

DETERMINATION

deciding it's
worth it to
finish what
you started

WEEK
Five
2nd-3rd Grade

Read Romans 15:4

DAY 1

Do you know why the Bible is important?

Maybe that's a question you've never really thought about. The Bible isn't just another book that tells us about events of the past. The Bible is God's word to us. When we read it, just like you're reading it today, it can help, teach, comfort and guide. When you have questions about God, the Bible is the best place to go for answers.

We all have questions for God. Some questions might seem silly (like "why are there mosquitoes?") and some are more serious (like "why is my grandmother sick?") Questions aren't bad! That's how we learn. Don't be afraid to ask questions, to search the Bible for answers and to talk to other people who love and follow God too. This week, if you find yourself wanting to give up, read this verse. Thank God for His word. And remember, you can keep going, even when you have questions.

Read Acts 17:24-26

DAY 2

Do you have a friend that doesn't go to church? If you wanted to tell that friend about God, where would you start?

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks from today's verses.

God made the _____.

He made _____ in it.

He is the _____ of heaven and earth.

He doesn't _____ in temples built by human hands.

He doesn't need _____.

He himself gives life and breath to all _____.

From one man, he _____ all the people of the world.

He decided exactly _____ they should live.

He decided exactly _____ they should live.

anything
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Lord
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We learn a ton about God from these verses! And while these words don't answer every single question about God, they tell us quite a bit about who He is. We all have questions about God. Questions help us learn and grow. But even with our questions, we can still trust God. And just like Paul did in these verses, you can tell others what you know about God too. Remember, you can keep going with determination even if you have questions.

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

DAY 3

Do you know how your Mom's car works?

Can you take apart a washing machine and put it back together?

When you turn on your TV, do you understand how the images appear on the screen?

You put your trust in stuff every day without completely understanding how it works. The same is true in our relationship with God. You might be tempted to give up, to quit living the way God wants you to live when things happen that you don't understand.

But trust means that you choose to believe, even with all your questions, that God is good and that He loves you. Even when things don't make sense or when you have questions you can't answer, you can still trust God and obey what He's asked of you.

Pick one thing in your house that you depend on but maybe don't completely understand (like your washing machine or refrigerator). Write out the words of today's verse on a notecard and tape it to that item. Ask God to help you continue to obey Him, to keep going, to keep trusting, even when you have questions.

Read Joshua 1:7

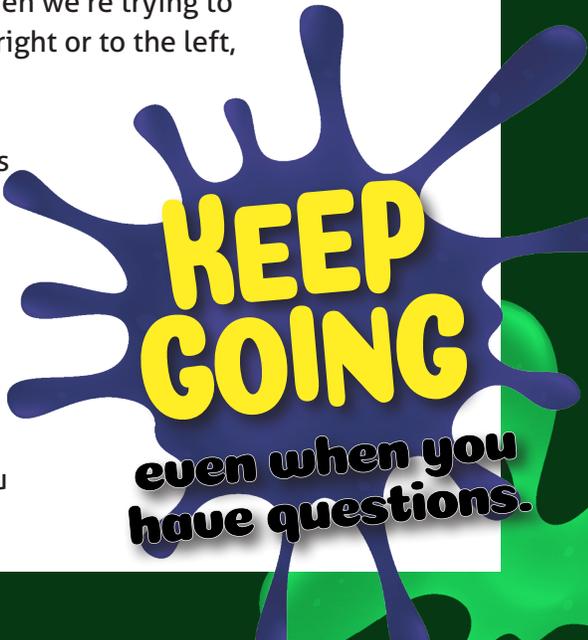
DAY 4

Do you know what the word "distraction" means? A distraction is something that takes your focus off the task in front of you. What are some things that distract you or keep you from finishing your homework? Write your answers below.

It's easy to get distracted and let other things get in the way when we're trying to get something done. When we stay focused, not looking to the right or to the left, we have a better chance of limiting the distractions around us.

What are some things that keep you from doing what God wants you to do? What are some things that often distract you or get you off track?

When it comes to determination, focus is super important. When you look ahead and keep going, not looking to the right or to the left, it's much easier to finish what you start. As you pray today, ask God to help you stay focused so that you can finish with determination. He will help you be strong and brave as you follow Him.



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