

# UNSTUCK

DON'T GIVE UP

MAY 2020 • WEEK 1

## PARENT GUIDE

### BIBLE STORY

**Send Me on My Way**  
Jesus' Final Orders to  
His Disciples/Ascension  
*Matthew 28:16-20*

### MEMORY VERSE

*Let us not become  
tired of doing good.  
At the right time we  
will gather a crop if  
we don't give up.*  
Galatians 6:9

### LIFE APP

**Determination**  
Deciding it's worth it  
to finish what you  
started

### BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when it  
seems impossible.

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter  
what.

## ACTIVITY: THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE!

### [Live for God | Application Activity]

*Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** Knotted bandanas, decks of cards, preschool puzzles, timer

### What You Do:

- 1) Challenge kids to do some seemingly impossible tasks.
- 2) You can have each kid do all of the tasks one at a time, or you can have all tasks going at once with different kids doing different tasks.
- 3) Kids can work individually or in teams. Set it up any way you wish, depending on your time and space.
  - Knotted bandanas: Kids will untie the knot in 20 seconds or less.
  - Decks of cards: Kids will pick up an entire deck of scattered cards in 20 seconds or less.
  - Preschool puzzles: Kids will put together a puzzle in 20 seconds or less.
- 4) If kids have trouble doing the tasks in 20 seconds, let them try again until they can accomplish it.
- 5) If kids can easily do the tasks in 20 seconds, challenge them to do it in 15 seconds or even 10 seconds. The point is to make it seem impossible, though it's actually doable if they just keep going and trying.

### What You Say:

"Wow! Those things might have seemed impossible, but when you kept going, you were able to get them done. Sometimes there are things in life like that. Maybe you think you will NEVER be able to tie your shoes! But you know what? If you keep trying, one of these days, you'll get it! Or some of you might think that reading an entire chapter book is absolutely impossible. It's not! God can help you have determination and **[Bottom Line] keep going even when it seems impossible.**"

**[Make It Personal]** (Tell kids about something you did that seemed impossible at the time, but you kept going, and God helped you do it. Make sure to keep it kid friendly.)



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## GOSPEL MOMENT

From the beginning, God always had a plan to rescue us. That's why He sent Jesus. Jesus came to die on the cross for our sins so we could be forgiven. Jesus died, but on the third day, He rose from the dead! He gave His friends a mission: to tell the world about everything He had done. It must have seemed impossible for the disciples to carry out Jesus' mission. But Jesus made them a promise—that He would ALWAYS be with them.

Jesus is with US, just like He was with the disciples. When you remember that, you can have determination no matter what challenges you might face in life. Remember: **[Bottom Line]** "Keep going even when it seems impossible. When we feel stuck, we can remember that God is always with us. **[Basic Truth]** We can trust Him no matter what. He can help us get UNstuck as we choose to live His way every day.

And remember, the mission Jesus gave the disciples is also true for us today: to tell others about Him. God called us to a big mission, and sometimes it can seem impossible. But when we remember that God is with us, we don't have to feel stuck.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) How do you think the disciples felt with Jesus told them what a big job He wanted them to do?
- 2) Have you ever felt like something was impossible to do? What was it?
- 3) How can we show determination even in those impossible times?

## PRAYER

God, thank You so much for helping us. We know You can do anything, and You can help us **[Bottom Line]** keep going even when it seems impossible. You're so awesome, God! Amen.