

## MAY 2026

**PERSEVERANCE**

**refusing to give up  
when life gets hard  
because God is  
always with you**

It's May, and we're nearing the end of God's Big Story as we travel through the Bible in a year. This month holds two incredible truths for us. First, we are living, (right now!) in God's Big Story...the time between when Jesus ascended to heaven after His resurrection and when He will come back to Earth again. And here's the second amazing truth...In the end, God will make everything right! This month's Bible stories will help us discover how we can follow in the footsteps of Peter, Philip, Paul, and many others to persevere in sharing the Good News of Jesus. And we can remember that no matter the challenges we face, we can keep going because we have the Holy Spirit to help us, and we have the promise of a beautiful future in heaven one day.

- WEEK 1:** Peter & John face the Sanhedrin  
(Acts 3--4:22)  
**Keep going because of what God has done**
- WEEK 2:** Philip and the man from Ethiopia  
(Acts 8:26-40)  
**Keep following God, even when you have questions**
- WEEK 3:** Paul believes. Ananias helps Paul  
(Acts 9:1-31)  
**God can help you see things in a new way.**
- WEEK 4:** Paul Shipwrecked  
(Acts 27--28:10)  
**Don't give up on God when bad things happen.**
- WEEK 5:** Heaven  
(Revelation 21:3-5)  
**God will make everything right in the end.**

**MEMORY VERSE:**

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!"

Galatians 6:9, NIV

# ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER



## MORNING TIME

As your kid starts her day, let her know you are a big fan of hers no matter what.



## MEAL TIME

At a meal this month, have everyone at the table answer this question: "When is a time you persevered? Did remembering that God is with you help you in that situation?"



## DRIVE TIME

While on the go, ask your kid, "Is there anything you feel like quitting? Do you think it is ever okay to quit something? What are the things that we should not give up on even when it gets hard?"



## BED TIME

Pray with each other: "Father God, When we are lonely, sad, overwhelmed, or mad, help us to remember You are with us in all the feelings we have. Help us to lean on you when we are weary and help us to get strength from you to keep doing the things you want us to do. In Jesus' name. Amen."

## PARENT TIP:

Perseverance is a key virtue in the life of a parent. Think: labor and delivery, sleepless nights, potty training, public meltdowns. And in the elementary stage, the need for perseverance is never more clear than in that final stretch of the school year...the month of May! Sports. Concerts. End-of-year projects. Award ceremonies. Field days. Spirit weeks. Teacher gifts. Class parties. Not to mention the spring fever your child might be experiencing. Plus all your adult responsibilities. It's overwhelming!

Here's a word of encouragement...First of all, you don't have to do everything. Be intentional about what you allow on your calendar. Some things have to be added, but some don't!

Next, don't do it alone. God invites you to cast your anxieties on Him. He cares for you, so pray. Tell Him ALL the things, and then ask Him to give you strength to persevere. Also, seek assistance. Is there someone in a different phase of life who can step in to help? God made us to live in community.

It's also smart to prepare your whole family right at the get-go. Sit down together for a family meeting. Let them know there's a lot going on the next few weeks, so things won't be perfect. But remind them that there will also be tons of fun, and no matter what happens you will get through it together. Set the expectation for a team effort, and invite everyone to gently correct each other (including you!) when bad attitudes arise. Ask for grace, and show grace.

Finally, don't grow weary in doing good. This season won't last forever, and a new season will come in which you will reap the harvest from what was sown today. So, stay connected to The Vine, and keep your eyes on the prize! That will help you to persevere.