

City SG—October 16th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Float On (Moses Is Born) • *Exodus 2:1-10 (Exodus 1)*

Today's Bottom Line: Hold on even when you don't know what to do.

Monthly 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)*

1. Rocking Verse

What You Need: *(Optional)* Bibles and timer

What You Do:

- Direct kids to sit together in a circle.
- If anyone has memorized Galatians 6:9 and wants to say it aloud, let them do so.
- If not, look up the verse as a group and say it together a few times, using the navigation tips below.

Finding verses with 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Galatians in the list under "New Testament." When the kids find Galatians, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Galatians. Help the kids find the page. When they find Galatians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 6. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 6.

- Ask for a kid volunteer to start by saying the first two words of the verse.
 - They should stand up and say "Let us."
- Then the kid to their right should do the same thing, saying the next two words "not become".
- Continue around the circle in this way until the entire verse has been said.
- *(Optional)* Set a timer on your phone or your watch and time the kids to see how long it takes them to say the verse.
 - Then let kids do the whole thing again and see if they can beat their time.
 - For added fun and challenge, have the kids add moves to the words, hop on one foot only, etc.

What You Say:

"Paul encourages us in this verse to not grow tired of doing good. That means do good even when we don't see why we should or even when it would be easier to do the wrong thing. How can you remind yourself to choose the right thing, even when you don't know what to do? *(They can write the bottom line on a post it note at home where it will remind them that God is bigger than whatever they face, ask a friend or parent to encourage them when they need to make a good choice, etc.)* You guys are AMAZING, and you can **[Bottom Line] hold on even when you don't know what to do.**"

2. Baby in the Basket Bingo

What You Need: “Baby in the Basket Bingo Calling Cards” (1 set per group in a bag) “Baby in the Basket Bingo Boards” (1 set of 10 per group), Page of Baby in Basket Tokens (1 per student), Scissors

What You Do:

- Give each kid a bingo board.
- Give each kid a “Bingo Tokens” page and have them use scissors to cut out the nine tokens.
- Invite kids to take turns drawing a card from a bag, showing it to the group, and describing what’s happening in the picture.
- Encourage the group to think of ways you could **[Bottom Line] hold on even when you don’t know what to do** in that situation.
- If they’re stuck for ideas, help by asking how they could love God, love others, or do what Jesus would do.
- Lead kids to cover that picture on their bingo board with a bingo token.
- The game ends when every kid gets BINGO. (Let kids continue playing, filling up their card, so that they have the best chance of getting BINGO.)

What You Say:

“When you aren’t sure what to do next, ask God for help. God loves you MORE than you can imagine and is ALWAYS with you.

[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a kid-appropriate time you held on even when you didn’t know what to do. You may have lost a job and didn’t know what to do next, moved to a new place and felt alone, or lost a friendship. Tell kids how you trusted God in that situation.)

“So when you don’t know what to do, remember HOW MUCH God loves you! Look for ways to follow Jesus, love God, and love others. And remember to **[Bottom Line] hold on even when you don’t know what to do.**”

3. Reed Weave

Non-Reader Option highlighted below

What You Need: “Memory Verse Cards” (2 sets different color per group), 12 disc cones (per Group), Bible bookmarked at Galatians 6:9

What You Do:

- Divide kids into two teams and two lines, and set up an obstacle course of 6 cones in each line.
- Guide teams to line up at one end of your environment.
- Place a set of “Memory Verse Cards” opposite each team.
- At your signal, the first kid on each team weaves around the cones, collects a card, weaves back through the cones, and tags the next kid in line.
- When a team collects all of its cards, kids work together to put them in order.
 - ***You can help kids put the verse together once they have gathered all of their cards.***
- Invite a volunteer to open the Bible where verse is bookmarked.

- Guide kids to point to the cards as you read the verse aloud.
- Ask kids what they think it means that “we will gather a crop if we don’t give up.” (*NIRV*)—
When we don’t give up, God can make good things happen. We’ll see the good things God can do when we don’t give up, etc.
- Emphasize not becoming tired of doing good: follow Jesus, love God, and love others.

What You Say:

“Paul reminds us in this verse to not become tired of doing good. What are some ways that you can do good? (*share; be kind; help; read my Bible; etc.*) Great ideas! We can do good by following Jesus. We can do good by loving God. And we can do good by loving others. And sometimes, just like a farmer plants the crop and waits for it to grow, we can HOLD ON and wait for God because God is ALWAYS with us! So **[Bottom Line] hold on even when you don’t know what to do!**”

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Need: Index cards and markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an index card and a marker.
- Invite kids to draw one way they can follow Jesus, love God, or love others.

What You Say:

“There will be times in our lives when we’re not sure what to do next. When that happens, we can ask God for help. We can hold on and follow Jesus. We can hold on and love God. And we can hold on and love others. (*Invite volunteers to talk about what they drew on their cards.*) You all had great ideas for how you can **[Bottom Line] hold on even when you don’t know what to do.** Let’s pray.

“Dear God, thank You that You love us SO MUCH. Thank You that You are ALWAYS with us. When we don’t know what to do next, help us HOLD ON and follow Jesus. Help us HOLD ON and love You. Help us HOLD ON and love others. We love You SO MUCH, God. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”