Activity: Stick the Landing

**WHAT YOU NEED:** index cards; duct tape; marbles, ping ball balls, or small bouncy balls

**WHAT YOU DO:**
Look up today’s Bible story in Act’s 3:1-4:21. Ask your kid to choose five main events from the story and write each one on an index card. As they do that, on an uncarpeted floor, place a piece of duct tape (about 3 feet long), sticky side up. Secure the tape to the floor using a small piece on each end of the tape line. When your kid is finished writing the main events, stick them in order along the edge of the tape, but not covering up the tape. (Leave most of the sticky side available.) Spread them out so they take up most of the length of the tape.

Then challenge your kid to stand about 3 feet away from the tape line and roll the marble/ping pong ball/ bouncy ball toward the tape, aiming to get the marble/ball to stick to the tape where the first index card is. The challenge is to stick the marble/ball at each index card, in order of the story. For an extra challenge, tell your kid they have to start over if they stick any marbles to the tape out of order!
Gospel Moment

Peter and John were confident and bold. Because of the Holy Spirit, they were able to keep going—even when they were thrown into jail and put on trial. Remember, they hadn’t even done anything wrong! God gave them the strength to keep going.”

Peter and John knew that Jesus is the One who had been promised from the beginning. They knew Jesus had come to save us from our sins and to make things right in our relationship with God. This news was far too great for them to keep it to themselves! Even when things got difficult, they were DETERMINED to tell others about Jesus. Remember: “Keep going even when it gets tough.”

“You can choose to finish what you’ve started, too. You can decide it’s worth it even when things get tough

Discussion Questions

1) When was the last time you didn’t finish something you started? What kept you from finishing?
2) Sometimes we don’t finish what we start because we simply get distracted. When do you get distracted or find yourself doing something else instead of the thing you’re supposed to be doing?
3) What can we do to help us when we want to give up?
4) Who encourages you to show determination and finish what you start?

Prayer

God, just like You helped Peter and John’s to keep going even when things got tough, You want to help us too. God, there are times it is tough to finish what we start. There are times we get tired or frustrated or we are confused what to do next. You are always with us! Help us to decide it is worth it to finish what we start and give us the strength to keep going. Amen.