



BIBLE STORY

Send Me on My Way (Jesus' Final Orders to His Disciples | Ascension) • Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

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.

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when it seems impossible.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

STORY OVERVIEW

We start off the month in **Matthew 28:16-20**, **Luke 24:50-53**, and **Acts 1:1-11** as we discover more about the final moments of Jesus' life on earth. Before He went back to His Father, Jesus gave His disciples a huge mission: tell the world about Him. The message of Jesus was for everyone, and it was their job to get the word out.

Bottom Line: **Keep going even when it seems impossible.** A lot can seem impossible at different ages, stages and seasons of life. From learning to tie our shoes to reading paragraphs out loud in class to memorizing those multiplication facts, we will face all sorts of moments when we feel like everything is too hard, too big, or too long to finish. But that's where God comes in. We pray that no matter what we face—impossible or not—we remember we can trust God to help us through it.

IMPOSSIBLY AWESOME

What You Need: Painter's tape

What You Do:

- Tape a 10-foot tape line down the middle of your space.
- You will read off some impossibly awesome questions and then decide the answer by choosing option A or option B. One side of the masking tape represents option A and the other side represents option B.
- Ask the five questions below, pausing for a moment to let your family choose their answer and move to the corresponding side of the tape.

- Then let each person take a turn asking their own “impossibly awesome” questions to the group.
- Remind them that their questions must have two possible choices.
- Continue as time and interest allow.

Impossibly Awesome questions:

1. Would you rather have: A) a free weeklong vacation wherever you want to go; or B) unlimited meals at your favorite restaurant for one month?
2. Would you rather have: A) super strength; or B) super speed?
3. Would you rather: A) have free movie passes for an entire year; or B) be given whatever movies you want for free after they are out of theatres for an entire year?
4. Would you rather: A) never have to do chores ever again; or B) never have to do homework ever again?
5. Would you rather have: A) a million dollars; or B) a penny that doubles every day for 30 days? (After they've made their choice, tell them that if they choose option B, they will end up with \$5,368,709.12!)

What You Say:

“WOW! I almost couldn't make a decision with some of those impossibly awesome questions. You all are really creative. Today we are going to learn about some people who felt like they were in an impossible situation. However, I don't think their situations had to do with vacations or free movies. Let's watch our lesson video to find out!”

WATCH THE ELEMENTARY VIDEO

TOWER OF DETERMINATION

What You Need: Decks of playing cards, “Tower of Determination” cards (Activity Pages)

What You Do:

- Print out a set of “Tower of Determination” cards.
- Remember that determination is deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.
- Each person will take turns drawing a “Tower of Determination” card.
- Read the situation on the card and respond by saying how they would show determination in that situation.
- Once they have explained how to show determination, they will draw a playing card from the deck of cards to hold onto until everyone has finished going through all of the “Tower of Determination” cards.

- Once all cards have been drawn and answered, and each person has several playing cards from the deck, attempt to build a tower using all the playing cards.
- You can either try to build the tower based on your own imagination and creativity, or you can utilize this resource as a guide website <http://bit.ly/39b1P5l>
- This will be a challenge, so encourage each other to tap into your determination and finish what you start!

What You Say:

“Now, THAT is an activity that requires some determination! I don’t know what seems more challenging: a super messy bedroom or building a tower using a deck of cards. Either way, great job staying determined today. There are challenging things we face each and every day that don’t seem as fun as building a tower. Maybe it’s the same kind of thing you read on your cards today or maybe it’s something else. Whatever challenges we run into, we want to remember that God always has a plan and because of that, we can keep going even when it seems impossible.”

Prayer: “Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for giving His disciples everything they needed to spread the word about Him. We know about His life, His death, and His resurrection because THEY kept going—even when it must have seemed impossible. We want to live out that same kind of determination, too, and finish the job that you’ve given us to do. Help us to **[Bottom Line] keep going even when it seems impossible**. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

STICKY SCRIPTURE

What You Need: Index cards, markers, tape

What You Do: Look up this month’s memory verse, Galatians 6:9, and read it together as a group (You could also print the memory verse paper provided in the Monthly Content at newbreak.church/weekend-kids)

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- Give each person an index cards and marker
- Work together to write the verse on the cards—one word or phrase per card.
- After all the words have been written, work together line up the cards in order next to each other.
- Say the verse out loud together.
- Use tape to put the cards up somewhere in your home that you can practice the verse every day

What You Say:

“Like our story today, no matter what come our way, remember that we can keep going even when it seems impossible.”

There is a super hard question on your math test.

Your least favorite meal is cooked for dinner.

You have to clean your room before playing with your friends, but it is a big ol' MESS.

There are 15 minutes left in your basketball game and your team is down by 10 points.

It's your turn to do the dishes, and they are piled super high in the sink.

You have a piano recital coming up, and you really don't feel like practicing.

You got moved to a different class and need someone to sit with during lunch time.

You're trying to make your bed, but the corners of your sheets keep popping off.

You really want to swim in the deep end this summer, but know you have to take the challenging swim test first.

You know you need to finish a book for your summer reading list, but you can't seem to concentrate as you think of all the other things you could be doing.

WHAT TO DO:

Print and cut apart one set for every three kids.

Tower of Determination

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