markers)

WHAT YOU DO:

Remind everyone how during today’s story, Stephen shared stories from Israel’s history and explained how they pointed to Jesus. Work together to write down as many stories from the Bible as you can remember. (For example: Noah, Joseph, Moses, crossing the Red Sea, David and Goliath, Daniel in the lions’ den, Jesus’ birth, Jesus with Mary and Martha, the good Samaritan, the story of the lost son, Jesus’ death and resurrection, etc.) Encourage each person to use the Play-Doh to shape a character or item—either from Stephen’s story or one of the other stories they remember. As you work, talk about what you’re making and what happened in that story. (Optional: if you don’t have Play-Doh, you can draw these characters or items instead.)

Talk about the Bible story:

- o **Who was Stephen?** (a leader in the church who got in trouble for talking about Jesus)
- o **What did Stephen do when he was in front of the religious leaders?** (He talked about how Jesus was the Savior God had promised.)
- o **How did the religious leaders respond to Stephen’s message?** (They became angry and decided to throw stones at him.)
- o **What did Stephen do right before he died?** (He asked God to forgive the leaders for what they were doing.)
- o **Stephen trusted that God knew the end of the story. How can we trust God when we face something hard?**
- o **What can we do to find the determination to keep going, even when we don’t know what will happen next?**

PRAYER

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

“Dear God, You are so awesome and amazing! You know *everything*—and that is SO cool! We know that **we can trust You no matter what**, because You know the end of the story. Please help us to remember that when we face difficult situations in life. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

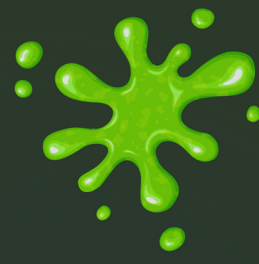
- Why do you think Stephen was determined to keep going even though people were getting very angry with him? What helped Stephen to keep going?
- How does knowing who God is and that He is always with us help us to keep going even when we are scared?
- When was a time you were scared but kept going?

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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BOTTOM LINE: Keep going because God knows the end of the story.

Read Isaiah 41:10

DAY 1

I'm Scared!

Grab a blank sheet of paper and a pencil. Draw a picture of something that you are afraid of. Did you know that every person in the world is afraid of something! It's true! Determination is also about never giving up even when it gets scary. Ball up that piece of paper and show it who the boss is by throwing it away like a basketball! If you think of something else this week that you are scared of do it again! Ball it up and throw it away!

Know that God is with you so you don't have to be afraid!

DAY 3

Pillow Talk

Grab a flashlight and go hide under the covers for just a minute so you can talk to God. Close your eyes and think of a time when you felt afraid. Do you know that even when you are afraid, we can go to God and He will help you to keep going? He's ALWAYS there. Close your eyes and pray.

Dear God,
Thank You that I don't have to be afraid. Thank You that you are ALWAYS with me. I don't have to worry because You are right there beside me. God, when I feel scared, remind me that You will help me keep going because YOU know the end of the story.
I love you. Amen.

DAY 2

God Is Our Helper

Ask an adult to help you turn to **Isaiah 41:10** in a Bible. Ask your parent about any big words you don't understand. This verse can give comfort because God is telling you that He is always with you. Now take a minute to learn these hand motions to help you memorize this verse.

Do not be afraid – Wave your index finger back and forth
I am with you. – Point up to God and then to a friend or your parents.

Do not be terrified. – wave index finger back and forth and cross your arms as if you are upset

I am your God. – Point up to God and then lay your hand on your heart

I will make you strong – Do a strong pose as if you are showing off your muscles

and help you. – Act like you are helping the person next to you get up

I will hold you safe in my hands. – Cup your hands in front of you like your holding a small object

I always do what is right. – Point to your eye, wave your hands in front of you and then give a thumbs up

Isaiah 41:10, NIrV

DAY 4

My Rock

Ask an adult to go outside with you and see if you can find a small rock. Paint the rock and write on it, "God is my rock." Keep this rock in your pocket and the next time you are scared, hold it and remember that God is our rock so we don't have to be afraid!

Thanks Jesus that you don't have to be scared because He is on your side!



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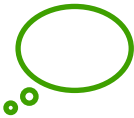
WEEK FOUR

STEPHEN • ACTS 6:1-7:60



SAY THIS:

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REMEMBER THIS:

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DO THIS:



Play a game by telling your kids to think of a scale from 1-10. One being the easiest and 10 the absolute hardest. Think of things that require determination and rate that on the scale. For example, learning a new instrument is a level 6 or not eating candy for a day is level 2. Afterwards, ask them what is something they are determined to finish by the end of the school year or summer.

DETERMINATION:

DECIDING IT'S WORTH IT TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED

DETERMINED PARENTS

By Carey Nieuwhof

One of the reasons it's so critical to help our kids live a determined life is that almost nothing happens on the first try. Fast forward twenty years and imagine your son or daughter grown up. Their character (including their determination) will directly impact what happens at work, at home, and in their families.

My friend Gary Reniecke shared some statistics from the world of sales that tell quite a story about determination. Studies have shown that:

- 48% of sales people never follow up with a prospect.
- 25% of sales people make a 2nd contact and stop.
- 12% of sales people make three contacts and stop.
- Only 10% of sales people make more than four contacts.*

Why does this matter? Well, consider this:

- 2% of sales are made on the 1st contact.
- 3% of sales are made on the 2nd contact.
- 5% of sales are made on the 3rd contact.
- 10% of sales are made on the 4th contact.
- 80% of sales are made on the 5th to 12th contact.

Whether our kids ever choose sales as a career is beside the point. The point is determination and persistence pays

off. And that shouldn't surprise us. Isn't it true that, even as adults, few of us learn the lessons we need to learn on the first go-round? Isn't it true most things don't happen without some level of determination? Mastering a skill, developing relationships, growing faith and character, achieving a dream . . .

Most great things take time. And without determination, we'll never see them realized. As a parent, you might need to become determined to teach values like determination. Rarely will a child pick up on what's important on first try, and even if they embrace it early, it's easy to get discouraged and follow a different course down the road. This isn't just true in instilling determination in your child—it's true of virtually everything that's important.

All of this to simply say this: Don't get discouraged if you didn't succeed this week, or this month. So next week, next month, and next year, chip away at determination and encourage your family to do the same. Down the road, the payoff stands to be significant.



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