

LESSON 17
“DETERMINATION”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Luke 22:39-46 (page 1142)

CHARACTER WORD

Determination – To continue on, regardless of the circumstances

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be *determined* to continue on, regardless of the circumstances.

MEMORY LINK

Luke 22:42b

“Nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

(KBC Study Bible pg. 1142)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters, cookies

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: None

Option 2: Balloon

BIBLE CONNECTION

None

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Inflated balloons, plastic cones

Option 2: Plastic cone, painters' tape

Jesus Prays in the Garden

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Determination is deciding you will finish something you've started, such as a job, task or goal. It is refusing to let anything keep you from doing something you need to do, have been told to do or have decided to do. Having determination is not always easy. Some things we set out to do are fun and enjoyable so it doesn't take much determination to get those jobs done. With a more difficult task or goal we are likely to encounter personal suffering or pain, or maybe it's just something we simply do not want to do. It's at those times determination is much harder. In today's lesson, we see Jesus set the perfect example for us as He is determined to finish what His father has called Him to do: give His life on the cross for us.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters, cookies

Pass out Memory Link cards, index cards and pens.

Consider providing cookies for your snack today. Give each clubber a cookie and explain to them that they will place a cookie on their forehead while tilting their head back slightly. They are to then try to get the cookie into their mouth without using their hands or help from anyone. They may wiggle their forehead and face or move their head. Time the activity, giving them about one minute. If the cookie falls, give them another. Encourage them to get that cookie in their mouth. When the timer goes off let them take a breath and then try one more time. When the timer goes off this time, give a cookie to each child that didn't get one in their mouth. Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Was that difficult or easy to move the cookie from your forehead to your mouth?
- How determined did you feel to get the cookie to your mouth?
- How determined are you to do school work? Clean your room?



Guide clubbers to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing hearts toward God

Consider these song selections or feel free to repeat two of your favorites!

“We Believe” by Newsboys

“Happy Day” by Hillsong Kids



MEMORY LINK



2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to clubbers
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on Today's Memory Link

Read Luke 22:42b from the copy of the KBC Study Bible. Talk about the words “nevertheless” and “will.” Explain that “nevertheless” could be replaced with the word “but” or “however.” *Jesus had just prayed, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me.” The word “plan” could be used in place of the word “will” here. So, we could say “however not my plan, but Yours (meaning God’s) be done.”*

Option 1 – HANDS DOWN DETERMINATION

No supplies needed

Explain to the students that each finger will be assigned a word. Starting with the pinky finger on the left hand, assign one word to each finger. Guide the students to hold closed fists out in front of them. Beginning with their left hand, ask them to raise their pinky finger as they say the first word, “Nevertheless.” Then raise their ring finger and say the next word, “not.” Continue until the entire verse and scripture reference is said. Continue saying the verse multiple times until they have the verse memorized or until time runs out.

Option 2 – BALLOON DROP


Balloon

The Memory Link leader will toss the balloon in the air. The kids will attempt to say the entire verse before the balloon touches the floor. Recite the verse in a large group, in smaller groups, or individually. Each time, toss the balloon from a lower point and encourage kids to say the verse faster and faster.

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Luke 22:42b

*“Nevertheless not My will,
but Yours, be done.”
(KBC Study Bible pg. 1142)*

Bible 101 

Take time to teach children about prayer. Teach them the ACTS acronym:

Adoration – Praise God for who He is.

Confess – Admit to God things we have done wrong.

Thanksgiving – Thank God for all we have and all He has done for us.

Supplication – Meaning, we take time to pray for others.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Determination means deciding you will finish something you've started or have been called to do. Another way to put it is refusing to let anything keep you from doing something you need to do or have decided to do. We saw you show determination as you tried to get that cookie in your mouth before time was called. Having determination is not always easy. Some things we have to do are fun and enjoyable, so it doesn't take much determination to get those jobs done. With a mission, job or task that is hard to do (or that we just plain don't want to do), it takes more determination. We may get bored with it, or it may take a lot of time. It's at those times it takes a lot of determination.

Tell the Story

In the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve sinned. Ever since then, the Bible says we have all sinned and that the punishment for our sin is death, or separation from God. God knew there was nothing we could do about our sin on our own, so He sent Jesus to earth for a very special mission. It was God's perfect plan that Jesus would make a way for us to be forgiven of our sin. Jesus willingly accepted God's mission, or plan. He lived on this earth and never sinned. He was perfect. Because Jesus never sinned, He could be the perfect sacrifice required for us to be forgiven. Jesus was determined to give His life so that we could be forgiven and have eternal life with Him and no longer be separated from God.

Today we are going to see how Jesus was determined to finish this very difficult task. Our lesson comes from Luke 22:39-46, found on page 1142 in our KBC Study Bibles.

The story begins after Jesus and His disciples had just shared a meal together. Some of you may have heard of the Lord's Supper or the Last Supper. That's the meal they had just shared. It was called the Last Supper because it would be the last time Jesus would have this meal before His death on the cross.

Well, Jesus knew the time was near that He would be arrested, put on trial, beaten and then give His life on the cross for us. He knew this would be a difficult time and He needed to talk to God, His Father. So, He went to a garden at the Mount of Olives where He liked to be alone with God and talk to Him, or pray. Jesus invited some of His closest disciples to go with Him. He asked them to pray for Him.

Jesus walked a brief distance away from the disciples and knelt down to pray alone. He was feeling the weight of the sin of the whole world and He knew that He would have to suffer a horrible death. He prayed that God, His Father, would find another way, another plan, to keep Him from having to suffer. Jesus said, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Jesus was saying to God, if you are willing to, please find another way to save the world from their sin. But if not, I am willing and determined to do what You say.

As You Prepare
Be brave! Ask for tips or feedback from surf team leaders. They will give insight on how you teach and what you can do to better connect with the students.

God knew Jesus was in great agony at the thought of what was about to happen, so He sent an angel to strengthen Jesus. After being strengthened, the Bible says Jesus prayed even more earnestly, more seriously, more sincerely. The Bible says He prayed so hard that His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

After He finished praying, Jesus got up and went back to His disciples, only to find them asleep. He woke them up and told them to rise up and pray.

It is important to understand that Jesus prayed to God His Father. He knew that if He was to have any determination to finish what He had started, He would need great strength and it would have to come from God. His prayer was absolutely necessary.

Application

When you and I have times that we need help to be determined or to have determination, we should pray to God and ask Him to give us the strength we need to finish what we start.

Gospel Connection

We can be very thankful that Jesus finished what He started because His determination made it possible for us to be forgiven for our sins and have eternal life. All Jesus wants us to do is thank Him and ask Him to forgive us of our sins and invite Him to be our Lord and Savior. Let’s turn in our KBC Study Bibles to the tip in pages just after page 626 and walk through how to become a Christian.

If you have never prayed and asked Jesus to come into your life and be your forever friend, you can do that right now in Beach Club. If you have questions or want to know more about asking Jesus to be your forever friend, come see me right after I pray.

Invite children wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one.

Gospel Tip

As you invite students to turn with you to the tip-in pages following page 626, focus on the first page, “God loves you and has a plan for your life.” Make sure they understand what sin is. Pray the Holy Spirit reveals to them that they have sinned. Keep it simple so church and unchurched children alike can understand.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with kids in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about today's story?*

Use the Bible

Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

Look at Day 4 on the Hang 10 page. Help clubbers think about what determination looks like in their life.

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask a child to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your surf team this week.

Jesus, thank You for Your determination to die on the cross for my sins. Thank You for rising from the dead so we can live with You forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Connection Tip

Kids love mail. This week, send cards to the kids in your Surf Team letting them know you're thinking of them. Include an encouraging verse of scripture for kids to read in their Bibles. Remember to include the page number to help kids find the verse in their KBC Study Bible. Sending cards at special times reminds kids how much you care about them.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word



Option 1 - DON'T LOSE YOUR DETERMINATION

One inflated balloon per Surf Team (write "Determination" on it); plastic cone

Place an inflated balloon on the open part of the cone to resemble an ice cream cone. Guide each Surf Team to stand in a circle. Decide which child will begin and ask the first question. When the correct answer is given, instruct the child to begin passing the ice cream cone around the circle, touching only the plastic cone. When it returns to the student who answered the question, the whole Surf Team will shout: "DETERMINATION!" Repeat this process and continue playing until all have had a turn or time runs out.

Option 2 - DETERMINATION RELAY

Write "determination" on a strip of painters' tape and attach to plastic cone

Pair Surf Teams and instruct them to line up single file, facing each other a distance apart depending on allowed space. The first child in each line will put the cone, pointy part up, on his/her head. They will balance it as they walk toward the teammate across from them. You may use painters' tape to mark a place that each team stands behind. When a child reaches the teammate facing him at the other end, they will pass off the cone to the next child. The relay will continue until all children in each team have participated or time runs out. The goal is not to win, but to be determined to finish what they have started. Have a surf team leader stationed at each team. After the student passes off the cone, ask them a review question.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the Character Word for today? (Determination)
2. What does being determined or having determination mean? (Continue on regardless of the circumstances)
3. Who showed determination in today's story? (Jesus)
4. Why did Jesus need determination? (He was about to die on the cross)
5. Jesus needed strength to complete His mission. Who did He pray to? (His Father)
6. Where did Jesus go to pray? (A garden on the Mount of Olives)
7. What did Jesus ask his friends to do? (Pray)
8. What did his friends do instead of praying? (They fell asleep)
9. How did God give Jesus the determination to finish his mission? (He sent an angel to strengthen Him)
10. What can you do when you need help being determined to finish a job? (Pray)

**“Nevertheless
not My will,
but Yours,
be done.”**

Luke 22:42b

