

Unstuck: Don't give up

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SMALL GROUP

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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HOME

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BIBLE STORY

Keep Holding On
Stephen
Acts 6:1-7:60

MEMORY VERSE

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Galatians 6:9, NIRV

LIFE APP

Determination—Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going because God knows the end of the story.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only
Create the Environment
Monthly Overview

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MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arrivers
Roundabout Story

25
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Opener
Bible Story
Worship
Prayer
Closer

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MIN

WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Super Wonderful" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 6*
"Can't Stop Won't Stop" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*

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MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

The Stories of Old
Trust Me Craft
The End of the Verse
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 Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An offering container
- Short, easy-to-read picture books that have a relatively compelling storyline

ROUNDAABOUT STORY

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

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 #1.

* 1. THE STORIES OF OLD

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Play-Doh®; one lump for each kid

2. TRUST ME CRAFT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper plates; one for every two kids

- Jumbo craft sticks; two for each kid
- Scissors
- Markers
- Rubber cement
- Decorative materials such as: sequins, stickers, small pom-poms, glitter glue, etc.

3. THE END OF THE VERSE

[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:

- Print the "Memory Verse Phrases" Activity Pages and cut apart; two sets for each small group
- NOTE: The last phrase is missing. That's not a mistake!
- One piece of copy paper cut in half
- Pencils
- Bibles

PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Kids' fans from the "Trust Me Craft" activity

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**.

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CONNECT

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

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. Thank God that when life is scary and hard, He is there to help us through. Pray that this truth would be comforting for kids who are in difficult or uncertain circumstances. Pray for wisdom as you guide today's conversation, that you would be able to speak words of truth and encouragement.

1. EARLY ARRIVER IDEA

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, picture books

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids, and show them where to place their offerings.
- Divide kids into groups of two or three. Try to group stronger readers with those who may struggle.
- Give each group a book to read aloud together.
- Encourage kids to talk about whether or not they liked the ending and why.
- If you have time, switch books and do it again.

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2. ROUNDABOUT STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Start telling a story by saying two or three sentences and then clap once.
- Examples of story starters:
 - One day, a boy named Carlos woke up and his fingers had turned into carrots! He didn't know what to do!
 - It was a normal day. Evangeline woke up, got ready for school, and hopped into the backseat of the car. BUT THEN . . .
- Direct the kid to your left to add a few more sentences to the story until they hear you clap.
- Continue around the circle in this way.
- Keep going until time runs out or the story devolves into absolute silliness.
- If you have time, start a new story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was such a silly and roundabout story! We had no idea where it was going to go or how it was going to end. In fact, I still don't think it ended! We don't know the end of the story. **[Transition] Let's go to Large Group, where we'll hear about someone who knows the end of EVERY story!**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW

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* 1. THE STORIES OF OLD

WHAT YOU NEED: Play-Doh®

WHAT YOU DO:

- Remind kids that in today's story, Stephen told the Sanhedrin stories from Israel's history.
- Ask kids to recall some of the stories they've learned in Small Group throughout this school year.
- Encourage them to use the Play-Doh to shape a character or item from the story.
- As kids work, ask them what they're making and what the story was about.
- If kids need help remembering stories, here are some highlights:
 - Noah
 - Joseph's story
 - Moses and the burning bush
 - Israel crossing the Red Sea
 - David and Goliath
 - Daniel and the lions' den
 - Jesus' birth
 - John the Baptist baptizing Jesus
 - Jesus at Mary and Martha's house
 - Zacchaeus
 - The story of the lost son (the prodigal son)
 - Jesus' death and resurrection

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You are all great Bible storytellers! So was Stephen. He told the leaders all about God and His chosen people, the Israelites, and about Jesus. But the leaders were angry with him. They didn't like what he was saying. So they were very mean to him, they shouted at him, and they threw stones at him. It wasn't fair! But Stephen kept going and kept living and speaking for God until his last breath. He even asked God to forgive the leaders. He knew that God knew the end of the story, and he trusted God with everything he had. We can do the same. We can **keep going because God knows the end of the story.** We might not ever be in a situation like Stephen is, but we face tough times sometimes, too. When we do, we can remember that God knows everything, and we can trust Him!"

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2. TRUST ME CRAFT

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper plates, scissors, jumbo craft sticks, rubber cement, markers, decorative materials

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell the kids you're going to tell them how to make a craft, but you're not going to tell them what it is. They'll just have to trust you!
 - However, we're telling YOU that they'll be making a handheld fan.
- Give a paper plate to every two kids.
- Show them how to fold the plate exactly in half and then cut along the fold.
- Each kid gets half a plate.
- Instruct kids to use the markers and decorative materials to decorate both sides of their plate. They can decorate it however they wish.
 - However, if they're drawing a scene of some kind, let them know that the straight edge of the plate is the bottom.
- Give each kid two craft sticks.
- Tell kids to use the markers to color the craft sticks.
- Show kids how to hold the craft sticks so they form a very wide V (it should be about a 120-degree angle) with the bottoms of the sticks overlapping just a bit.
 - Don't tell the kids, but this is the handle of the fan.
- Dab some rubber cement where the sticks overlap, and tell kids to press hard on the sticks so they'll stick together.
- Then dab some rubber cement to the top of each stick, and place the straight edge of the plate onto those ends. Tell kids to press tightly on both sides so they'll stick together.
- Ask kids what they just made!

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You just made a handheld fan! You had NO idea what you were making until we were finished, did you? But I did! I knew the end of the craft—the end of the story. GOD knows the end of each of our stories and the end of the story of the entire world! Isn't that amazing? When things get tough or life gets frustrating because we just don't know what's going to happen, we can trust that God knows. We can **keep going because God knows the end of the story!**"

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3. THE END OF THE VERSE

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Phrases" (Activity Pages), Bibles, paper, pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide kids into two teams.
- Line the teams up at one end of your space.
- Shuffle each set of phrases, and place a set on the ground across from each team.
- Lead kids to relay to get the phrases and put the verse in order.
- While the teams are putting the verse in order, set a Bible, a half sheet of paper, and a pencil near each group.
- When one team realizes they're missing a phrase, challenge them to write it on the blank half sheet of paper. If needed, they can look it up in the Bible.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You were missing the end of the verse in this game, but you knew it anyway! Because you've been practicing this verse all month, you knew the end of the verse. God doesn't need to practice to know everything there is to know about everything—including the end to everybody's story and the story of the entire world! That makes me so excited, because I know that He is in control of everything. It helps me to keep going, even when things seem impossible or tough. **Keep going because God knows the end of the story.**"

PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



REFLECT

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PRAY AND DISMISS

WHAT YOU NEED: Kids' fans from the "Trust Me Craft" activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Hand out the kids' fans from earlier.
- Remind kids that they didn't know what they were making while they made their fans, but YOU knew.
- Tell kids to think about something in their lives that they don't know the end of the story to.
 - Maybe their grandma is very sick.
 - Maybe their birthday is coming up, and they don't know if they'll get what they asked for.
 - Maybe their parents are fighting a lot.
 - Maybe their cat ran away.
 - Maybe their best friend hasn't wanted to play with them at recess for the past few days.
- When they think of something, tell them to use their fan to fan their faces, so you'll know they're finished.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You can stop fanning now. There are a lot of things in our lives that we don't know the end of the story to. Some of those are very serious things, like somebody being very sick. And some of them are more fun things, like not knowing what you'll get for your birthday. But no matter what the story is, God knows the end of it! And we can trust that He will always do what's best, because He loves us. We can **keep going because God knows the end of the story.** Let's pray.

"Dear God, You are so awesome and amazing. You know everything, and that is SO cool! And because You know everything, we know we can trust you with our stories, because you know the end of them. Thanks for loving us, God. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, tell them to ask kids about what it was like to make their fans.