



SKIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE
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Life App Definition

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

Main Idea

As the disciples were gathered together, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them to preach with boldness. Peter preached the message of his life, and over 3,000 people put their faith in Jesus.

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 NIRV).

Bottom Line

God gives you what you need to keep going.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story. How did Jesus put His enemies first?

- 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 NIRV).
 - 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 in which you need to access some determination?

Object Lesson

- Give each of your children a piece of paper and a marker.
- Ask the question, If you could be given any gift ever, what would it be?
- Encourage your kids to draw their answer on the paper.
- As your kids finish, allow them to share their picture with the family, describing what they drew and why they think it's the best gift ever.
- Encourage your children to turn their paper over and make a list of all the things God has given them already.
 - Prompt them with examples, such as siblings, a place to live, friends, etc.
- Once they are finished with their list, explain that although God doesn't always give us everything we WANT, He does give us what we NEED to keep going.
- He gave the Holy Spirit to His disciples to help them keep going, and when we believe and trust in Jesus as Lord, He gives us the Holy Spirit, too! We can have God with us all the time.

Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children, thanking God for all He has given your family and thanking Him for giving you the Holy Spirit.

Dear God,

There are a lot of times when we focus on the things we want You to give us instead of being grateful for everything You have already blessed us with. Today we simply want to praise You for everything You have given us. Thank You so much for giving us Your Holy Spirit to help us. We know that no matter what we face, You will give us what we need to keep going. Thank You for reminding us of this today. We love You! Amen.