

Bounce Back: Get back up again



First, watch
this week's
video!

Resilience:
Getting back up
when something
gets you down

Memory Verse

"But those who
trust in the Lord will
receive new strength.
They will fly as high
as eagles. They will
run and not get tired.
They will walk and
not grow weak."
Isaiah 40:31, NIV

Bible Story

Keep Looking
to Jesus
Hebrews 12:1-3

Bottom Line

Keep going
because of what
Jesus did for you.

Use this guide to help your family
learn about resilience.

Activity

The Knocked-Kneed Squeeze

What You Need:

small ball; painter's or masking tape

What You Do:

Use the tape to create a path through your house. Make it a little difficult—feel free to have the tape go over sofas, behind chairs, etc.

Hand your child the small ball, and have them place it at the beginning of the path. Say, "You're going to follow this taped line to the end of the path. You have to keep the ball between your knees at all times! But don't worry, I'm going to walk beside you. If the ball bounces out, I'll put it back between your knees."

Walk beside your child. If the ball falls from between their knees, replace it for them. When they finish, celebrate!

Say, "It seemed like it was hard to keep the ball between your knees and walk at the same time! Fortunately, you had someone there to help you keep going in case the ball fell."



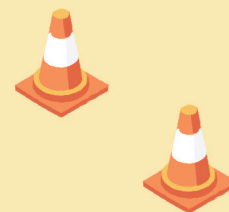
Talk About the Bible Story

In our story today, we heard about someone who is always there to help us keep going. Who is that? (*Jesus/God/Holy Spirit*)

How can it help us keep going if we remember what Jesus did for us? (*because we know that Jesus died for us so we could be with Him forever*)

How can we keep our focus on Jesus? (*read the Bible, do our devotionals, pray, talk about Jesus with others*)

Parent: Share about a time you when you had to remember what Jesus did for you in order to keep going.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to be with us, so that we can have the strength to keep going and show resilience. Remind us to rely on You for help and strength when we feel like giving up. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Key Question

What can help you
focus on Jesus?

Activity

Memory Maker

What You Need:

picture (photograph); sheet of paper; writing
utensil

What You Do:

Find a photo that has a lot going on in it (and
in the background). You can use a photo
from your phone, or print something from
the Internet.

Show your child the picture, and let them
study it for 30 to 60 seconds. Instruct them to
try to remember as many details as possible.

Then, flip over (or hide) the picture. On the
sheet of paper, have your child write down
every detail of the photo they can remember.

If time allows, have them choose a photo for
you to complete the same activity. See who
has the better memory!

When you're finished, say, "The key to
remembering what you saw was to really
focus on the picture!"

Talk About the Bible Story

In our story today, who did we learn to focus on
in order to be resilient? (*Jesus*)

How can we keep our focus on Jesus? (*read the
Bible, pray, talk about Him with others*)

What did Jesus do for us to help us keep going?
(*Jesus died on the cross for our sins.*)

When we decide to put our faith in Jesus as
our Savior, we become part of a community of
Jesus-followers. How can that help us to keep
going?

*Parent: Share about what characteristics of
Jesus help you to keep going, and why.*

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking
about the Bible story or sometime before bed
tonight:

"God, You love us so much that You sent Jesus
to be our Savior. Thank You for never giving up
on us. Thank You for loving us when we mess up
or make unwise choices. Thank You for giving
us the power to keep going! Help us to put our
focus on Jesus so we can bounce back when
things get us down. We love You. Amen!"