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God is the one and only true God, yet He exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, so everything belongs to Him and is under His control. God is holy, so He is righteous, majestic, and loving. God is all knowing and purposeful, so He's at work to bring about His will. No person, thing, or idea compares to God.

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES

God reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative.

ABOUT PEOPLE

People are made in God's image and for His pleasure. But everybody falls short of God's intention, or ideal, for people. In other words, everyone has sinned. As a result, we are all separated from Him, even though He wants an intimate relationship with each of us.

ABOUT SALVATION

That's why Jesus—God's Son—came and lived on this earth, died, and rose again. God offers His free gift of salvation to all who believe in Jesus and accept Him as Savior—the only way to be forgiven and reconciled to God. Anyone who accepts this gift is adopted as a son or daughter into God's family and will live with Him forever in heaven.

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Galatians 6:9, NIV

LIFE APP

Determination—deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.

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I can trust God no matter what.

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GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

(Choose one or both of these activities.)

Early Arriver

- An offering container

How Big Can You Go?

- Index cards (or cut a sheet of paper into 8 rectangle cards); 2 cards for each kid
- Markers/pencils

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don’t have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.*

*1. Bigger and Bigger (application activity / review the Bible story)

- Rubber bands; a minimum of 20-30 for each kid (*Note: Rubber bands can be varying sizes; the greater the quantity of rubber bands supplied, the bigger ball kids can create. It would be good to provide each kid with at least one wider rubber band to start.*)
- Optional: Mobile device
- For a video demonstration how the kids will be creating a rubber band ball, go to: <http://bit.ly/2kGLEDT>

2. And So On . . . (application activity)

- Print the “People Template” and cut along bold solid line; 1 template for each kid
- Scissors
- Markers/pencils
- Paper
- For a video demonstration how the kids will be creating a “paper people chain”, go to: <http://bit.ly/2kGERTV>

3. Verse Ball (memory verse activity)

- Print the “Memory Verse Cards” Activity Page and cut apart; 1 set for each small group
- Plastic wrap
- Pieces of individually wrapped candy or other small prizes; 1 for each kid



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- Make a “Verse Ball” for each small group:
 - Put the candy or prizes (one for each kid in the Small Group) in the center of a small piece of plastic wrap and roll it up like a ball. Keeping the ball attached to the original roll of plastic wrap, continue to add layers until you can’t see the prizes in the center.
 - Add a “Memory Verse Card” to the outside of the ball and continue to add layers.
 - Once you have added enough layers so you can’t see the card, add another card and continue to add layers.
 - Continue until all the cards are wrapped inside the ball.
 - The bigger the “Verse Ball” the more determination kids will need to show to complete this activity.
- Timer or mobile device

Prayer

- Rubber band balls from “Bigger and Bigger”

Additional Resources:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week’s GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv**, **CUE Box**, and the **Parent Cue app**. To find out more about these great resources, go to <http://www.Studio252.tv/leaders>.



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SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that your kids would not be discouraged or give up when doing something that ends up being bigger than they thought. Ask God to give your few the grit and determination to keep going through a really big task!

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Engage kids in conversation. Use the optional questions below to facilitate discussion.
 - What are some big jobs you have to do?
 - Is brushing your teeth a big job?
 - What about cleaning your room?
 - Studying for a test?
 - Eating dinner?
 - Playing soccer?
 - Going to school?

2. HOW BIG CAN YOU GO?

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, markers/pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- For round one, kids will secretly draw an object on a piece of paper.
- Collect the drawings and stack them in a pile face down.
- One by one select a drawing and put the pictures in order from big to biggest.
- Kids draw another object but now the object they select needs to be bigger than the biggest object from round one. (The drawing itself does not have to be bigger than the biggest from round one, but the object "in real life" should be.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You came up with a lot of BIG things! **[Transition]** Let's head to Large Group to learn what we can do when something is so BIG is can be a bit overwhelming!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

*1. BIGGER AND BIGGER (*application activity / review the Bible story*)

WHAT YOU NEED: Rubber bands, mobile device (*optional*)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Kids will make a rubber band ball while reviewing the Bible story.
- Give each kid a thick rubber band.
- Instruct kids to keep folding the thick rubber band in half until it is impossible to fold it anymore.
- Then ask kids to wrap the folded rubber band with a thinner band, twist the thinner band, and continue to wrap the thinner band around the folded rubber band to form a small ball.
- As kids work, review the Bible story with questions such as:
 - Who was Cornelius?
 - Who was Peter?
 - What were some differences between Cornelius and Peter? What were some of the similarities?
 - How did Peter and Cornelius meet?
 - What happened when Peter went to Cornelius' home?
 - God wanted Peter to share Jesus' story. How was the job God had for Peter even bigger than Peter originally thought?
 - How did Peter show determination? How did Cornelius show determination?
- *Optional: On your mobile device, show kids a picture of the world record rubber band ball.*
- *Option for next week: Start your own rubber band ball, and continue adding to it throughout the week. Contact your few at some point between today and next week, and encourage them to keep working on their balls and bring them back next week to show everyone.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Did any of us make a rubber band ball as big as a basketball? No! But look what you did create. You started with a rubber band, and by showing determination and deciding it's worth it to finish what you started, you now have a ball that bounces. That is how it started for Peter too. At first, he thought he had to tell all the Jews about Jesus, which is a big job. But God didn't want Peter to only share Jesus with the Jews; God wanted Peter to share Jesus with EVERYONE! Talk about a really big job! There are times you will be faced with a really BIG job and you don't think you can get it done. Maybe you thought you signed up to help bake a dozen cookies, only to find out you were baking cookies for your entire grade at school. Or you thought you only had to clean your room before playing with friends and you found out you had to help clean the WHOLE house. No matter what the job is, show determination and **[Bottom Line] keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.**"

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a big job you had and you weren't sure you could finish it. Maybe it was a project at work, or a homework assignment. Maybe you offered to help a friend fix his car and a two-hour project turned into a two-month project.)



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2. AND SO ON . . . (application activity)

WHAT YOU NEED: “People Template” Activity Pages; 1 template for each kid, scissors, extra paper, markers, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a “People Template” and scissors.
- Fold the paper along the dashed lines then cut along the solid line, essentially cutting out the outline of half a person.
- Unfold the paper. Kids should have four people holding hands.
- *Note: The extra paper is for kids who know how to make “paper people chains” and don’t want to use the template.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

“When you have a big job to do, the key to completing it is determination—deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started. (Fold your paper chain so you only see one person) Peter had a big job: to tell the world about Jesus. He started the big job by telling the Jesus story to one person at a time. Peter didn’t give up because the job was too big; he decided it was worth it to keep going. So Peter started by sharing Jesus with one person and then another and then another and so on and, because he showed determination, the Jesus story has traveled all over the world. (Unfold your paper chain.) Sometimes you are going to be given a job that gets bigger and bigger until you think you can’t possibly finish it.

“Just like Peter, one BIG job we have is to show others how much Jesus loves them. What are some ways we can tackle that big job? (Ask kids to write their ideas on each of the people in their chain; encourage kids to share their ideas with the group.) You have some great ideas of how to take a really BIG job—showing Jesus’ love to others—and break it up into smaller tasks so you can stick with it and not give up. When you get home hang your paper chain somewhere to remind you that when you have a big job and it is hard for you to show determination, you can ask God to show you small ways to keep going. Just like Peter kept telling the Jesus story and didn’t give up, you can **[Bottom Line] keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.**”

Optional Additional Discussion Questions

- What are some jobs you started that turned out to be much bigger than you thought they would be—something you thought would take an hour to finish but it ended up taking days? How did this affect your attitude? Were you determined to finish or did you feel frustrated? How did that affect how well (or not well) you did the job?
- What are some reasons we give up on finishing a BIG job?
- What are some things we can do to show determination when things aren’t going as we planned and the job we started was much bigger than we thought?

3. VERSE BALL (memory verse activity)

WHAT YOU NEED: Prepared “Verse Ball,” timer or mobile device, extra candy or small prizes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Show kids the Verse Ball and explain that inside the ball are the words to our memory verse. Ask the group, “Do you think you could unwrap the ball and retrieve all the verse words in one minute?”
- Tell kids to sit in a circle.



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- Let kids take turns each getting about 10 seconds to unwrap a portion of the ball.
- When you say “determination,” they must pass the ball to the next kid, who continues to unwrap the ball.
- Once the ball returns to you, kids should put the words that have been unwrapped in order. Challenge kids to show determination and finish the job they started, continuing to unwrap the ball until the entire verse is revealed.
- Once all the verse words are revealed and put in the correct order, ask the kids if they should show determination and finish unwrapping the ball completely.
- *Note: In the center of the ball is a handful of prizes, a reward for showing determination and finishing the job they started. Be sure not to let the kids know anything is in the center of the ball until they get to it.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

“This ball took a lot more time to unwrap than I thought it would. I thought we would have the entire thing done in a minute. You did a great job showing determination! There are many times you will have to decide to **[Bottom Line] keep going even when the job is bigger than you think**. What do you think it means in our verse when it says: *At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up (Galatians 6:9 NIV)? (Pause.)* When you finish what you start—even when you are tired—God will honor your efforts and your determination. Maybe you will get a reward, like the candy in our game today. Or maybe, because of your determination, someone will realize how much God loves them and how He wants to have a relationship with them.”

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Rubber band balls from “Bigger and Bigger”

WHAT YOU SAY:

“This week look for opportunities to make your rubber band ball even bigger. Maybe you can find a rubber band under the cushions in a chair. Or maybe there is a rubber band around your newspaper or around a bunch of broccoli your parents bring home from the store. As you add rubber bands to your bouncy ball, ask God to show you small ways to keep going. Just like Peter kept telling the Jesus story and didn't give up, you can **[Bottom Line] keep going even when the job is bigger than you think**. Let's pray and ask God to help us show determination.” *(Pray with the kids.)*

As adults arrive to pick up, explain to parents today we talked about showing determination even when the job was bigger than we thought. Encourage parents to help their kids grow their rubber band ball and each time they add a rubber band to ask God to show them small ways to keep going.