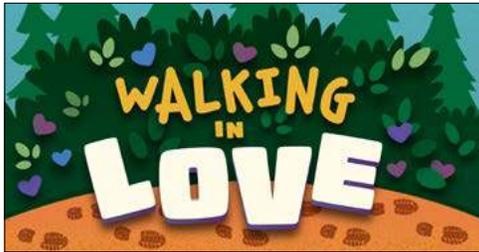


## In God's Big Story

James, an early church leader, encourages the church to keep going when life is difficult because God will help them persevere.

**Wonder Truth:** God Helps Us through Difficult Things  
**Scripture:** James 1

### WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



**PERSEVERANCE**

**ELEMENTARY VIDEO**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO**

### WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

The three most important things to have are faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love.

—1 Corinthians 13:13

### WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

### WORSHIP@HOME

[Listen](#) and [watch](#) from our worship playlists any time!

**EXPERIENCE MORE  
WONDER@HOME  
ONLINE!**



## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- What's the hardest thing you've ever done?
- Have you ever had someone help you through something difficult? What happened?
- How does God help us through the difficult things in our lives?
- How are you different because of the difficult things you've experienced?



## INTERACTIVE PRAYER

### Perseverance Prayer Calendar

God helps us persevere in praying for others! Create a Perseverance Prayer Calendar with your family:

- Brainstorm some people who are going through difficult things and need prayer.
- Use a ruler to make a chart on paper or a posterboard. Put the names in the first column, and the days of the week in the top row.
- Decorate your chart! Write verses to help you remember why we pray for others. (You can start with 1 Timothy 2:1.)
- Use stickers (or draw a smiley face or a star) to mark each time you pray for one of the people on your list.

The chart's purpose is to generate excitement and encourage kids to persevere in praying for others. It's not a "to-do" list or a way to "earn" God's love or approval. If you miss a day, thank God that He reminded you and say a prayer right then and there! Because of Jesus, there's nothing we can do to make God love us more and nothing we can do to make God love us less!



## CREATE IT!

### Persevering Pretzels

Use a cookbook or web recipe to make homemade pretzels as a family! Pretzels are not as easy to make as they seem. Find a recipe that will provide plenty of dough so you can persevere until you create beautiful (and delicious) pretzels. If some family members struggle to form the dough into the classic pretzel shape, help and encourage each other! Keep practicing, and affirm each person's perseverance. Then go share the pretzels with someone who needs to know she is loved by God!