

WEEK OF MAY 17TH

Bible Story: Peter and John Are Taken to the Sanhedrin • Acts 3:1-4:21

Bottom Line: Keep going even when it gets tough.

Memory Verse: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

FOR STARTERS: FOREVER & EVER & EVER

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do: Test your determination by seeing how long you can do one of the following activities:

- Hop on one foot
- Do jumping jacks
- Stay in a push-up position



You had to keep going until you just couldn't take it another second! Where do you find the determination not to give up? Our story today is about two people who discovered the source of determination.”

BIBLE STORY PICTURES

What You Need: “Bible Story Pictures” Activity Pages, crayons

What You Do:

Work together to tape the pictures in order to retell the story.

- 1) Peter and John see a man lying on a mat.
- 2) Peter takes the man's hand.
- 3) The man leaps up and walks.
- 4) Peter speaks to the crowd about what happened.
- 5) The leaders are angry with the disciples for preaching about Jesus.
- 6) Peter and John are thrown into prison.
- 7) Peter and John are told to stop speaking about Jesus.
- 8) The religious leaders let Peter and John go, and Peter and John kept telling others about Jesus.

What You Say:

“Wow! Things got REALLY tough for Peter and John, didn't they? But they kept going. They kept telling everyone they saw about Jesus and all He has done for all of us. Even when they got thrown into jail, they wouldn't stop talking about Jesus! That's SO amazing! I hope that I can **keep going even when it gets tough**, just like Peter and John did.”

TOUGH STUFF

What You Need: Cornstarch, Water, Bowl

What You Do:

- Put a ratio of 1 part water to 2 parts cornstarch in a bowl and mix
- Scoop some into your hands and squeeze it in your fist.
- Then open your hand and see what happens to the goo.
- What happens to the goo when you squeeze it versus when you just hold it in your open hand.



The goo was ‘tough’ when you squeezed it, but when you let go, it slid into a puddle and dripped back down into the bowl.

Today we're learning to **keep going even when it gets tough**. If we work hard for something and have determination, we can be tough like the “goo” when we squeezed it. If we lose our determination, it might be like the “goo” when we opened our hand and it just slid and dripped away. With God's help, we can have the determination to be tough and keep going!

EVEN WHEN

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Sometimes it's hard to continue what we started when things get difficult. Tell how you can show determination in the challenging situations below.

1. You've been asked to watch your younger sister for the next hour. How can you show determination **EVEN WHEN** your sister keeps getting into cabinets she's not supposed to?
2. You want to go outside and play. How can you show determination **EVEN WHEN** you have lots of homework to do first?
3. You're practicing your free throws in basketball. How can you show determination **EVEN WHEN** you miss most of the shots you take?

GOD TIME PAGES:

Throughout the week, use the activities on the God Time pages to reinforce the story.



PRAYER:

“ God, Just like You helped Peter and John to keep going even when things got tough, You want to help us too. God, there are times when 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 have the determination to keep going. Amen!”