



WEEK FOUR – MAY 2019

Bible Story: *Learning to Fly • Hebrews 12:2-3*

Bottom Line: *Keep going because of what Jesus did for you.*

Memory Verse: *“But those who trust in the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.” – Isaiah 40:31 NIV*

Life App: *Perseverance – Refusing to give up when life gets hard*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: We finish out the month with another passage in Hebrews. In Hebrews 12:2-3 the author notes that to run the race of life with perseverance, we should focus our attention on Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate example of someone who endured death itself to accomplish the rescue mission God set out for Him.

Bottom Line: *Keep going because of what Jesus did for you. Knowing that Jesus persevered through death and was resurrected is the best encouragement for us to keep going when life gets hard. When we focus on Jesus, we remember that nothing is impossible and God will help us get through whatever we face in life.*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up.
- Play "I Spy" as kids continue to arrive.

- Let kids take turns being the one who “spies” something.
- Each time someone guesses correctly, they get to share “The best thing they’ve ever seen!”

2. Bigger Picture

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Connect-the-dot pages, pencils, markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a connect-the-dot page and pencil.
- Encourage them to work toward completing the bigger picture on the paper.
- Provide help as needed, or work together as a group.
 - If time allows, let kids color their completed pictures.

What You Say:

*“What picture did you create? (Allow time for kids to share.) You maybe had a little idea of what the picture was going to look like in the end, but with each piece, you could see more clearly what you had been working toward. We kept going because we knew there was a bigger picture to be created! **[Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn why we can keep going as we follow Jesus!**”*

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

*Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)
Worship SONGS*

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

3. Finish Line!

[Memory Verse Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: Prepared “Finish Line!” Activity Page running bibs, markers

What You Do:

- Ask kids if anyone can recite this month’s memory verse all by themselves. (Give each kid a turn if they are able.)

- Provide each kid with a running bib, and set out the markers.
- Encourage them to decorate their bibs. They can draw something they need to start persevering in, like learning an instrument, learning sight words for reading, tying their shoes, getting along with a sibling, etc.
- As they decorate, engage them in conversation about what they've learned this month.

What You Say:

*"I want each of you to put your bib over your head and wear it for the rest of the day! Whenever I see that someone has a running bib like this, I know they have taken part in a really long race. Maybe even a MUD RUN! This month, you have been training hard to persevere through some tough and muddy times, so you have won the right to wear YOUR very own MUD RUN BIB! Here's the thing: just because our month is ending, that doesn't mean the training can stop. God wants us to keep focusing on Him, keep growing closer to Him, and keep trusting Him just like our memory verse taught us. Remember that even after you leave here today, you can always **[Bottom Line]** keep going because of what Jesus did for you."*

4. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer]

Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

As adults arrive to pick up, prompt each kid to share the Bottom Line from today: [Bottom Line] God can help you let go of what is holding you back.