

UNSTUCK

DON'T GIVE UP

Parent Cue • Preteen • Week of May 17th



Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us live with determination. First, watch the **elementary video** on the **Lifeways Youtube Channel**. Then follow up with the activity below!

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, NIV

LIFE APP

DETERMINATION:

Deciding
it’s worth it to finish
what you started

BIBLE STORY

Peter and John Are
Taken to the Sanhedrin
(Acts 3:1–4:21)

KEY QUESTION

What keeps you from
finishing what you start?

ACTIVITY: Stick the Landing

WHAT YOU NEED:

index cards; duct tape; marbles, ping pong balls, or small bouncy balls

WHAT YOU DO:

Look up today’s Bible story in Acts 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!

Talk about the Bible story:

- o **Why were Peter and John arrested?** (For healing a man in the name of God; for preaching about Jesus)
- o **What do you think made it tough for Peter and John to continue their mission?** (The religious leaders were against their mission; it’s hard to have determination when someone is trying to stop you)
- o **When was the last time you didn’t finish what you started? What kept you from finishing?**
- o **What are some things we can do to help us remember to trust God and finish what we’ve started?**

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight:

“God, we know that You can help us keep going when things get tough—just like You helped Peter and John. There are times when it’s tough for us to finish what we’ve started. There are times when we get tired or frustrated, or we’re confused about what to do next. Help us to remember that You are always with us! Help us to decide that it’s worth it to finish what we’ve started—and give us the strength to keep going. Amen!”



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