



May 17th
Keep going even when
it gets tough

252 Elementary: K - 5th

Bible Story

God the distance

Peter and John are taken to the
Sanhedrin
Acts 3:1 - 4:21

Board Game Bonanza

FAMILY CHALLENGE

It's time for a challenge! This week is simple! Play a board game together! Take pictures as you play. We would love for you to share them: tag us in your story @parkchurchnj or if you aren't on social media email it to rebecca@parkchurchnj.com

Activity: Don't skip a beat!

What you'll need: Jump Rope

WHAT YOU DO:

Practice the Memory Verse and then jump rope while saying a word with each jump. If you mess up start the verse over. If you have a long jump rope have more than one person jumping and encourage one another when you miss a beat because we all need reminders that we can **keep going even when it gets tough**.

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

PRAYER: God, thank you for being strong. Thank you for always being with us. Thank you for giving Peter and John the courage and determination they needed when they had to face the religious leaders. We know there will be times in our own lives when things get tough and we feel like we want to quit. In those times, please give us strength to keep going and keep living your way. We love you! Amen.



Activity: Tough Stuff

What you'll need: Mixing bowls, cornstarch, water

WHAT YOU DO: Put one cup cornstarch into each bowl (one per child) and then add 1/2 cup of water to each bowl and mix together. Add food coloring if desired. Play with the goo and make note of what happens when you squeeze it vs when you open your hands. *Note: Recipe is 2:1 Cornstarch to Water (also known as Oobleck)

WHAT YOU SAY AFTER: "That was so cool! The goo was 'tough' when you squeezed it but when you let it go it dropped back into the bowl. This week we are learning to **keep going even when it gets tough**. Just like the goo was tough sometimes, things in our lives are tough sometimes. But when you let go and trust God they don't seem so tough! With determination you can keep going and can trust God to help you finish what you started.

Discussion Questions Talk through the following:

- When was the last time you didn't finish something you start? What kept you from finishing?
- Sometimes we don't finish what we start because we simply get distracted. When you get distracted or find yourself doing something else instead of the thing you're supposed to be doing?
- What can we do to help us when we want to give up?
- Who encourages you to show determination and finish what you start?

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K- 3rd grade Wednesday 3:30pm and 4th-5th grades Wednesday at 4:30pm

