

# LOFT Newsletter May 2017

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May 6/7 Donuts With Friends

- Bring a friend and enjoy a donut on us!
- During each weekend service!
- An easy way to invite friends to church!



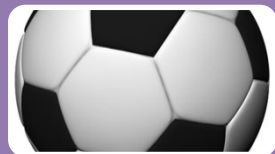
May 20: Parents Night Out

- Drop your kids off and go out on the town!
- Time: 6-8:30
- Register online at [www.atthefive.net/events](http://www.atthefive.net/events)
- Cost: \$5 per family (covers the cost of pizza)



May 2017: Wednesday Nights/5th Grade Transition

- Cost: \$2 Per Child (Covers pizza for dinner)
- Time: 6-8 PM (Games, Dinner, Bible Study)
- May 10 5th Graders Move up to Epic!
- May 24 Last Wednesday night until fall!



May 19: Loft Lock-In

- Join us for a night of fun, games, food, and lack of sleep!
- Ages: 3rd-5th Graders
- Cost: \$5 Breakfast and snacks provided!
- Bring friends, all are welcome!
- 7 PM-8AM Pickup and dropoff: The Loft



Summer Camp Registration: Register Soon, space is limited!

- All Sports Camp
  - June 5-9 Middle School (Rising 3rd-5th)
  - June 26-30/July 17-21 (Rising 2nd-5th)
- Vacation Bible School
  - June 12-16 (4 Yrs-rising 5th grade)
- Canvas Art Camp
  - June 19-23 or July 10-14 (Rising K-5th)
- Encore Music Camp
  - June 26-30 (Rising 1st-5th)

## May Curriculum: Determination

### WEEK 1

We start our discussion about determination in **Acts 3 and 4**. Peter and John are arrested for healing a man and teaching about Jesus. They are brought before the Sanhedrin where they tell them to stop talking about Jesus or face severe consequences. Peter and John show determination as they proclaim that nothing can keep them from talking about Jesus.

Bottom Line: **Keep going even when it gets hard.** Life will be difficult. As much as we might try, we can't escape hardships. But in those times, we can trust God to give us what we need to show determination and keep going.

### WEEK 2

In **Acts 10**, Peter was a Jewish follower of Jesus. Cornelius was a Roman commander. These two were unlikely friends even in the best of circumstances. But through a couple of visions, these two men were about to cross paths. And through this meeting, Peter discovered the mission Jesus gave the disciples was way bigger than he originally thought.

Bottom Line: **Keep going even when the job is bigger than you think.** There are times we start a job and soon realize that it will be a much larger endeavor. Our first instinct might be to give up all together, but we need to keep going. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can push through and show determination right up until the end.

### WEEK 3

In **Ephesians 6:10–18**, we read a portion of a letter Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus. The early church is feeling attacked from all sides, and Paul encourages them by reminding them how the Holy Spirit can help them. We have armor that stand against anything that we might face in this world.

Bottom Line: **God gives you what you need to keep going.** We pray that through this lesson, kids will realize all they have available to them right now to help them show determination when they feel like giving up.

### WEEK 4

Finally, we head to **Revelation 21:1–8, 22–27 and 22:1–5**. John's vision of the New Heaven and New Earth is an encouragement to anyone facing trials in their life. Through Jesus, we have the opportunity to spend forever with God in a world where there is no sorrow or pain or suffering and where our hope in Jesus is fully realized.

Bottom Line: **Keep going because God knows the end of the story.** Showing determination in the face of difficult situations is never easy. However, because of Jesus we have a hope that God will make all things new and someday everything will make sense once and for all. God does know the end of the story, and we can trust Him no matter what.



Parent Resources:

Check out <http://studio252.tv>, Join the fun and let's get started!

Also, check out our Facebook page, it can be found by searching for LOFT at UCUMC!

