



WEEK FIVE – MAY 2020 – K3

Bible Story: *Keep Holding On (Stephen) • Acts 6:1–7:60*

Bottom Line: *God gives you what you need to keep going.*

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*

Summary: We end the month in Acts 8:26–40, and discover a Jesus follower named Philip. An angel told Philip to travel toward the desert. On the way, Philip met an Ethiopian official who was reading the Jewish Scriptures. He had questions and asked Philip. Philip answered the man’s question and pointed him to Jesus. The official put his faith in Jesus and was baptized.

OPENING DISCUSSION

1. Icebreakers / Zoom SetUp

What to ask:

- 2 people share: What has been the best thing you have done this week?
- 2 people share: What's one thing you miss being able to do right now?
- Leader share: What is one thing you look forward to during this Zoom call?
- Here are some good questions to ask as well:
 - Would you rather have a lifetime supply of ice cream or a lifetime supply of pizza?
 - If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
 - What's your favorite animal?
 - Describe your room at home.
 - What's the best gift you've ever been given?
 - What's the best gift you've ever given to someone else?
 - What would you like to do when you grow up?
 - What is your middle name?
 - What did you most recently watch on a screen (TV, computer, phone, etc.)?

What to expect:

- Leader: Set healthy standards for what this group time will look like, how much time you'll spend just catching up, and how much time you'll be engaged with the discussion questions -- NOTE: you want to prompt them to watch the weekend message BEFORE this call so they understand what is being talked about.

Recap the Weekend:

- Leader: Recap the story
- ***Consider having one of your the kids retell the story, then you can fill in the gaps

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

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Bottom Line: *Keep going even when you have questions. We'll never know everything about anything, especially when it comes to our faith in God. In order to keep going, sometimes we have to ask questions about what we don't know. We pray that kids will discover people in their life who they trust to ask hard questions about life and faith.*

SMALL GROUP

1. Verse & Prayer Activity

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

What You Need: Paper; pencil

What You Do:

- Search and read Galatians 6:9
- Point out that the words “don’t give up” are larger than the rest.
 - Explain that “don’t give up” means the same thing as “keep going,” which has been in every Bottom Line this month, including this week’s: **[Bottom Line] *Keep going even when you have questions.***
- While you talk, encourage them to finish this sentence, “Don’t give up when . . .”
 - Responses could range from “you can’t do your math homework” to “your brother is mad at you” to “you haven’t scored a single goal in soccer.”
- Ask kids to quietly think about things they need determination for right now. It could be something they’ve talked about earlier this month or something new.
- Give kids time to pray out loud about those things if they want to.
- Don’t force anyone to pray out loud if they don’t want to. Encourage them to pray silently instead.
- Use the paper and pencil to take notes about the kids’ prayers, to use as you pray.
- Finish with the prayer below.

What You Say:

“Dear God, we thank You so much for giving us the ability to have determination and keep going. I want to ask you to help [kid’s name] keep going when [thing that kid prayed for] and for (repeat for each kid), and for all the other prayers that were prayed silently. Help us to keep going in all things, and especially to keep going even when we have questions. We love You so much, God. Amen.”