

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)

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

BIBLE STORY

I Need to Know (Philip and the Man from Ethiopia)

Acts 8:26-40

LIFE APP

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

BOTTOM LINE

Keep going even when you have questions.

ACTIVITY: Hopscotch Holdup

What You Need: Construction paper, tape, marker, a die (from a board game)

What You Do:

Create a six-to-12-space hopscotch path with construction paper. If possible, use tape to secure the pages to the floor. Draw a question mark on three or four of the pages. Let someone roll the die, which will tell them how many spaces they should hop. (The spots with two squares next to each other count as two spaces.) Whenever someone lands on a "?" spot, ask them a story review question from the list below. Continue rolling the die until you reach the end of the path. Then it's the next person's turn. If you run out of questions, repeat them, or ask the person whose turn it is to name a situation in which it's hard to have determination.

Talk about the Bible story:

- * Who appeared to Philip while he was telling people about Jesus? (an angel of the Lord)
- * What did the angel tell Philip to do? (to leave and go to the desert road that led to Gaza)
- * Who did Philip meet while he was traveling on the desert road? (an Ethiopian official)
- * What was the man doing? (he had traveled to worship God in the temple and was trying to read Scripture)
- * What did God tell Philip to do? (go to the chariot)
- * What did Philip do after he realized the Ethiopian official needed help understanding the Scripture? (he told the man about Jesus)
- * What did the Ethiopian official decide to do after learning all about Jesus? (he got baptized)
- * What happened to Philip after the man was baptized? (God's Spirit took him away so he could continue telling people about Jesus)

Prayer

"Dear God, it's so cool to know that we can keep going even when we have questions. If there's something you don't understand, we can ask—just like the Ethiopian official did in the story. Thank You that no question is too big or too small for You. Thank You for always being with us—even when we can't see the full picture of what's happening in our life. Help us trust You no matter what. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."