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"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith. He paid no attention to the shame of the cross. He suffered there because of the joy he was looking forward to. Then he sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. He made it through these attacks by sinners. So think about him. Then you won't get tired. You won't lose hope."

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**Bible Story:** Acts 16:16-40. Paul and Silas were arrested and could have given up their calling to spread the message of Jesus. However, even in the middle of this difficult situation they decided to worship God.

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**Bible Story:** Hebrews 12:1 reminds us that when life gets hard, we can look to the heroes of the faith and see how they trusted God through some extremely difficult circumstances. God brought them through those trials, and God will help us through ours.

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**Bible Story:** in Hebrews 12:2-3 the author notes that to run the race of life with perseverance, we should focus our attention on Jesus. Jesus is the ultimate example of someone who endured death itself to accomplish the rescue mission God set out for Him.

**Bottom Line:** Keep going because of what Jesus did for you. Knowing that Jesus persevered through death and was resurrected is the best encouragement for us to keep going when life gets hard. When we focus on Jesus, we remember that nothing is impossible and God will help us get through whatever we face in life.

## SALVATION MESSAGE

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4th/5th grade

# PERSEVERANCE

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**Key Question:** What makes you want to give up? When it comes to perseverance, it's important to understand why you would want to give up in the first place. Figure out a game plan to trust God for the strength to keep going and finish what you start!

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**Key Question:** What gets in the way of finishing what you start? Starting can be easy. We often start projects, sports seasons, and new endeavors with excitement. Yet when whatever we're working on gets difficult, we wonder if we should throw in the towel and give up. When we notice what hinders us, we can move past it easier.

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