

CITY LG- May 13/14

Bible Story: Peter and Cornelius • Acts 10

Bottom Line: Jesus wants me to keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.

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: Nothing Is Impossible and Imagine the Impossible

“Hi everyone! Are you ready to worship?!? Great! Let’s stand up. Our first song is about how we can do anything with God’s power. Let’s sing Nothing Is Impossible! 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!! If you brought offering you can bring it up. 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? *(Pause)* great to hear! My name is [Host’s name] and welcome to the City. Before we watch today’s video, let’s play a game that I like to call Animal Sounds. Now, just warning, it might get a little loud and crazy in here. Are you ok with that? *(pause)* Ok, here’s how we play.”

Game: Animal Sounds

Each of the kids will be given a card with a picture and the name of an animal. Remind the kids to not show anyone. They will have to yell out the sound that animal makes and try to find their “herd.” They have to try to find the person(s) who have the same animal sound as them. Once everyone thinks they have found their herd, they can compare what they have written on their cards. If the cards match, they win, if they don’t match, they lose. Feel free after the first round to have the kids switch cards with a neighbor, so they get a different card and play another round. Remember to watch the time; this game should only take five minutes.

“We are in the second week of our series called the Amazing Maze. We have been talking about determination this whole month. If you were here last week, we heard our definition, but some of us might have been gone because you were at a party or on vacation to Disney World. Here’s what determination means.”

CG: Determination Slide

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

“Determination helps us complete anything that is hard. There are a lot of things that are hard to complete. How many of you have ever had to finish a school project? *(Pause for Response)* Yeah me too. I was even tempted to give up and throw in the towel. I mean finishing things can be really hard, but I wanted an A, so I was determined to complete it.”

“This week we are looking at determination when things are bigger than they seem. I like to imagine a giant ice cream sundae. For those who don’t like ice cream, just picture your favorite food, but even bigger. Now, when you start, you’re probably like “psh, easy, I can totally do that.” You start taking a few bits and its delicious. You start to think, “wow, I got this’ Then it hits you, you start to get FULL. Then you think to yourself, I totally thought I could do it. So you have a choice of either throwing in the towel and give up or to keep going.”

“Well, that might not be the best thing to be determined to finish because you usually end up sick. However, there are plenty of things in life that end up being way bigger than we thought they were going to be. Well, today’s story is just about that and I think it can help us better understand what Jesus wants us to do.”

SETTING UP THE STORY

"We are going to pick back up where we left off last week. We talked about two of Jesus' friends named Peter and John. Well, this week Peter is going to see something absolutely crazy. It will change everything for Peter and might be a little confusing at first. So face towards the screen and check out this week's video."

CG: 252 Basic Story Video

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

"Do you remember what Jesus' first command to the disciples was? *(Pause for response)* Yes, that's right, to share the good news of Jesus' dying for their sins and eternal life. Now, what Peter and the early Christians didn't understand is that Jesus didn't come for just the Jewish people he gave His life for **EVERYONE**."

"And you know what? You can keep going too! Just as God sent the Holy Spirit to help Jesus' followers share His story, God has given us His Spirit too. When we put our trust in Jesus as our Savior, we receive the Holy Spirit, who will guide us and help us keep going. We can be a part of the work God is doing in the world, but it's going to take some determination because it's a really big job! Let's look at the Bottom Line for today."

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Jesus wants me to keep going even when the job is bigger than you think." Can you say that with me?" *(Repeat slide)*

"Yes, you can keep going. God is much bigger than anything we need to conquer. Sometimes there are things that are bigger than we can handle. That's why we need Jesus to help us when it's too much. This can happen with just about anything. Is your room a huge mess? Well, instead of letting it get worse, if we clean up a small bit each day, we will have it all cleaned up. Or instead, of just waving to the kid that's all alone on the playground, we can be determined to be their friend and help them have an awesome day."

CG: Memory Verse Slide

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"Jesus gives us the power to do anything. When we feel like giving up on a sport, instrument, or inviting a friend to church who said no. We can continue to do those good things because we know he's on our side. Let's pray."

Pray

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for the story of Peter and Cornelius. Thank You that You are faithful to those who love You. God, You came for everyone. Help us to remember that and to keep on going even when the job is bigger than we thought it would be. We love You! And we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."