

Cliffhanger: The story isn't over



First, watch
this week's
video!

**Grit: Refusing
to give up when
life gets hard**

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

Bible Story

Burning Bush and the
10 Plagues
Exodus 3-6:12,
7-12:42

Bottom Line

Hold on because
God knows what you
are going through.

Use this guide to help your family
learn how God can help us have grit.

Activity

World Prayer Map

What You Need:

Printed blank world map (<https://bit.ly/3c38LYY>); pencil; smartphone or computer/tablet with internet access

What You Do:

Hand your child a blank world map and a pencil. Ask them if they can name any of the continents or countries they see on their map. Help them fill in the continents if they can't do so on their own.

Explain that everywhere, all over the world, kids just like them are going through hard things. God doesn't just know what we are going through; God knows what every person EVERYWHERE is going through. Just like we pray for God to help us, we can ask God to help other kids in other parts of the world to hold on, too.

Tell your child to circle an area or country on their map (other than your home country) that they will commit to praying for. Then do a quick internet search for stories from the country your child chose, to give them some specifics to pray over.

Tell them that whenever they pray for God to help them push through something hard, they can then pray also for the kids in the area of the world they circled on their map.



Talk About the Bible Story

How would have felt if you had been Moses and saw a burning bush talking to you?

What can we learn from Moses and the Israelites about hard times? (*God knew everything they were going through; God was always with them.*)

Parent: Share a story of a time when you knew God was with you. Make sure your kid knows that even though what you were going through was hard, God knew what you were going through, and was with you the whole time.



Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for knowing us so well and always knowing what we're going through, especially when we're going through stuff that's hard to tell others about. Please help kids all over the world feel Your presence and know that You are with them. Remind our family to show Your love to everyone we meet and to help others know that You can help them push through whatever hard thing they're going through. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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Key Question

When have you been
through a hard time?

Activity

20 Questions

What You Need:

scrap paper; pencil

What You Do:

Before the activity, write down the names of
several famous people or characters. You can
choose from this list or come up with some of
your own.

- Buzz Lightyear
- Mickey Mouse
- Elsa
- Darth Vader
- Superman
- Charlie Brown
- Mary Poppins
- Cinderella

Then, mix together the names in a bowl and
have your child draw a name without looking
at it and hand you the name for you to see.
Then, have them ask yes-or-no questions in
order to reveal who they "are."

For example,

- "Am I a cartoon character?"
- "Am I female?"
- "Was I in Disney movie?"

They can only ask 20 yes-or-no questions to
figure out who they are. Repeat for as many
rounds for as long as time allows. Once
you're finished with the activity, say, "That
was a challenging game! When the game got
started, you had no idea whose name you were
going to draw. Thankfully, God knows every
little detail of every part of our lives and who
we are."



Talk About the Bible Story

How would you have felt if you had been
Moses and saw a burning bush *talking* to you?

When does it feel like it would be easier
to just give up? (*ie: during a particularly
challenging football practice, studying for a
really big math test, or while completing a
long list of chores at home*)

How does it feel in the middle of something
hard, when you're not sure how things will
turn out?

*Parent: Share a story of a time when you
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Use this prayer as a guide, either after
talking about the Bible story or sometime
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"Dear God, we know that in your Word, You
encourage us to not grow tired of doing
good, and that at the right time we will gather
a crop if we do not give up. Thank you for
understanding the details of our lives. We
know we can trust you, and that we can hold
on because You know every detail of our
situation and your presence is always with us.
We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."