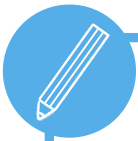


**JUNE 6 & 7, 2020 KIDCITY ONLINE**

# KID CITY

**UPTOWN FAMILY GODTIME**



## **WHAT YOU NEED**

Bible, shaving cream



## **WHAT YOU DO**

Read Acts 6:1-7:60

Put a pile of shaving cream in front of each child and have them spread it out a little bit on the table. Give them steps to draw a picture in the shaving cream without telling them what they are going to draw. You can do a variety of pictures, if you want.



## **WHAT YOU SAY**

In Acts 6:1-7:60, we find a sad moment in the life of the early church. Stephen, a church leader, was arrested and put on trial for teaching about Jesus. Even as he was being stoned to death, Stephen showed determination. He boldly shared how Jesus was the Savior God promised from the beginning. Stephen was willing to die for his faith because he believed that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

# FAMILY GODTIME--CONTINUED



## WHAT YOU SAY--continued

We should keep living for God because He knows the end of the story. When it comes down to it, most of our fear comes from being unsure of what will happen next. It's all too easy to go to the worst-case scenario in the situations we encounter. Thankfully, no matter what difficulties we may meet in life, we can trust that God will help us face them. God can give us the strength and courage we need to get through every moment.

Ok... Here is your shaving cream. Now, I want you to spread it out flat. (DO NOT tell them what they are drawing!) I am not going to tell you what you are going to draw with your fingers and shaving cream. Just like in our Bible story this week, Stephen did not know what the ending was. But it was AMAZING! Your picture will look amazing in the end, just like the ending of the story that God has for us.

Give instructions to draw whatever picture you feel is appropriate. Use this time as a discussion of difficult things that they may be facing. Help the kids to remember that they can trust God no matter what.



## PRAY

"Father God, thank you so much for reminding us that we can trust in you always. We know that we should live for you because you know the end of the story. When times are difficult or moments feel overwhelming, help us to remember that you are right there with us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

# PARENT CORNER

## TODAY: JUNE 6-7

### Weekly

**Bible Story:** Holding On (Stephen) *Acts 6:1-7:60*

**Big Idea:** Keep living for God because He knows the end of the story.

**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, NIV*

**Life App:** Determination: deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started.

**Bible Story Summary:**  
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**Keep living for God because He knows the end of the story.**  
When it comes down to it, most of our fear comes from being unsure of what will happen next. It's all too easy to go to the worst-case scenario in the situations we face. Thankfully, no matter what difficulties we may face in life, we can trust that God will help us face them. God can give us the strength and courage we need to get through every moment.



Play a game by telling your kids to think of a scale from 1-10. One being the easiest and 10 the absolute hardest. Think of things that require determination and rate that on the scale. For example, learning a new instrument is a level 6 or not eating candy for a day is level 2. Afterwards, ask them what is something they are determined to finish by the end of the summer.

## June 6 & 7 | K-4th

# WEEK 1

# God TIME

## DAY 1

**READ 2 Corinthians 20:17**

When you receive a new book, do you flip to the last page and read the ending first? NO WAY! Reading the ending would ruin the story! Now, when it comes to following Jesus, knowing the end is a good thing. Why? Because God already has a plan to make everything right. In the end, God wins! In our Scripture today, 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, because God knows the end of the story.

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

## DAY 2

**READ 2 Thessalonians 3:13**

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 mean that we get to snuggle with 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 is when, you feel like, everyone else is making unwise choices while you are making the wise ones. Sometimes it just seems easier or even more fun to follow the crowd. That's when you have to ask God for determination to make the wise choice. 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 **KNOW** that God will help you keep going with determination.

# DAY 3

READ 1 Corinthians 15:57

When someone helps you, do you remember to say, "Thank You!" Saying thank you is important. One of the keys to determination 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 thankfulness 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 that He's asked you to do that's really hard for you.

**THANK** God for the determination He gives you to keep going!

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

# DAY 4

READ Ephesians 6:10

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 EVER face that is too big or too hard for God. Write the words of today's verse on a bathroom mirror, with permission. Then every time you or a family member uses the restroom, you will see God's Word. 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.

**LISTEN** for God speaking to you.

# parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called **Parent Cue**.

This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.

There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>



# at a GLANCE



## Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles N Bucks Shopping until we are able to meet again, in person! We cannot wait to see you then! Until that time, please save your GodTimes and UpTown Challenges.... You WILL be able to turn them all in for Bible Bucks!

## FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be additional videos, challenges, and EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_