

WEEK 4 – May 24, 2020

Hello 2nd and 3rd Grade Parents!

Here are some At Home Activities *suggestions* for you to do with your child(ren). Everyone is different, so feel free to pick any or all of these ideas to fit the needs and desires of your family. If you are unable to print these pages, just use any substitute non-print ideas. ie: draw a picture instead of color the one provided. You can also find a simplified version of the lesson on the website called "K3 Parent Guide".

BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE HCKIDS ONLINE CONNECTION CARD:

<https://hillcrestcov.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/284/responses/new>

Praying you all are well and safe during our time apart!

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BIBLE STORY

ACTS 6:1-7:60



BOTTOM LINE



YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 3 POINTS TO SPEND AT THE STORE FOR EACH
COMPLETED ACTIVITY AND 10 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"
~ PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK ~
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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. WATCH VIDEOS (link is on the church website)
Bible Story Review - Need yarn or streamers (see next page)
2. COLOR BIBLE STORY PICTURE and/or DRAW A PICTURE OF THE STORY
3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY -
4. JOURNAL ENTRY
5. PRAY TOGETHER
6. GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY (LAST 2 PAGES)

* 1. Determined to Review

What You Need: Ball of yarn or streamers

What You Do:

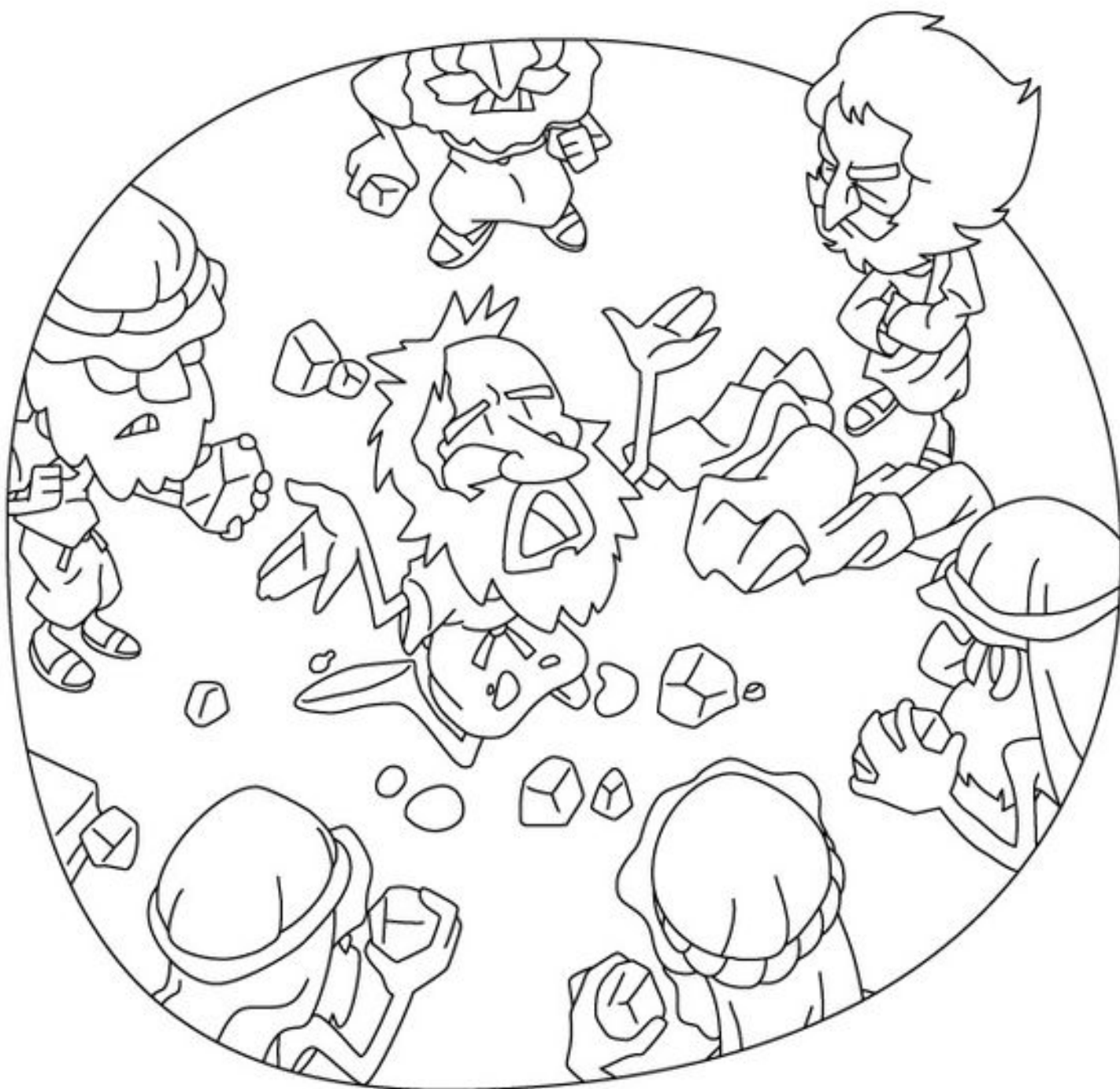
- Sit together in a circle.
- Assign the numbers 1-10 around the circle (a person can have more than one number)
- Place the numbers written out before each person if that helps...
- As the story below is read, everyone should listen carefully for their number.
- The story reader starts with the ball of yarn.
- When their number is called, they should raise their hand and the person who has the yarn ball will toss it to the person who raises their hand.
- As the yarn is tossed, be sure to hold onto a section of it and let it unwind as it makes its way to the next person, essentially “connecting” the person who tossed it with the person who received it.
- For example:
 - The first two sentences of the story say, “It happened on a Tuesday. Okay, maybe it wasn’t a Tuesday, but it was definitely **ONE** of the **SEVEN** days of the week.”
 - When **ONE** hears his number, he raises his hand, and the story teller tosses him the ball.
 - When kid **SEVEN** hears her number, she raises her hand, and kid **ONE** holds onto the yarn and then tosses her the ball.
 - There should now be a line of yarn between kids **ONE** and **SEVEN**.
- Read the entire story below, emphasizing the numbers whenever they come up and pausing for each person to be able to toss the ball of yarn.
- At the end, you should end up with a web of yarn connecting all the people.
- When the story is finished and your group has created their knot, encourage them to let go of the yarn and try to untangle it!
- This will be very challenging! Encourage each other to stick with it and show determination, but make sure that it’s fun and cooperative.

STORY:

“It happened on a Tuesday. Okay, maybe it wasn’t a Tuesday, but it was definitely **ONE** of the **SEVEN** days of the week. Our main man, Steven, and **SIX** other men were chosen to help care for the new believers. See, the church was growing **TWO** quickly, so they needed a little help from some friends. People could tell right away that Steven was different and that he was filled with gr**EIGHT** power and kindness. Unfortunately, there were at least **THREE** or more bullies who were stirring up the crowd. You would think everyone would be giving Steven a high **FIVE** for the way he loved God and loved others so well. But, in the end, **NINE**ty percent of what the haters were saying about Steven were not the amazing things he did but lies that drew people to be so angry they wanted him gone forever. Despite the lack of truth and stubbornness of those surrounding him, Steven **TEN**aciously stood up **FOUR** his faith. He knew God was with him to the very end and realized that he could keep going because God knows the end of the story. *(Allow time for kids to drop the yarn and try to untangle it.)*

“Great job making that knot of yarn and trying to untangle it! What a fun way to talk about the story. Steven’s story got a bit twisted as well, didn’t it? What were your favorite parts of the story? *(Allow time for responses.)* I love how if anyone had a reason to give up and not be determined, it was Stephen. But Stephen knew he could **[Bottom Line]** keep going because **God knows the end of the story**. And because he kept going, Jesus’ message of hope spread throughout the entire world, ending up with us talking about it today! That’s a pretty amazing ending to Stephen’s story of determination!”

2. Color Picture/or Draw Picture of Bible Story



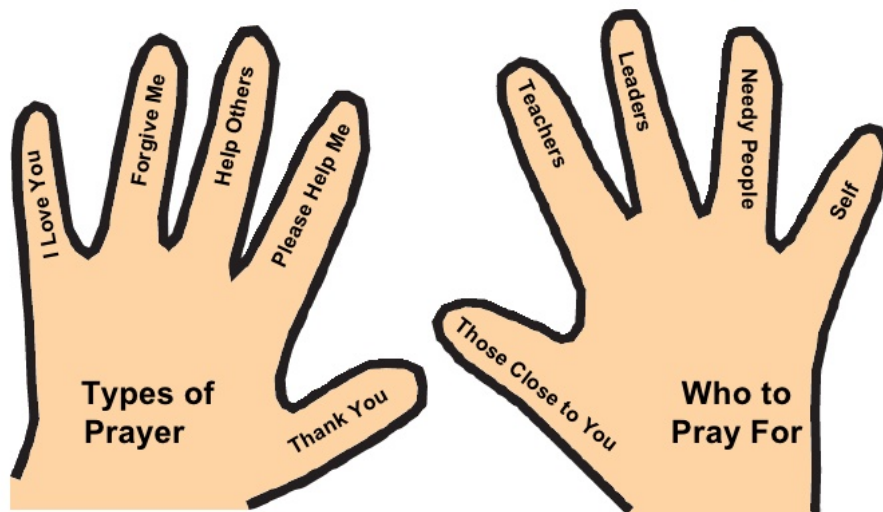
3. Memory Verse Activity – Perform a physical activity (jumping jacks, jumping rope, hopscotch, etc...) while reciting Galatians 6:9

4. Journal Entry

IDEAS:

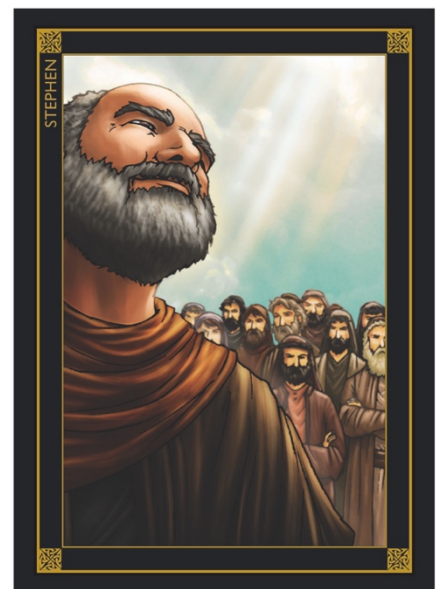
- USE THIS TEMPLATE TO WRITE PRAYERS TO GOD

Hands For Prayer



OTHER JOURNALING SUGGESTIONS:

- WRITE OR DRAW ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY –
- WRITE A PRAYER ABOUT THE BOTTOM LINE



5. PRAY TOGETHER

What You Say:

“God, even though we don’t have the full picture of every life event, we are grateful to serve a God who always has a plan. No matter what is happening, we can be comforted knowing that You have a plan and You know the end of the story. When we’re scared or frustrated, remind us that we can ***[Bottom Line]*** keep going because God knows the end of the story.”

6. GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY (NEXT 2 PAGES)

~WORTH 10 POINTS AT THE STORE~

DETERMINATION

*deciding it's
worth it to
finish what
you started*

WEEK
Four
2nd, 3rd Grade

Read 2 Chronicles 20:17

DAY 1

When you receive a new book, do you flip to the last page and read the ending first? Reading the ending would ruin the story! When it comes to following Jesus, knowing the end is a good thing. Why? Because God has already had a plan to make everything right. In the end, God wins!

That was true for God's people in 2 Chronicles. God told them not to worry, that the battle had already been won. The next morning, God's army took their battle positions but instead of charging toward the enemy, they begin to praise God. The opposing army became confused and turned on one another. God won the battle just as He said He would.

Sometimes we forget that we already know the end of the story. **We don't have to be afraid or lose hope.** God is with us and there isn't anything too big for Him. We can keep going, keep moving forward with determination because God knows the end of the story.

Ask God to help you remember that with Him on your side, you win! So you can keep going knowing He is with you.

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:13

DAY 2

What happens when you get tired? Are you cranky? Do you push through it or do you fall asleep the minute you sit down somewhere?

Everyone gets tired. Our bodies need rest. But the kind of tired this verse is talking about doesn't involve a pillow and a comfy blanket. This kind of tired happens when doing the right thing doesn't seem to be getting you anywhere. This tired happens when everyone else is doing the wrong thing or when it seems like no one is paying attention to your wise choices anyway.

Sometimes it just seems easier or even more fun to follow the crowd. That's when you have to tap into determination. Just like the end of a race is way more important than the beginning, we have to keep making choices that honor God and others. Because God sees every good deed, every kind word, every act of obedience. He knows when you're tired and when you ask for His help, He will give you the strength you need to keep making the wise choice.

Write out the words for today's verse on a card and place it near where you sleep. As you go to sleep tonight, ask God to help you keep doing the right thing with determination.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:57

DAY 3

When someone helps you, do you remember to say, **"Thank You!"** Saying **thank you is important.**

One of the keys to determination—to sticking with something to the end—is thankfulness. Why? Because God has already done the most amazing thing ever by sending His only Son Jesus. Following God isn't just about doing the right thing so we can be seen as "good." Following God and obeying Him is a big way we show Him that we love and trust Him. When we live the way God wants us to live, we are showing gratitude for all He's done for us by sending Jesus.

So let's practice! Think of one way you can thank God (besides just saying "Thank you"). You could write God a song or poem. You could thank God by choosing to do one thing tomorrow that He's asked you to do that's really hard for you. Let's thank God for the determination He gives us to keep going!

Read Ephesians 6:10

DAY 4

According to today's verse, who can make you strong?

God is the one who can give you the strength you need to keep going. His power is unlimited. Remember, He's the one who created the entire world. He's the one who sent His only Son so that you could have a relationship with Him, forever.

You can depend on God—put all your trust and confidence in Him—because He loves you. There isn't anything you will face tomorrow or the next day or twenty years from now that is too big or too hard for God.

How many chairs are there around the table at your house? Grab that many index cards or scraps of paper. Write out the words of today's verse on each one, then tape them to the back of each chair. Every time you or a family member sits in one of those chairs this week, talk about how you can depend on God's mighty power just like you trust that chair to hold you up. Spend some time thanking God for His mighty power that helps you keep going with determination!



KEEP GOING
because God knows the end of the story.