

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us live with determination. First, watch this week video and 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, NIrV

LIFE APP

DETERMINATION:

Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

BIBLE STORY

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

BOTTOM LINE

God gives you what you need to keep going.

PARENT CUE

ACTIVITY: Determination Is Delicious

WHAT YOU NEED:

Cheerios, Froot Loops, or other circular cereal, or beads; as well as a pipe cleaner, string, plastic lacing cord, etc.

WHAT YOU DO:

Challenge your kid to thread the cereal (or beads) onto the pipe cleaner or string. The catch is, they can only use one hand! Encourage them to get creative with how they hold the pipe cleaner or string in place while adding the cereal (or beads). This will be a challenge, for sure, but let your kid know that you believe they're up to the task! When they finish, help them tie the string or pipe cleaner onto their wrist and wear it like a bracelet. If you used cereal, let your kid eat the fruits of their labor!

Engage them in a conversation about what it felt like to get frustrated with something, but then to be able to push through that frustration. Ask about some frustrating situations your family has recently experienced—and talk about how you can keep going instead of giving up.

Talk about the Bible story:

- o What was the task that Jesus gave to the disciples right before He was taken up to heaven? (Hint: See Matthew 28:16-20.) (To tell everyone about Him; to spread the word all over the world)
- o Why would the disciples need determination to spread the word about Jesus? (Because there are a lot of people in the world; they didn't speak the same language as everyone in other countries)
- o How did the Holy Spirit help Jesus' followers tell others about Him? (The Spirit made it so they could speak and everyone could understand, even if they didn't speak the same language already)
- o How does the Holy Spirit help us today? (When we believe in Jesus and what He did for us, God gives us the help of His Spirit; the Spirit helps us find the strength to keep going)

PRAYER

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

"Dear God, when something is really hard and we want to give up, please give us what we need to keep going. We know that there's a lot we can't do on our own, but You want to help us have determination. When we get discouraged, please encourage us with Your Spirit. And when the people we love get discouraged, help us to know how to encourage them to keep going, too. Thank You that You've never and WILL never give up on us! In Jesus' name we pray, amen."