May 30th/31st - Elementary Activities Instructions:

Memory Verse Puzzle-(Use all month!)

<u>Materials:</u> Bible, printed "Memory Verse" page (below) or write the verse on a sheet of paper (fill the page!).

- 1. Cut the memory verse page into puzzle pieces.
- 2. Mix up the pieces and put them back together. Read the verse!
- 3. Mix up the pieces again, but this time flip them over so they're upside down.
 - a. One at a time, turn over the pieces and see how fast children can piece the puzzle back together!

Don't Give Up What You Need

Materials: Memory Verse puzzle (from activity above), blank paper

- 1. Point out the words "don't give up". Explain that "don't give up" means the same thing as "keep going," which has been in every Bottom Line this month, including this week's: Keep going even when you have questions.
- 2. On a sheet of paper, write "Don't give up when . . ."
 - a. Encourage your child to finish the sentence prompt. Responses may range from "you can't do your math homework" or "your brother is mad at you" to "you haven't scored a single goal in soccer."
 - b. Write down all answers shared.
- 3. Say: Don't give up! That's an important thing for us to remember when we don't want to keep going—including when we don't want to keep going in doing good, as our verse talks about. Don't give up when things seem impossible or get tough. Don't give up when you're nervous because you don't know the end of the story. And don't give up when you have questions!
- 4. Together with your children, brainstorm something each of them want to work hard on.
 - a. Write each child's goal on a sheet of paper and hang it up somewhere for them to see each day this week.

Determination Dialogue

Materials: printed "Determination Dialogue" Activity Pages, Bibles, pencils

- 1. Ask: Has having a question ever made it challenging for you to get something done? Maybe you had a question on a math test or a question about what ingredient to use when making macaroni and cheese?
 - a. Say: One thing is for sure: it's okay to have questions! Instead of letting our questions frustrate us, what should we do? Allow for responses, such as ask adults we trust, pray for answers, look in the Bible or devotional books, etc.
- 2. Give each kid an Activity Page and pencil.

- a. Read the instructions for Day 1, and give your child a few minutes to complete. *Make sure they finish only the first day.*
- b. Encourage your children to share their entry with you. Share a time when you had a question and asked God for help. How did He provide help? Did you have a friend or mentor who was farther along in their faith to help you? Make sure kids understand that not all questions have answers, but that's okay, too!
- c. Using their Bibles, encourage your children to complete one activity each day. Share answers as a family.



DAY 1

lf you could ask God anything, what would you ask Him?

Draw a picture of you praying and asking God your question. What would you say to Him? DAY 2 Look up Exodus 3:13 in your Bible and write down the question Moses asked God.

Read Exodus 3:14 and write down God's response to Moses.

Circle your favorite name for God below:

God Lord Father King of kings IAM

Write a quick note to God using the name you circled above!

DAY 3 Read Proverbs 22:3.

What does this verse mean? Write down a question you have about this verse and ask your question to someone older

than you. (Make sure it's someone who you know follows Jesus!)

DAY 4

Read Daniel 6:16-23.

If you could ask God any question about the story of Daniel in the lion's den, what would you ask?

Draw a picture of Daniel being saved!