

## TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW



## CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

### BIBLE STORY

#### Go the Distance

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

### 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

### KEY QUESTION

What keeps you from finishing what you start?

### BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

### 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Sticky notes, markers, pencils

What You Do:

- **Pair** kids up.
- **Give** kids five sticky notes.
- **Ask** kids to write on each note an example of when is it tough to finish what you start.
- **Encourage** kids to think about the discussions from previous weeks.
  - What if you have been given a huge job? What makes it hard to finish it?
  - What makes it hard to finish a season playing on a team that is losing every game?
  - What makes it hard to stay motivated to finish homework when you know summer break will soon be here?
  - **Guide** kids to think about examples in their life when they have found it tough to finish what they started.
- After kids are finished, lead them to **group** together similar examples.
- **Discuss** the examples:
  - Is there a common thread in the examples given?
  - Of the examples that you didn't write down yourself, which ones are things that you've experienced too?
- **Refer** to the examples on the notes in the "Bible Story Extension Activity."

# 252 PRETEEN

WEEK  
**THREE**

MAY 2020

GRADES  
**4-5**

SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

**GROUPS**

HOME

25 MINUTES

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### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- When was the last time you didn't finish something you started? What kept you from finishing?
- Sometimes we don't finish what we start because we simply get distracted. When do you get distracted or find yourself doing something else instead of the thing you're supposed to be doing?
- What can we do to help us when we want to give up?
- Who encourages you to show determination and finish what you start?

## PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



## REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Sticky notes from the "Take a Snapshot Activity," pencils, index cards

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- **Lay** out the sticky notes from the Take a Snapshot Activity.
- **Ask** kids to think of what keeps them from finishing what they start. Maybe it is one of the examples on the notes.
- **Give** kids a pencil and an index card.
- **Encourage** them to write a prayer asking for God's to help them show determination.
- **Challenge** them to be specific in their prayer.
  - For example, if they struggle practicing the piano because they don't like the piano, ask God to help you to keep going, practice regularly, and finish the school year/calendar year of lessons.
  - If you struggle to be nice to a kid you don't get along with, ask God to help you show kindness and patience when interacting with that kid.
- **Close** in prayer.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, Just like You helped Peter and John's to keep going even when things got tough, You want to help us too. God, there are times 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 decide it is worth it to finish what we start and give us the strength to keep going. Amen!"