

DETERMINATION

DECIDING IT'S WORTH IT
TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED

2ND-3RD GRADE

WEEK
TWO

READ EPHESIANS 3:18 -19

DAY 1

Have you ever completed the cookie challenge? Grab a cookie or cracker from the kitchen and put it on your forehead. The challenge is that you must get the cookie into your mouth **WITHOUT** using your hands. If the cookie falls on the floor, you have to try again.

You've probably faced things that are bigger than that cookie challenge. Maybe you helped your dad build a playhouse in your backyard or you had to clean up a super messy room. Part of showing determination is choosing to keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.

But this doesn't just apply to "jobs" like cleaning rooms or building playhouses. Sometimes loving others can be a big job. Sometimes showing forgiveness or choosing to be honest can feel like an impossible task. But there is **GOOD** news for you and it's found in these verses. God's love is far bigger and stronger than anything you can imagine. It's bigger than any task you face. And with His help and some determination, you can love others and do the right thing too.

LOOK for opportunities to show love and forgiveness this week even when it is hard to do.

READ GALATIANS 6:4-5

DAY 2

When you have a big job that requires determination, do you ever compare yourself to someone else? Maybe your friend down the street has mastered their scooter and you cannot ride at all. Maybe a new kid in your class already made it to the highest level reading group and you're not there yet. It's **SUPER** important to remember that everyone has their own 'big' jobs to do. And comparing ourselves to others never makes our job any easier. In fact, comparing yourself to someone else can totally take you off-track.

Think about it like a toy car track. Do you have one in your home? What happens when a car jumps the track and lands in another lane? Both cars crash! That's a great picture for you to think about when it comes to finishing what you start. You have to stay in your own lane. Don't be tempted to look over and compare yourself to someone else. Run your own race in your own lane knowing that God is with you. He will help you keep going even when the job is bigger than you think!

ASK God to help you stay in your own lane so you can finish strong.

