

# Unstuck: Don't give up

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# 252 PRETEEN

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## LIFE APP

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

## KEY QUESTION

What helps you keep going?

## BASIC TRUTH

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### PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

For Leaders Only  
Create the Environment  
Monthly Overview

**15**  
MIN

### SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Just For Fun  
Get Your Head in the Game

**25**  
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### STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

Welcome/Opener  
Worship  
Communication  
Prayer

**10**  
MIN

### WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

"Every Beat" from *Every Beat*  
"Can't Stop Won't Stop" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*  
"We Believe" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 4*

**25**  
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### GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Take a Snapshot  
Bible Story Extension  
Discussion Questions  
Verses to Take with You  
Make it Personal with Prayer

### HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

GodTime  
Parent Cue

## GETTING READY

### SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

#### 1. JUST FOR FUN

*Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Offering container

#### 2. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

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**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Small bouncy balls or ping pong balls; one for every two kids
- Beads; 10 for every two kids

### GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

CHOOSE AS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES AS YOU LIKE.

#### 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Print the "Tool Cards" Activity Pages and cut apart; one set for every two kids
- Markers

#### 2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

*Made to Move:* an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Masking tape
- Sticky Hand novelty toy; one for each kid (such as: <https://amzn.to/2U3SoA4> or <http://bit.ly/38KPPaj>)

#### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- No supplies needed

#### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- Hula hoops; two or three for each Small Group
- Print the "Spirit Verse Cards" Activity Page and cut apart; two or three sets for each Small Group
- Dice; two or three for each small group
- Bibles
- Pencils
- Markers

#### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- A flameless votive or a flashlight with red tissue over the lens

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

*Before kids arrive, take some time to pray for your time together by asking God for wisdom to know how to help your kids understand the Holy Spirit and the impact that He has in the life of a follower of Jesus.*

### 1. JUST FOR FUN

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Offering container

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- **Invite** kids to put their offering in the offering container as they arrive.
- **Ask:** Did anyone memorize Galatians 6:9 from last week? **Allow** kids to recite the verse if they want.
- **Explain** that you are going to play a game called "Stand on the Mountain."
  - **Tell** kids to lie flat on their backs without moving.
  - When you say, "Stand on the mountain," kids must jump up. The last kid to stand up is out.
  - When you say something other than "Stand on the mountain", e.g. "Stand on the monkey," anyone who moves is out.
  - Other options for "mountain" could include: Montana, Montenegro, macaroni, monster, mama, etc.
  - Encourage the kids who are out to help watch the kids still playing to see who moves at the wrong time.
  - When there is only one kid left in the game, **declare** him or her the winner.
  - If there is time and interest, **play** again.

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## 2. GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bouncy balls or ping pong balls, beads

### WHAT YOU DO:

- **Gather** kids in a circle.
- Kids will play a game similar to the game of "Jacks."
  - **Give** each kid 10 beads and a small rubber ball. (Kids can help by counting out their own beads.)
  - **Instruct** kids to hold the beads in one hand and gently drop the beads in front of them. (This step is to ensure the beads aren't in a neat pile. The more spread out the beads, the harder it is to pick them up.)
  - **Challenge** kids, using only one hand, to bounce their ball, grab a bead and catch the ball before the ball hits the ground again.
  - *Note: If your floor surface is not conducive to bouncing a ball, do this activity around a table.*
  - When kids get the hang of picking up one bead at a time, **challenge** them to drop the beads again and pick up two beads simultaneously.
  - **Increase** the challenge each round by increasing the number of beads kids pick up in a single bounce of the ball.

### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Way to show determination and to step up to the challenge by increasing the beads picked up in a single bounce of the ball. Sometimes showing determination is challenging and we need help to keep going. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear what can help us to decide it's worth it to finish what we started.**"

*Lead your group to the Large Group area.*

## LIVE FOR GOD APPLICATION ACTIVITY



## IMAGINE

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### 1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Tool Cards" Activity Page, markers

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- **Pair** kids up and **give** each pair a set of "Tool Cards."
- The "Tools" are: Teacher/Coach, Parent/other adult at home, Friends, Galatians 6:9, A Reward, Praying, The Holy Spirit
- **Read** one of the "Keep Going Situations" from below to the group.
- **Give** pairs time to discuss what "Tool" or "Tools" they could use to help them to keep going and finish what they started in each of the situations. (Each set of "Tool Cards" has a blank card kids can use to create an additional "Tool" they might use to keep going.)
- When pairs have selected their "Tools," **allow** time for the group to discuss the what they selected for each situation. Be sure to **discuss** any additional ideas kids may have come up with.
- "Keep Going Situations" are:
  - Your sports team keeps losing. It is getting so frustrating you just want to quit. What could help you finish the season with a good attitude?
  - You don't understand the math homework. You want to just not do it! What could help you finish the homework? (*This is an opportunity to talk about seeking help rather than giving up when you don't understand something.*)
  - Cleaning your room is so boring. You don't care if it messy, but your dad does. What can help you finish jobs that are boring?
  - Two of your friends are mad at each other, and you are caught in the middle. What helps you to be kind to both of them?
- **Encourage** kids to share a time when they have actually used one of the tools listed to keep going.
- **[Make it Personal]** (*Be prepared to share an example from your own life when you used one the "Tools" to show determination.*)

## TALK ABOUT GOD BIBLE STORY REVIEW



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### 2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Masking tape, sticky hands

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- On a wall or other smooth flat surface, using masking tape, **make** a "T" and an "F." (Or let a couple of volunteers do this.)
- **Give** each kid a "sticky hand."
  - These stick to surfaces without leaving a residue. Simply fling the hand forward while holding onto the attached string end. The hand should slap the nearest surface and stick. Then you can remove it by pulling gently on the string end until the hand becomes unstuck.
- **Ask** the "True or False" questions listed below, one at a time.
- When you say, "Go!" kids should quickly select their answers (all at the same time) by slapping their sticky hand onto the T or F.
- True/False Questions:
  - All believers gathered for the day of Pentecost. True or False? (*True*)
  - Days before Pentecost, Jesus gave the believers a huge job that seemed impossible to complete. True or False? (*True*)
    - Bonus: What was the "huge job"? (*To tell the world about Jesus*)
  - A sound came from heaven; it was like strong wind blowing and believers saw a light bulb rest on each of them. True or False? (*False*)
    - Bonus: The believers didn't see light bulbs. What did they see? (*Fire that looked like tongues*)
  - Believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to dance the jig in front of a crowd of people. True or False? (*False*)
    - Bonus: What did the believers begin to do when the Holy Spirit filled them? (*speak in languages they didn't know*)
    - With no training or studying, it seems impossible to suddenly start speaking a different language. How did believers get the ability to speak in different languages? (*Holy Spirit*)
  - After receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke boldly to the crowd about Jesus. True or False? (*True*)
    - Bonus: What did Peter say about Jesus? (*Peter told the crowd Jesus was part of God's plan to provide a way we could be with God now and forever. Jesus died for forgiveness of sins but God rose Jesus from the dead. Peter told the people Jesus is the Messiah.*)

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- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit will give us whatever we want. True or False? (*False*)
  - Bonus: In the story, what did the Holy Spirit give Peter? (*determination, boldness to speak, the words to say*)
  - **Clarify** the Spirit will give us what we need but not necessarily what we want.
- What is the gift you receive when you believe and trust Jesus? (*Holy Spirit*)
- Because Peter showed determination and boldly told the people about Jesus, many people that day believed, because of Jesus, they could be with God now and forever. True or False? (*True*)
  - Bonus: How many people became followers of Jesus that day? (*3,000*)
- **Ask:** The Spirit helped Peter to speak boldly about Jesus to a huge crowd of people; the Spirit helped Peter show determination. How can the Spirit help us? (*If necessary, prompt kids using an example from the Take a Snapshot activity. For example: How can the Spirit help you have a good attitude even when your team keeps losing?*)



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### 3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

**Ask:**

- **Encourage** kids to share about a time they wanted to give up but they didn't. What helped them keep going?
- **Read:** *But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26, NIV)*
  - We often talk about how God is with us, but this verse really hammers it home. God is with us via His Holy Spirit; He sent something specific to help us.
  - How does it feel to know that God is with you in a specific and intentional way?
  - What can you do to remember this verse and let it encourage you when you get worn out?
- What current situation are you in right now that you need to access some determination for?

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### 4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hula hoops, "Spirit Verse Cards" Activity Page, dice, Bibles, pencils, markers

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- **Divide** the group into two or three teams.
- **Place** a hula hoop across from each team.
- In each hula hoop, **place** a set of six "Spirit Verse Cards" numbered one through six and a die.
- Kids will compete in a relay race to collect all six cards.
  - When you say, "Go!" a kid from each team races to their hula hoop, rolls the die, grabs the "Spirit Verse Card" matching the number shown on the die, and returns to their team.
  - Once they return to their team, the next kid on their team races to the hula hoop to roll the dice and collect a card.
  - If the "Spirit Verse Card" corresponding to the number on the die has already been collected, the kid returns to the team without a card and the next kid on their team runs to the hula hoop.
  - Kids will need determination to keep rolling the die to get the last couple of cards.
  - The first team to gather all six "Spirit Verse Cards" wins.
- Once a winner is declared, **gather** teams in a circle.
- **Give** kids a Bible.
- **Tell** kids to select one to three "Spirit Verse Cards."
- **Instruct** kids to look up the verses and, on the back of the corresponding card, write what the verse says about the Holy Spirit.
- Below are the references and potential answers based on the NIRV translation:
  - John 14:16-17 (*Friend, helps you, is with you forever, Spirit of Truth, lives in and with followers of Christ*)
  - John 14:26 (*Friend, teaches us and reminds us of what Jesus says*)
  - John 16:13 (*Spirit of truth, guides you in all truth*)
  - Galatians 5:22 (*the Spirit gives us joy, love and peace, It helps us be patient, kind, good and faithful*)
  - Colossians 1:9 (*gives wisdom and understanding*)
  - Acts 1:8 (*gives power and helps you tell people about Jesus*)

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- **Allow** time for kids to share and discuss what each verse says about the Spirit.
- **Explain** that sometimes it is hard to keep going and to not get tired of “doing good.” Sometimes being nice to your sister is exhausting or sometimes studying your social studies facts is tiring.
- **Ask:**
  - What are other examples of times you might get tired of “doing good”? (If necessary, **prompt** kids by asking if any of the “Keep Going Situations” from the Take a Snapshot Activity resonates with them.)
  - How do you actually get the Holy Spirit’s help? (prayer, reading Scripture, asking for others to pray for you)

## PRAY TO GOD PRAYER ACTIVITY



## REFLECT

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### 5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

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**WHAT YOU DO:**

- **Gather** kids in a circle.
- **Encourage** kids to think of a situation where they need help to keep going and show determination.
- **Start** the prayer by saying:
  - God, we want to be bold! Just like the Holy Spirit helped Peter boldly tell the crowd about Jesus, we need the Spirit to help us. There will be times we will be tired of doing good, there will be times when we need Your help to show determination.
- **Pass** the candle to the kid sitting next to you.
- **Allow** kids to pray out loud or silently before passing the candle on to the next person.
- After the candle goes around the circle, **close** by thanking Jesus for the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us.