



### 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 (NIRV)

### LIFE APP

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

### KEY QUESTION

What seems impossible to  
you?

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter  
what.

## Activity: Candy Elevator

**WHAT YOU NEED:** 2 pencils of equal length, string/yarn, Skittles or M&Ms

### WHAT YOU DO:

Challenge you kid to make a working "candy elevator." First, tape the two pencils together side by side, making sure the erasers are at opposite ends. Cut two pieces of string/yarn, 3-5 feet long. Use one string to tie the pencils together at one end. Then use the other string to tie the pencils together at the other end. Ideally the top of the knot should land in the middle between the pencils, so that when you lift the pencils with the string, they stay horizontally balanced. Then set the pencils on the floor, place a piece of candy on the pencils, stand up and bend over toward the pencils, and loop the end of the strings around each of your ears. Pull gently on each string at the same time and the pencils should raise up like a platform. The challenge is to be able to bring the candy to your mouth and eat it! Let you kid keep practicing until they get the hang of it. Encourage them to keep going until they succeed!

*Note: For a visual reference, go to <http://bit.ly/37wyNwB> or do an internet search for "candy elevator."*

### WHAT YOU SAY:

*(Amend this if your kids weren't able to successfully eat the candy off the elevator.) "At first this seemed a bit impossible, but you all showed great determination and it eventually worked for most of you! Remember: determination is deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. I'm sure all of you thought the candy you were going was worth the effort! What are some other things in our lives that we need to show determination for?"*



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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: "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) Jesus gave the disciples a big job, to tell others about Him. The disciples were probably intimidated by the enormous calling ahead of them. Can you think of a time you thought, "I can never do that!" and then ended up doing it? **Encourage** kids to share examples.
- 2) What can we do when we are faced with something we think is impossible and we don't even know where to start?
- 3) We know about Jesus because the disciples showed determination. What are ways we can show determination, like the disciples, and let others know about Jesus? Can you think of times you have told others about Jesus?
- 4) Are there times when talking to others about Jesus seems impossible? **Encourage** kids to give examples.

## Prayer

God, we know we can trust You no matter what. You promise to be with us always! When situations in our lives seem impossible, help us to remember Your promise – You are with us always! Help us to remember that we may think things are impossible, but all things are possible for You! As we go through our week, give us strength to not grow tired of doing good, of being kind, of being patient and open our eyes to times we can tell other about Jesus. We love You!  
Amen