

# CITY LG- May 6/7

**Bible Story:** Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin • Acts 3–4

**Bottom Line:** Jesus wants you to keep going even when it gets hard.

**Memory Verse:** “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

**Life App:** Determination—deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.

## WORSHIP:

Songs: Alive and Imagine the Impossible

“Hi everyone! Are you ready to worship?!? Great! Let’s stand up. Our first song is about how Jesus’ love is alive inside us. Jesus sets us free from sin! Let’s sing Alive! GREAT JOB!! Our second song is our theme song for this month – Imagine the Impossible. We can keep going even when things are tough. Awesome!! Let’s pray. Lord thank You for sending us Your Holy Spirit to help us. Thank You for Your Son Jesus who taught us so that we can teach others about Him! AMEN!”

## LARGE GROUP:

“Hey Parkview kids. How are you doing today? Awesome, my name is [Host’s name] and welcome to the CITY. We are starting a brand new series called The Amazing Maze. So, to kick it off, we are going to play a game. Here, we go.”

### Game: Reverse Charades

Have the kids split up into two teams. This could be boys against girls, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> against 3<sup>rd</sup>, or any other combination. Then pick one kid from each team to be the guesser. In a regular game of charades there is one kid acting while the whole group is guessing. Well, in our version, it’s one kid guessing, while the whole group acts it out. Have the guesser turn away from the screen and try to guess what their team is acting out. Words will be on the screens. The first guesser to shout the answer gets a point. Remind the kids acting it out that they should not make any sounds, or the point will go to the opposite team.

“We are in our very first week of our series called the Amazing Maze. How many of you have ever been in a maze before? *(pause)* What does it take to get out of a maze? *(Call on a few kids for suggestions)*. Yes, we will need some of those things, but to get out of a maze we are going to need Determination. And Determination is what we are looking at this month. Here is our definition for the month.”

### CG: Determination Slide

“Deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.’ Can you say that with me?” *(Repeat Slide)*

“I am sure you have seen a determined person before. A person who gives everything they have to be the best, to save the world, to defeat the bad guy, or to get famous. Where humility, faith, and forgiveness might be harder to understand, determination is something we see almost everyday.”

“I am sure you are determined as well. Maybe it’s to be the best on your team, or the smartest person in your school. Maybe it’s to be able to show off your cool dance moves. Determination is a good thing, but it also matters WHAT we are determined about. For example, being determined to get good grades is good, but cheating on a test to get an A is not good. Maybe it’s being determined to be the MVP of

your soccer team, but you should not be determined to be the person who can eat a gallon of strawberry ice cream.”

“However, above everything else, we should be determined to follow Jesus the most. Not only that, but also to share the good news, or gospel, of Jesus with everyone we meet. Now, that doesn’t sound as cool as getting the most three pointers, but if you remember from last month, it’s the awesome mission that Jesus has given to us and that’s pretty important.”

### **SETTING UP THE STORY**

“If you weren’t here last month, let me fill you in on what happened. We learned about the gospel, or the good news of Jesus. That Jesus gave up his life by dying on the cross for every one of us. Jesus did this because he loves us and one day we can have eternal life. Jesus defeated death by resurrecting from the grave. Jesus then gave us the mission to share this good news with everyone, all around the world.”

**CG: 252 Basic Story Video**

### **WRAPPING UP THE STORY**

“The Bible says the members of the Sanhedrin were shocked to see how determined Peter and John were to spread God’s story. John and Peter knew if they didn’t tell others about Jesus, they would disobey God. They didn’t want to do that and so even when they could have gone to jail for what they were doing, they were determined to keep telling others about Jesus.”

“Peter and John, were determined to share Jesus with others, no matter what’s the cost. The same kind of determination we should all have. That leads to our bottom line today.”

**CG: Bottom Line Slide**

**[Bottom Line]** “Jesus wants you to keep going even when it gets hard. Can you say that with me?”  
(Repeat Slide).

“Now, I know what you are thinking,’ but, [Host’s name], I don’t want to do that because it sounds hard. I mean, what if I mess up or they don’t want to listen.’ Well, that might happen, but Jesus gives us a POWERFUL helper. His name is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the one that helps encourage us to share the good news of Jesus with others and also to follow Jesus. This is the SAME Holy Spirit that helped encourage John and Peter to share the gospel.

“This leads to our Memory Verse for this month. This is from the book of Galatians. A guy named Paul, who was a friend of Peter and John, wrote this. Here’s what God told him to write.”

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

“We can see what happened from their determination today. There are 2 Billion Christians all around the world. That was all from the Holy Spirit giving Peter, John, Paul, and the rest of the disciples the ability and determination to share the gospel. Let’s pray right now that the Holy Spirit can give us the same strength to share the good news as he did to the disciples.”

**Pray**

“God, thank You that the same Holy Spirit who lived in Peter and John is the same Holy Spirit who lives in us today. Please help us not to give up. Help us to keep going even when it gets hard. We love You and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

*Dismiss children to their small groups.*