

Unstuck: Don't give up

WEEK
ONE

MAY 2020

GRADES
K-1

SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

252 KIDS

TEAM

CEO

Reggie Joiner

DIRECTOR OF MESSAGING

Kristen Ivy

DIRECTOR OF CHILDRENS STRATEGY

Mike Clear

CREATIVE TEAM

Molly Bell
Elloa Davis
Elizabeth Hansen
Brandon O'Dell
Greg Payne
Phil Pierce
Dan Scott
Mike Tiemann
Jon Williams

WRITERS

Becky Jarrett
Nicole Jones
Rachael Macaluso
Erin Mashaw
Julie Tiemann
Dana Wilkerson

EDITORS

Molly Bell
Dana Wilkerson

ORANGE SPECIALIST

Abbey Carr
Amy Fenton
Amy Grisham
Barbara Graves
Terri Jones
Misty Phillips
Stephanie Porter
Jackie Raihl
Annette Stickney
Phil Summers
Courtney Templeton
Gay Tucciarone

USER AGREEMENT

Orange gladly grants permission to churches, schools, and other licensees to tailor 252 Kids® materials to fit their unique leadership requirements, locale and format preferences, and physical environment needs. However, if you wish to edit the content substantively, including Bible stories, learning activities, scripts, and any other content in which biblical principles and concepts are presented, you are obligated to do so within the doctrinal guidelines we've expressed in our Statement of Faith. These resources are intended to be downloaded and printed for use by the subscribing entity only and may not be electronically transferred to or duplicated by other non-subscribing entities. Any unauthorized reproduction of this material or incorporation into a new work is a direct violation of US copyright laws. ©2019 The reThink Group. All rights reserved. 252 Kids® and the 252 Kids® logo are trademarks of Orange and the reThink Group.

Scripture marked "NirV" is taken from the NEW INTERNATIONAL READER'S VERSION®. Copyright © 1996, 1998 Biblica. All rights reserved throughout the world. Used by permission of Biblica.

Scripture marked "NIV" is taken from THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

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

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

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when
it seems impossible.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
Possible or Impossible?

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

10
MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Can't Stop Won't Stop" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*
"Who You Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am single*

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Up in the Air
That Seems Impossible!
You've Got to Move It
Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime
Parent Cue

GETTING READY

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

EARLY ARRIVER IDEA*Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- An offering container

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

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.***1. UP IN THE AIR****[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]***Made to Explore:* an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Jesus Cutouts" Activity Page and cut out; one for each kid
- Print the "Disciples Cutouts" Activity Page and cut out; one for each kid
- Paper clips; two for each kid
- Thin metal cookie/baking sheets; one for every three to five kids
- Magnets; two for each cookie sheet
- Crayons or markers
- Tape
- Zip-top baggies; one for each kid
- Bible

- *NOTE:* Make sure to test all cookie sheets and magnets to make sure they will work. See activity instructions.

*** 2. THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE!****[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]***Made to Play:* an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Bandanas with a knot tied in them; one for every two or three kids
- Two decks of cards
- Three or four preschool puzzles (with 15 or fewer pieces)
- Timer

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

PRAYER**[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]***Made to Reflect:* an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Make copies on cardstock or email this week's GodTime and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

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



MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

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

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when it seems impossible.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray especially for kids who might be in hard situations where it seems like resolution and peace are impossible. Ask God to give them strength to keep moving forward, and to help them figure out what that means for them. Pray that God would use you to encourage those kids today. Pray for all kids to begin to understand the importance of determination and why God wants us to finish what we start.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids, and show them where to place their offerings.
- Tell kids that throughout this activity they have to constantly be moving some part of their body while staying in one spot.
 - They can walk in place, pump their arms, wiggle a finger, nod their head, or whatever they wish.
 - If they get tired of one movement, they can start doing another.
- While kids move, ask questions about their week, about last month's Life App, etc.:
 - What was the best thing that happened to you last week?
 - What's the silliest thing you saw or did last week?
 - How were you a good friend last week?
 - Last month we learned about humility. How have you put others first lately?
- As needed, encourage kids to keep moving.

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



MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

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

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when it seems impossible.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

2. POSSIBLE OR IMPOSSIBLE?

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?
 - 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.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Some of those things were possible—they could really happen. And some of them were impossible. And still others were possible, but they SEEMED impossible. **[Transition] Let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear more about things that seem impossible.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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

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**

BOTTOM LINE

**Keep going even when
it seems impossible.**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on
experimentation and discovery

1. UP IN THE AIR

WHAT YOU NEED: "Jesus Cutouts" and "Disciples Cutouts" (Activity Pages), paper clips, cookie/baking sheets, magnets, markers or crayons, tape, zip-top baggies, Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Jesus cutout and a disciples cutout to color.
- Help kids tape a paper clip to the back of each cutout.
- Divide kids into groups, depending on the amount of cookie sheets you have.
- Show kids how to re-enact the story on the cookie sheet:
 - Place the disciples cutout in the bottom right corner of the cookie/baking sheet, and stick a magnet on the back of the cookie sheet to hold it in place.
 - Repeat with the Jesus cutout in the bottom left corner.
 - Move the magnet on the back of the Jesus cutout so Jesus "walks" toward the disciples.
 - Move the magnet so Jesus goes up into the "air."
- Designate one kid from each group to re-enact the story first.
- Read Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:8, and Luke 24:50-52.
- Repeat as many times as needed so each kid gets a turn with the cookie sheet.
- After a few times through, if you want to, let the kids retell the story themselves.
- Give each kid a baggie to put their cutouts in so they can take them home.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This was a fun way to retell the story of how Jesus talked to His disciples and then went up in the air to heaven! Take your cutouts home with you so you can retell the story to your family this week.

"It had to have been AMAZING for the disciples to see Jesus go up toward heaven! But they were probably also wondering how they would be able to carry out the task He gave them to tell the whole world about Him. It would have seemed impossible! But you know what? They kept going. They told as many people as they could about Jesus.

252 KIDS

WEEK
ONE

MAY 2020

GRADES
K-1

SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

25 MINUTES

TALK
ABOUT GOD
BIBLE STORY
REVIEW



EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

"God wants us to keep going, too, even when something seems absolutely impossible. Maybe there's somebody at school who's mean to you, and it seems impossible to keep going back to school and dealing with them day after day. Or maybe your grandma is really sick, and it seems impossible to keep going back to the hospital to see her when she's so sick. But we can show determination and **keep going even when it seems impossible.**"

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

25 MINUTES

**LIVE
FOR GOD**
APPLICATION
ACTIVITY



PLAY

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

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

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

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when it seems impossible.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

* 2. THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT YOU NEED: Knotted bandanas, decks of cards, preschool puzzles, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Challenge kids to do some seemingly impossible tasks.
- You can have each kid do all of the tasks one at a time, or you can have all tasks going at once with different kids doing different tasks.
- Kids can work individually or in teams. Set it up any way you wish, depending on your time and space.
 - Knotted bandanas: Kids will untie the knot in 20 seconds or less.
 - Decks of cards: Kids will pick up an entire deck of scattered cards in 20 seconds or less.
 - Preschool puzzles: Kids will put together a puzzle in 20 seconds or less.
- If kids have trouble doing the tasks in 20 seconds, let them try again until they can accomplish it.
- If kids can easily do the tasks in 20 seconds, challenge them to do it in 15 seconds or even 10 seconds. The point is to make it seem impossible, though it's actually doable if they just keep going and trying.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! Those things might have seemed impossible, but when you kept going, you were able to get them done. Sometimes there are things in life like that. Maybe you think you will NEVER be able to tie your shoes! But you know what? If you keep trying, one of these days, you'll get it! Or some of you might think that reading an entire chapter book is absolutely impossible. It's not! God can help you have determination and **keep going even when it seems impossible.**"

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about something you did that seemed impossible at the time, but you kept going, and God helped you do it. Make sure to keep it kid friendly.)

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

25 MINUTES

HEAR FROM GOD MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY



MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

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

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

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when it seems impossible.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

3. YOU'VE GOT TO MOVE IT

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Help kids look up Galatians 6:9 in their Bibles using the following tips:

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word Galatians at the top of the page as you say "Galatians" aloud. Then guide children to find the big number 6 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 6 for the little 9; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

Finding verses with 1st graders: 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 **keep going even when it seems impossible.**"

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

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

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

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when
it seems impossible.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- Kids take turns praying the Bottom Line for the person on their left: "God, help [kid's name] keep going even when it seems impossible."
- Prompt kids with the words as needed, or say a phrase and let them repeat it.
- Close with the prayer below.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, thank You so much for helping us. We know You can do anything, and You can help us **keep going even when it seems impossible**. You're so awesome, God! Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids about their Jesus and disciples cutouts and what they can do with them at home.