

Keep Holding On

Bible Story: Keep Holding On (Stephen) • Acts 6:1–7:60

Bottom Line: Keep going because God 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 (NIRV)

Life App: Determination—Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

2nd & 3rd Grade

And Then!

What You Need: “And Then!” Activity Page, paper, markers

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to read their story starter and to dream up a super cool ending.
- They can use the paper and markers to write or draw out their ideas.
- After a few minutes give them a couple minutes to present their stories to the family.

What You Say:

“Wow! **You are creative.** It was great to hear how the characters in your story showed determination in spite of the obstacles in their way. You know, there are days when all we see are the obstacles to our story. We can't imagine how a particular situation will ever get better. When we're struggling at school, or the grownups at home aren't getting along, it's hard to think of how that might end well. But we can **[Bottom Line] keep going because God knows the end of the story.**”

[Make It Personal] *(Share a time when you were overwhelmed by an obstacle or challenge and you decided to trust God because you knew He had a plan. If you have a story about how things didn't get better immediately, but you knew God was with you, share that one!)*

Leticia was feeling discouraged. The math problems the class was learning seemed harder than usual. And she felt like everyone understood it except for her. So she took a deep breath, went to talk to her teacher, AND THEN . . .

Myles had been playing basketball for two years and all his friends were on his team. He knew his friends were good enough to be on the competitive team, but he wasn't sure he would make it at tryouts. So he talked to his dad AND THEN . . .

Henry knew that his first day at his new school was going to be a challenge since it was the middle of the school year. He was scared he wouldn't make any new friends. On Monday morning, Henry got out of bed, put on his favorite t-shirt, AND THEN . . .

All of Maddie's friends have learned how to swim in the deep end. She knows she needs to learn, too, if she's going to swim with them this summer. She asks her mom to help her practice, AND THEN . . .