

UNSTUCK

DON'T GIVE UP

MAY 2020 • WEEK 3

PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

Go the Distance
Peter and John Are
Taken to the Sanhedrin
Acts 3:1–4:21

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
gets tough.

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise
choice.

ACTIVITY: STAND THEM UP; KNOCK THEM DOWN

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

What You Need: Dominoes or other similar rectangular(ish) objects that can be set up vertically

What You Do:

- Quickly show kids how to stand several dominoes up on their ends in a row and then knock them down.
- Give each person 20 dominoes.
- Everyone must line up a certain number of dominoes (your call on how many) before knocking them down.
- If they accidentally knock them down too soon, they must start over.
- Repeat as many times as you wish, telling kids a different number of dominoes to set up each time.

What You Say:

“Whew! That was tough! It’s so frustrating when you ALMOST had enough dominoes lined up, and then you accidentally knocked them down. But you had determination and kept going!”

Just like the game was tough sometimes, things in our lives can get tough sometimes. Maybe you start out on a school project, and it seems easy enough, but as you work on it, it gets tougher. Or maybe you get tired in gym class or soccer practice and think it’s impossible to keep going. You know what? It’s probably not. With determination, you can keep going, and not only that, but the next time it might even be easier!”

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time when you kept going even when things got tough, and as you kept going, it actually got easier. Make sure to keep it appropriate and relevant for young kids.)

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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: **[Bottom Line]** “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) What did Peter and John do for the man they found on the side of the road?
- 2) How did the religious leaders respond because of the man's healing? What did they tell Peter and John to do?
- 3) Did Peter and John stop preaching about Jesus?
- 4) What is something hard for you?
- 5) What can you do to find the determination to keep going even when that thing gets really hard?

PRAYER

What You Do:

- 1) Lead a call-and-response prayer.
- 2) You will say the “When . . .” part, and kids will respond with, “help me keep going.”

What You Say:

“Dear God, we know You'll help us when we ask.

“When my homework is just too hard . . . help me keep going.

“When I can't read all the words in my new book . . . help me keep going.

“When I feel like I can't run down the soccer field one more time . . . help me keep going.

“When I think I'll never learn the new math rules . . . help me keep going.

“When things get tough . . . help me keep going.

“Amen!”