

ALLEY SG- May 6/7

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

Bottom Line: You can keep going because Jesus is with you 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.

Lights, Camera, Action!

What You Need: Bibles (campus supplies), Rings (4 or 5 per bin), Necklaces (4 or 5 per bin), sunglasses (2 per bin), or toilet paper (1 roll per bin + extra).

What You Do:

- Gather the kids together and tell them we are going to recreate the story.
- You will need someone to be Peter, John, the beggar, and 2 Sanhedrin.
 - Give each Peter and John a pair of sunglasses
 - The Sanhedrin need the rings and necklaces to wear around their neck
 - The toilet paper is bandages for the beggar’s feet
- Use the props to tell the story and help explain what happened.
- For those who are not acting, have them follow along in the bible. You will need to guide them through how to find the passage.
- Read Acts 3:1-10; 4:1-10; 13:15-22
- Have the kids act out each line and tell them to say a line right after their person in the story says something. For example, if Peter says something the person playing Peter should also say that line.
- Feel free to have fun with this and make it as goofy as possible as long as time will allow.

What You Say:

- Do you think John and Peter showed determination in today’s story? Why or why not?
- What reason did John and Peter give for being so determined to share the gospel with others? (They were to obey God rather than obey man).
- How could we be as determined as Peter and John to share the gospel with others?
- How would you share the Gospel with someone at school? How about on your sports team?
- What are some other things we can do to share the good news of Jesus with others?
- **[Bottom Line] You can keep going because Jesus is with you when it gets hard.**

Bottle Flip

What You Need: Water bottle (1 per kid)

What You Do:

- Hand each kid a water bottle.
- If you haven’t seen or know of the water bottle flipping craze, here is your introduction.
- Have kids drink half of their water bottle. Then have them try to flip the bottle completely around onto the ground and land on it’s bottom.

What You Say:

- Does anyone have an awesome bottle flip story?
- What is a time you showed determination? What happened after?
- What are some things that are good to be determined about? (Homework, sports, playing an instrument, memorizing scripture). What is something that might not be so good?
- Do you think sharing the gospel, or good news of Jesus with someone can be a way of showing determination? Why or why not?
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Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Pray with the kids.
 - Thank God that we can trust Him no matter what.
 - Encourage kids to silently think of a situation where they need to show determination and to ask God for help to not give up. Maybe it is learning something new or treating someone kindly. Maybe it is helping someone who is not easy to be around. Maybe it is memorizing the verse this week.
 - Close by asking God to give us strength to **[Bottom Line] keep going even when it gets hard** and to finish what we start.

EXTRA ACTIVITY

Crack the Code

What You Need: "Secret Message" sheet (1 per kid, per small group),

What You Do:

- Give each kid a Secret Message sheet and instruct him or her to use the "Key" to decode a secret message.
- The message is telling where they can find the memory verse for the month.
- Tell them to cover up their sheets so no one can copy off of their answers.

What You Say:

- Who wanted to give up on cracking the code?
- In our memory verse, what are some words that pop out at you? (*Harvest, Weary, Doing Good, Reap*)
- What are some examples of doing good? (*treating others kindly; helping others; making wise choices; listening to our parents; etc.*)
- What are the "harvests" you have gathered in the past? If you can't think of one, when have you seen it on T.V. or movies?
- **Bottom Line] You can keep going because Jesus is with you when it gets hard.**