



WHAT DO WE DO WHEN IT'S HARD TO FOLLOW GOD?

BIBLE STORY: Persevere in Faith (1 Timothy 6:11-16; 2 Timothy 3–4:2)

BIBLE TRUTH: We don't give up, but we know what we've learned about God's faithfulness.

BIBLE VERSE: But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed.
2 Timothy 3:14a

BONUS VERSE: When I am afraid, I will trust in you. *Psalms 56:3*

Your child is learning about perseverance. This week TeamKIDs answered the question, "What do we do when it's hard to follow God? We learned that as believers, **we don't give up, but we know what we've learned about God's faithfulness.**

In the Books of 1 and 2 Timothy, Paul compared living for Jesus to running a strenuous race. True Christianity requires strength, endurance, and faith. Paul urged Timothy to keep his faith throughout the entire course. He wanted Timothy and other believers to understand that though living for God would never be easy, it would be possible, and well-rewarded because of God's grace.

A knowledge of Scripture can be vital in the journey toward wisdom that can lead to faith. All Scripture is inspired by God and is a necessary resource in training for the race.

This week, encourage your child to spend time in prayer and reading God's Word so that his or her faith will be strengthened. Remind your child that when the race gets tough, it is helpful to focus on the prize—a life in heaven with Jesus. As you pray this week, thank God for the encouragement found in His Word. Ask Him for the strength, faith, and endurance to finish the race well.

