

UNSTUCK

DON'T GIVE UP

Parent Cue • K3 • Week of May 31st

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us live with determination.

First, watch this video:

<https://bit.ly/KidsUnstuckWeek5>

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

Philip and the
Man from Ethiopia
(Acts 8:26-40)

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even
when you have questions.

ACTIVITY: Hopscotch Holdup

WHAT YOU NEED:

Construction paper, tape, marker, a die (from a board game)

WHAT YOU DO:

Create a six-to-12-space hopscotch path with construction paper. If possible, use tape to secure the pages to the floor. Draw a question mark on three or four of the pages. Let someone roll the die, which will tell them how many spaces they should hop. (The spots with two squares next to each other count as two spaces.) Whenever someone lands on a “?” spot, ask them a story review question from the list below. Continue rolling the die until you reach the end of the path. Then it’s the next person’s turn. If you run out of questions, repeat them, or ask the person whose turn it is to name a situation in which it’s hard to have determination.

Talk about the Bible story:

- Who appeared to Philip while he was telling people about Jesus? (*an angel of the Lord*)
- What did the angel tell Philip to do? (*to leave and go to the desert road that led to Gaza*)
- Who did Philip meet while he was traveling on the desert road? (*an Ethiopian official*)
- What was the man doing? (*he had traveled to worship God in the temple and was trying to read Scripture*)
- What did God tell Philip to do? (*go to the chariot*)
- What did Philip do after he realized the Ethiopian official needed help understanding the Scripture? (*he told the man about Jesus*)
- What did the Ethiopian official decide to do after learning all about Jesus? (*he got baptized*)
- What happened to Philip after the man was baptized? (*God’s Spirit took him away so he could continue telling people about Jesus*)

PRAYER

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

“Dear God, it’s so cool to know that we can keep going even when we have questions. If there’s something we don’t understand, we can ask—just like the Ethiopian official did in the story. Thank You that no question is too big or too small for You. Thank You for always being with us—even when we can’t see the full picture of what’s happening in our life. Help us trust You no matter what. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”



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DETERMINATION

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WEEK **5**
K-1st

BOTTOM LINE: Keep going even when you have questions.

Read Jeremiah 29:11

DAY
1

Keep Going

Have you ever heard of a guy named Abraham Lincoln? If you haven't yet, you will soon! He was the 16th President of the United States. But you know what? Becoming President didn't come easy. He failed a lot before he was finally successful and became our President. Ask an adult to help you read about all the failures that eventually led to Abraham Lincoln becoming an amazing President. Do you think he questioned whether he was doing the right thing? Of course, he did and all those failures along the way prepared him to be the President that he was. It's the same for all of us. The hard stuff that we might have questions about now, help us to become who God wants us to be.

Remember that when we have questions, God has a plan!

DAY
2

Pop That Question

Ask an adult to help you look up our Bible story this week in **Acts 8:26-40**. How cool is it that God used Philip to answer questions that the man had about faith? God puts people in our lives to help answer the questions that we have, too. Grab some latex balloons, small pieces of paper, and a pencil. On each piece of paper, write a question that you have, stick it inside a balloon and blow it up. Place the balloons around your room and each day, pop one and find someone to ask one of your questions! After you make your balloons, take some time to pray this prayer.

Dear God,

I am so grateful that You put people in my life that I can ask questions. Give me the courage to ask people the questions I have. I love you. Amen.

DAY
3

God Knows

Ask an adult to help you look up this week's verse in Jeremiah 29:11. As you read it, see if you can fill in blanks below.

I know the ____ I have for _____. I want you to ____ success. I do not ____ to ____ you. I will give you ____ for ____ to come.
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

What an amazing verse for us to remember when we feel like we have questions!

Thank God that when we have questions we can know that He has a plan for our lives!

DAY
4

I Have A Question!

Have you ever been in school and there's something you don't understand? What do you have to do? You have to ask questions to help you understand. There are people in our lives that we can trust to ask hard questions. We're not ever going to know everything but when we ask questions it's like giving us a piece to a puzzle. Take a minute and think about the people in your life that you can trust to ask hard questions about life and faith. Flip over this sheet and see if you can cut out all the puzzle pieces and put them back together!

Know that we can keep going even when we have questions!



**KEEP
GOING**

**even when you
have questions.**

DETERMINATION

*deciding it's
worth it to
finish what
you started*

WEEK
Five
2nd-3rd Grade

Read Romans 15:4

DAY 1

Do you know why the Bible is important?

Maybe that's a question you've never really thought about. The Bible isn't just another book that tells us about events of the past. The Bible is God's word to us. When we read it, just like you're reading it today, it can help, teach, comfort and guide. When you have questions about God, the Bible is the best place to go for answers.

We all have questions for God. Some questions might seem silly (like "why are there mosquitoes?") and some are more serious (like "why is my grandmother sick?") Questions aren't bad! That's how we learn. Don't be afraid to ask questions, to search the Bible for answers and to talk to other people who love and follow God too. This week, if you find yourself wanting to give up, read this verse. Thank God for His word. And remember, you can keep going, even when you have questions.

Read Acts 17:24-26

DAY 2

Do you have a friend that doesn't go to church? If you wanted to tell that friend about God, where would you start?

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks from today's verses.

God made the _____.
He made _____ in it.
He is the _____ of heaven and earth.
He doesn't _____ in temples built by human hands.
He doesn't need _____.
He himself gives life and breath to all _____.
From one man, he _____ all the people of the world.
He decided exactly _____ they should live.
He decided exactly _____ they should live.

**anything
made
when
everything
Lord
people
live
world
where**

We learn a ton about God from these verses! And while these words don't answer every single question about God, they tell us quite a bit about who He is. We all have questions about God. Questions help us learn and grow. But even with our questions, we can still trust God. And just like Paul did in these verses, you can tell others what you know about God too. Remember, you can keep going with determination even if you have questions.

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

DAY 3

Do you know how your Mom's car works?

Can you take apart a washing machine and put it back together?

When you turn on your TV, do you understand how the images appear on the screen?

You put your trust in stuff every day without completely understanding how it works. The same is true in our relationship with God. You might be tempted to give up, to quit living the way God wants you to live when things happen that you don't understand.

But trust means that you choose to believe, even with all your questions, that God is good and that He loves you. Even when things don't make sense or when you have questions you can't answer, you can still trust God and obey what He's asked of you.

Pick one thing in your house that you depend on but maybe don't completely understand (like your washing machine or refrigerator). Write out the words of today's verse on a notecard and tape it to that item. Ask God to help you continue to obey Him, to keep going, to keep trusting, even when you have questions.

Read Joshua 1:7

DAY 4

Do you know what the word "distraction" means? A distraction is something that takes your focus off the task in front of you. What are some things that distract you or keep you from finishing your homework? Write your answers below.

It's easy to get distracted and let other things get in the way when we're trying to get something done. When we stay focused, not looking to the right or to the left, we have a better chance of limiting the distractions around us.

What are some things that keep you from doing what God wants you to do? What are some things that often distract you or get you off track?

When it comes to determination, focus is super important. When you look ahead and keep going, not looking to the right or to the left, it's much easier to finish what you start. As you pray today, ask God to help you stay focused so that can finish with determination. He will help you be strong and brave as you follow Him.



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