

# CLIFFHANGER

THE STORY  
ISN'T OVER

WEEK  
**FOUR**  
OCTOBER 2022

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT  
25 MINUTES

## MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- When have you been through a hard time? *(Be sure to remind the group that this is a safe space for sharing. Remind them of the importance of confidentiality when it comes to personal stories that are shared with the group.)*
- How did you feel when you were in the middle of it?
- When does it feel like it would be easier to just give up? *(ie: during a particularly challenging football practice, studying for a really big math test, or while completing a long list of chores at home)*
- Have you ever given up on something? If so, did you regret it?
- How can you be sure that God knows what you're going through?

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Deliver Us

Burning Bush and the 10 Plagues  
Exodus 3-6:12, 7-12:42

## TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When have you been through a hard time?

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Hold on because God knows what you're going through.

## MONTHLY 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

## MONTHLY VIRTUE

Grit—Refusing to give up when life gets hard

## BASIC TRUTH

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### VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bibles, "Verses with Grit" Activity Page, pens or pencils

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to name synonyms for the word "grit."  
(Answers may include: courage, determination, and perseverance)
- Hand out Bibles, and/or ask kids to get their phones or devices in order to look up verses. Explain to kids that they can use a Bible app on their device, which is a handy way to look up and read scripture.
- Hand out a copy of "Verses with Grit" Activity Page to each kid as well as pens or pencils.
- Ask kids to pick one of the synonyms the group discussed for "grit" and look up verses about that word.
- Show kids how to use a concordance if they are using a physical Bible.
- Or show kids how to search for key words in their Bible app.
- Give kids a chance to share the verses they found with the group.
- They can use the activity page to write the references to the verses they found.
- They may want to write down the references to verses other kids found as well.
- Ask for a volunteer to read Galatians 6:9. Encourage kids to take this sheet home and use it as a reference when they need reminders from God's Word. They can also use it when they pray (see *Make It Personal with Prayer*).

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### MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



### MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Grit Prayer Journals (from Week 1), pens or pencils

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Ask if anyone remembers the GRIT acronym that you have been using for prayer this month. See if kids remember what each letter stands for.
- Remind kids that all month long, you're using these journals to pray about things that fall under these categories, and "truth" is the category for this week.
  - **G**ratitude-give thanks to God
  - **R**elationships-pray for the people in your life
  - **I**dentify-ask God to help you grow in specific ways when it comes to who you are becoming
  - **T**ruth-pray the truth of God's Word. Choose a verse to pray and focus on.
- Talk with kids about how we can pray scripture (recite verses in our prayers) as a way to talk to God.
  - Sometimes we don't have our own words to say, but repeating scripture in prayers back to God helps us to declare what God says to be true in our own lives.
- Hand out the Grit Prayer Journals kids made during Week One. (Be sure to provide a journal for any kids that were not there for Week One.)
- Give kids some time to write down prayers of Truth.
  - Encourage them to consider using some of the verses they may have found during the "Verses to Take With You" activity.
  - Perhaps there is a verse that specifically applies to something they are going through right now.
- After everyone is finished writing, close the group in prayer.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear God, we know that in Your Word, You encourage us to not grow tired of doing good and that at the right time we will gather a crop if we do not give up. Thank You for understanding the details of our lives. We know we can trust You and that we can hold on because You know every detail of our situations and Your presence is always with us. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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