

Send Me on My Way | Nov. 1 2020

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*

Bottom Line: Keep going even when it seems impossible.

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

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Really bring home the theme that Jesus can help us even when times are tough and that we can look to Him for help as we stay determined! He goes before us in all things 😊

Small Group Connect (10 Minutes)



1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: "Ask them about the best and worst part of their week."

5. Activity

Possible or Impossible?

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Designate one side of your area as "possible" and the other side as "impossible."
- Tell kids to stand in the middle of your space.
- Read an item from the list below.
 - You can touch your elbow with the hand on the same arm. Possible or impossible?
 - You can stay up past midnight. Possible or impossible?
 - A person can run faster than a car. Possible or impossible?
 - God can make a sick person healthy again. Possible or impossible?
 - An eagle can fly to the moon. Possible or impossible?
 - You can touch your nose with your tongue. Possible or impossible?
 - Some trees can grow taller than the Empire State Building [or the tallest structure in your town/city]. Possible or impossible?

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- Snails can sleep for three years. Possible or impossible? (*This one is actually possible!*)
- Jesus came back from the dead. Possible or impossible?
- *NOTE: Feel free to add some of your own that relate to things your kids are interested in.*
- Kids run to the possible or impossible side, based on their answer.
- If kids end up on both sides for any of the situations, discuss why they chose the side they did.

6. Coloring pages and toys for play time.

7. Transition to Large Group:

Lead your group to the Story Experience area.

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Small Group Activity (20 Minutes)

2. Tower of Determination

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

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

What You Do:

- Divide kids into teams of three.
- Provide each team with a deck of playing cards and a set of “Tower of Determination” cards.
- Remind kids that determination is deciding it’s worth it to finish what you started.
- Each kid on each team will take turns drawing a “Tower of Determination” card.
- They must read the situation on their 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 their group has finished going through all of the “Tower of Determination” cards.
- Once all cards have been drawn and answered, and each kid has several playing cards from the deck, encourage them to attempt to build a tower using all the playing cards.
- They can either try to build the tower based on their own imaginations and creativity, or you can guide them using a tablet or smartphone and the website <http://bit.ly/39b1P5l>
- Give the teams a few minutes to build their towers. This will be a challenge for them, so encourage them to tap into their determination and finish what they 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, you guys did an awesome job staying determined today. There are challenging things we face each and every day that don’t seem as fun as building a tower with our friends. Maybe it’s the same kind of thing you read on your cards today or maybe it’s something else. Whatever challenges you run into, I want you to remember that God always has a plan and because of that, you can **[Bottom Line] keep going even when it seems impossible.**”



Small Group Discussion (10 Minutes)

1. **Say the Bottom Line and Bible Verse together:**
2. **Bottom Line:** Keep going even when it seems impossible.

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)

3. Choose one or two review activities:

3. You've Got to Move It

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Help kids look up Galatians 6:9 in your Bible using the following tips: *show them how to do it.

Finding verses with 1st graders: Teach them how to do this in your Bible. Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (*Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.*) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Galatians in the list under "New Testament." You can help by telling them that Galatians starts with the letters G-A-L. When the kids find Galatians, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Galatians. Help the kids find the page. When they find it, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 6. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 6.

- Say the verse together a few times.
- Help kids come up with appropriate motions for the verse.
- Point out key words such as "not," "tired," and "time," that can easily be translated into motions.
- Say the verse with the motions several times.

What You Say:

"You kept going and didn't give up when you were finding the verse, coming up with the motions, and REMEMBERING the motions! God wants us to keep going no matter what. But you know what? We don't have to do it all on our own. God will help us! He helps us **[Bottom Line] keep going even when it seems impossible.**"

Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

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

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What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to find a partner.
- Encourage them to pray that God would help their friend have determination this week.
- When partners are finished, pray over your entire group.

What You Say:

“God, we love You so much and are so thankful that You always give us what we need! Although we sometimes run into sticky situations and challenges, You are never without a plan. Help us to remember that regardless of what we are facing each and every day, we can **[Bottom Line] keep going even when it seems impossible** because You are such a good, good God!”

As adults arrive to pick up, prompt kids to share what sticky substance they got to play with today. Remind them that whenever they see a sticky situation arise, they can **[Bottom Line] keep going even when it seems impossible**.



4. Check Out & Parent Pick-up

Kids should stay in the Small Group until their parents arrive to pick them up and show the 3 digit tag that matches the number on the name tag of the child being picked up.

1. **Talk** about doing the God Time Cards and send one home with each child.

When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their parent. Remember this week to **Bottom Line:** Forgive others because God forgives you.

2. **Encourage** families to do the God Time Card together and read the Parent Cue.

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