



KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

May 24

Life App Definition

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

Main Idea

Peter healed someone in the name of Jesus and caused quite a stir. Peter and John used this moment to share the message of Jesus. Soon, though, the religious leaders arrested them and had them stand trial. Peter and John showed determination. They made it clear that no matter what happened to them, they would continue sharing Jesus with others.

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

Keep going even when it gets tough.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- When was the last time you didn't finish something you started? What kept you from finishing?
- Sometimes we don't finish what we start because we simply get distracted. When do 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?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your child apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

- Give each person a cup, a marker, a piece of paper, and scissors.
- Each person will cut out several small strips of paper (about the length of their index finger).
- Next, have everyone write the name of a family member on each of the strips of paper.
 - If anyone has extra strips, they can write the names of friends.
- Tell your family that each day this week, they will pull the name of one person out of the cup and pray for God to help that person have determination, no matter what comes their way.

Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children, thanking God for always helping us stay determined.

Dear God,

We want to thank You for not just telling us that we can stay determined in tough times, but also for helping us stay determined through Your Holy Spirit. We thank You for the stories of people like Peter and John who remind us of this truth. Give us the strength to keep going even when it gets tough so that we can finish our school year strong! Amen.