

CITY SG- 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.

How Did It Go Again?

What You Need: Markers, pens, white paper bags (1 per child), name tag (1 per child)

What You Do:

- You are going to recreate the story again.
- Have each kid pick one of the four characters from the story (John, Peter, man who could not walk, and the Religious Leaders) to color onto the paper bag. Make sure you have one of every character.
- Have them color what they think that character might look like and then place a nametag sticker with the character’s name on it.
- Read through the story and have the kids use their puppets to act out and say the lines to each other.
- Read Acts chapter 3:1-10; 4:1-10; 13:15-22
- After you’re done, tell them they can take these puppets home.

What You Say:

- What reason did John and Peter give for telling others about Jesus? (*We would be disobeying God if we didn’t preach*).
- What made John and Peter so determined to share Jesus with others? (*They saw how awesome Jesus was and why they needed to teach others about His love*).
- What do you think Jesus wants us to be determined about?
- Does Jesus leave us alone to be determined about something or does he encourage us?
- **[Bottom Line] Jesus wants you to keep going even when it gets hard.**

Finger Grab

What You Need: No Supplies

What You Do:

- Have all the kids sit down in a circle and tell them we are going to test their reflexes today.
- Each kid will place their RIGHT hand out flat to the side and with their LEFT hand they will place their index finger above the person to their left’s flat hand. They should not be touching.
- On the count of three, they will try to remove their pointer finger from the person on the left’s grasp, while at the same time try to grab the person on the right’s finger.
- Don’t worry, it’s suppose to be a little frustrating, but we want them to be DETERMINED to try again. Play a few rounds and circle up for questions.

What You Say:

- What is something you were really determined to finish? (a video game, ice cream, break a record, etc.) What happened?
- What is something that helps you become determined?
- Which usually works out better, following through on something or not following through on something? Why or why not?
- What's an area you feel like you struggle to keep going? (Home work, a new sport, a really hard puzzle)
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Pray

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Tell kids to circle up and ask them what they might need help with this week.
- Pray and ask God for us to remember to be determined in the important things and not to get distracted by the unimportant things.

Extra Activity

Memory Maze

What You Need: "Memory Verse Phrases" strips (2 sets per bin), stopwatch (1 per bin), Bibles (campus supplies)

What You Do:

- Help kids look up Galatians 6:9 in their Bibles.
- Hand out the "Memory Verse Phrases" to kids in random order.
- Tell kids to lie down on the floor **in order of the verse**, using their bodies to make what looks like the path through a maze.
- If you wish, time them to see how fast they can do it. Then have them do it again to see if they can beat their time.

Finding verses: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (*Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.*) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Galatians in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find Galatians, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Galatians. Help the kids find the page. When they find Galatians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 6. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 6.

What You Say:

- What words in this verse stick out to you?
- 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?
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