

# SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

## LESSON SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

God wants us to see things through to the end.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn the importance of finishing what they start.

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Genesis 6:9-7:5, Noah's Ark

**MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything." -Hebrews 3:4 (NIV)*

**SUMMARY:**

Once you get started, you want to keep building until you're done. Kids will learn that we need to keep walking with God until the end.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

*Dear God,*

*Give us perseverance so that we will finish what we start. And please finish the good work you have begun in us.*

*In Jesus' name,  
Amen*

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## MEMORY VERSE

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### **LARGE GROUP:**

Write each word of the verse on a poster board. Bring enough kids on stage so each kid can hold one of the words. Then have the kids unscramble the words and put them in order on stage so the audience can read it.

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Play the telephone game with the memory verse.

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## SKIT

### NO ROOF

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Stuffed toy cats and dogs

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M/1F

#### CHARACTERS:

Bob and Doris- A Lego couple

*Bob and Doris enter.*

BOB: Well, honey, we're home!

DORIS: Oh, Bob, it's beautiful!

BOB: Do you really like it?

DORIS: It's the Lego home I always dreamed of!

BOB: We've got a Lego kitchen, a Lego bedroom, a nice Lego yard.

DORIS: Aww, and we have a couple of Lego cats too!

BOB: What? Shoo! Get out of here! Nasty strays!

DORIS: Aww, honey, it's perfect. Except...

BOB: What? What's the matter?

DORIS: Honey, there's no roof.

# SKIT

*They both look up.*

BOB: Oh that?

DORIS: You forgot the roof, you silly.

BOB: No, I didn't forget. I just didn't put one on the house.

DORIS: But you will put one on, right?

BOB: No, I don't think so.

DORIS: You don't think so? Honey, we need a roof.

BOB: Do we, honey? Do we really need a roof?

DORIS: Yes we do, Bob! A house has to have a roof.

BOB: That's your opinion.

DORIS: I can't believe you. You did all this work and you're not going to finish the job?

BOB: Come on, Doris, we have such a nice Lego house. Why get all wrapped up about a roof?

DORIS: Because we need a roof! We need something to keep out the rain!

BOB: We're Lego people! There's no rain here!

*Sound effect of a thunder clap.*

DORIS: Looks like rain to me!

BOB: That's impossible! There's no such thing as Lego rain.

DORIS: It's not Lego rain! It's raining Lego cats and dogs!

*Another thunder clap, then toss the cats and dogs on from off stage, up in the air so they rain down on Bob and Doris. Have the people tossing the cats and dogs make meowing and barking noises as Bob and Doris run off stage.*

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## OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with no top slice of bread

Is anyone a little hungry this morning? I brought a few snacks if anyone needs one. Anyone want a peanut butter and jelly sandwich?

Actually... does anyone notice anything wrong with these sandwiches?

A sandwich isn't a sandwich with just one slice of bread, is it? We've got the bottom slice, peanut butter, and jelly, but we stopped before the job was finished.

So many dreams go unfulfilled because people leave them half done. They start projects and then they abandon them, leaving the world filled with half-written songs, half-written books, half-painted rooms, half-finished furniture, and so on.

*Pull out some bread and finish the sandwiches.*

When God gives you something to do, do it. Start it, and then finish it. See it through to the end. If you grow weary, pray for strength. God will give you the endurance you need to finish what you've started.

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## LARGE GROUP GAME

### FINISH IT!

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

A Lego kit with instructions, partly assembled  
A box with an open end

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Put the partially assembled Lego kit on a table with the remaining pieces and instructions. Cover them with the box.

Choose one player for this game. The player will have 60 seconds to complete the Lego kit, using the remaining pieces and instructions.

Lift the box when you start the clock and let the challenge begin.

#### VARIATION:

This can also be done as a race, with two players competing to finish identical Lego kits.

#### WHAT'S THE POINT?

Don't leave things that God gives you to do unfinished. When God gives you a task, see it through to the end.

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## LARGE GROUP LESSON

**BOTTOM LINE:**

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**KEY PASSAGE:**

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**INTRO**

Have you every started a Lego building project that you didn't finish? Why did you leave that project unfinished? Were you missing some pieces? Did you get discouraged because you couldn't find the right piece? Did Mom and Dad tell you it was time for bed and you just forgot to finish what you started? What caused you to walk away from that Lego building project and leave it unfinished?

If you ever left a Lego build unfinished, don't feel bad. It's only Legos. It's not the end of the world. Legos were meant to be built, torn down, and rebuilt. Despite what some collectors (and adults) may tell you, they were never meant to be permanent structures.

There are other, more important things in this life that we need to see through to the end and finish. Homework. Dinner. Houses. There are other things that could be finished and become something great but for one reason or another, we abandoned those. Songs that we compose. Stories that we write. Art that we create.

Question: If an artist starts a project but doesn't finish, is he truly an artist?

Now here's another question: If God gives us something to do, and we don't finish it, are we truly followers of God?

God has plans for all of us, plans that only we can fulfill. But fulfilling those plans means we have to not only start, but finish.

# LARGE GROUP LESSON

Today's scripture is about a man who had a HUGE task given to him. He started it, he finished it, and he saved his family.

## **READ GENESIS 6:9-7:5**

### **MAIN POINT**

What would have happened if Noah had not finished the ark? Do you think God would have held the rain? Or do you think God would have sent the rain and punished Noah and his family?

What do you think would have happened if Noah hadn't filled the ark with animals? How many different kinds of life would be missing from this Earth?

Noah's story shows us just how important it is to finish what we start. Noah had to finish to save his family. He had to finish to preserve life on Earth. If Noah had quit, the world we know would not exist.

Noah finished what he started, and he challenges us to do the same when God gives us a task.

### **DRIVE IT HOME**

It's sad to see a project left unfinished, yet our world is filled with such projects. How many of you have a room in your house that's unfinished, or partially painted? How many of you have left model kits and art projects lying around, incomplete and unfinished? How many of you skipped out and left a chore half done because you didn't feel like finishing?

So many people leave their dreams unfulfilled because they don't finish what they start. They get distracted. They get bored. They walk away. Songs are left half-written. Stories are left without endings. Films are abandoned on computers, incomplete and unfinished. It happens all the time.

I don't know what talents you have or what gifts the Lord has given you, but I want to encourage you, when God gives you a task to do with those gifts, **FINISH** it. Don't leave that song partially written. Finish it, and let someone hear it. Don't leave that mission project half done. Finish it so that others can be blessed by the work you have done. Don't leave that Bible study partially complete. Finish it, so that God can teach you something new.

We are so blessed to have a Creator God who has gifted us and given us the task of helping to spread the good news he has to share with the world. Don't leave the work God has given you incomplete. When God gives you a dream, fulfill it. When he gives you a task, finish it!



# LARGE GROUP LESSON

## CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Give us perseverance so that we will finish what we start. And please finish the good work you have begun in us.*

*In Jesus' name,*

*Amen*

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

### ICEBREAKER

Do you have any projects that you've started at home and not finished?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Hebrews 3:4

Play the telephone game with the memory verse.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Play a game of musical chairs. Keep going until there's a winner. Don't quit!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 6:9-7:5

Who was Noah? Why did God pick Noah to build the ark?

What other instructions did God give Noah?

Did Noah finish what God told him to do?

What happened to Noah's family as a result of Noah's work?

### SIMPLE PRAYER

*Dear God,*

*Forgive us for the times we get distracted from doing the work you've given us. Help us to finish what we start so that you may be glorified.*

*In Jesus' name,  
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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

### ICEBREAKER

Do you have any projects that you've started at home and not finished?

### MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Hebrews 3:4

Play the telephone game with the memory verse.

### SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Have the kids act out the story of Noah in a skit.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Genesis 6:9-7:5

Why did God pick Noah to build the ark?

What instructions did God give Noah?

What happened to Noah's family as a result of Noah's work?

Why do we sometimes leave things unfinished?

Why do we need to finish the things God asks us to do?

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

**True or False.**

God told Noah to build an ark.

TRUE

Noah built the ark, but he didn't load it with animals.

FALSE

Noah's family was saved because he finished what he started.

TRUE

It's okay if we leave things undone because we get bored with them.

FALSE

God wants us to finish what we start.

TRUE

# MAKE IT STICK

## 5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids

### THIS WEEK'S LESSON: FINISH THE BUILD



#### IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Once you get started, you want to keep building until you're done. Kids will learn that we need to keep walking with God until the end. Genesis 6:9-7:5, Noah's Ark



#### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Is there a house project that's been left unfinished for a while? Do the work this week to get it done, and let the kids help. How does it feel to see an unfinished project get done?



#### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Noah build the ark?
- What do you think would have happened if Noah hadn't finished the ark?
- Why is it important to finish the tasks God gives us to do?



#### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

*"Every house is built by someone. But God is the builder of everything."*

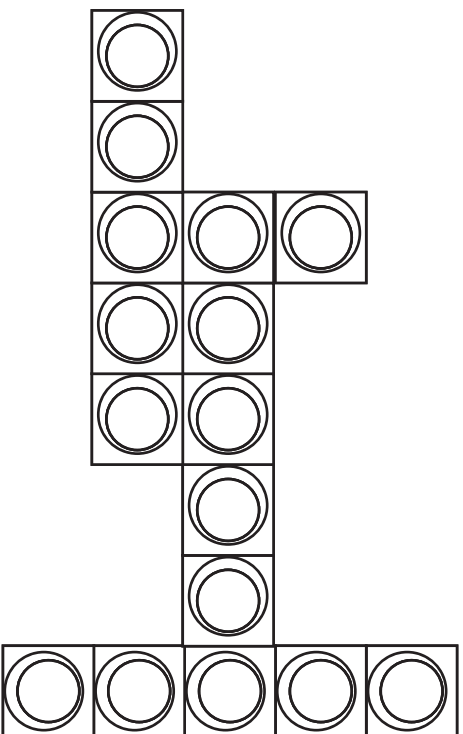
*-Hebrews 3:4 (NIRV)*



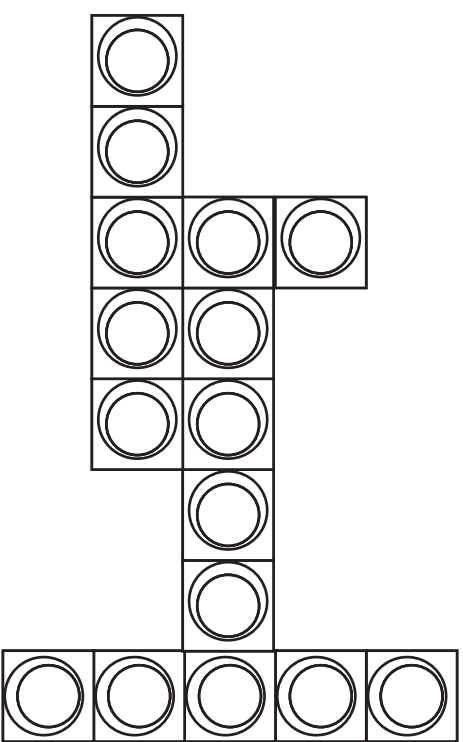
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What you need to know:

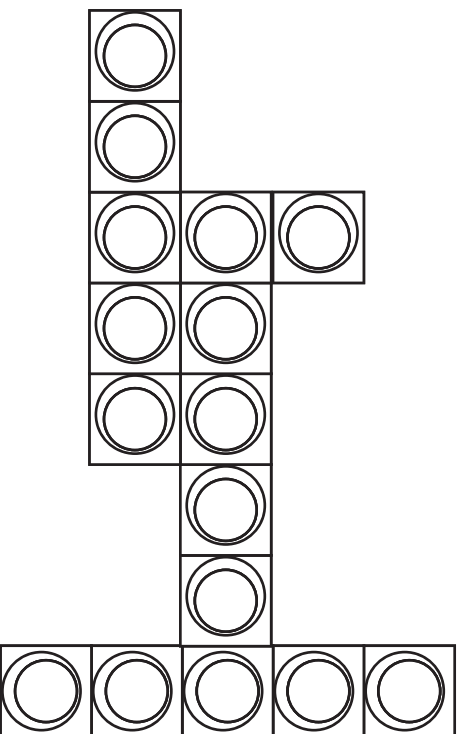
Anyone can start a project, but it takes perseverance to finish. Set an example for your kids by being someone who finishes what he starts, and encourage them to do the same.



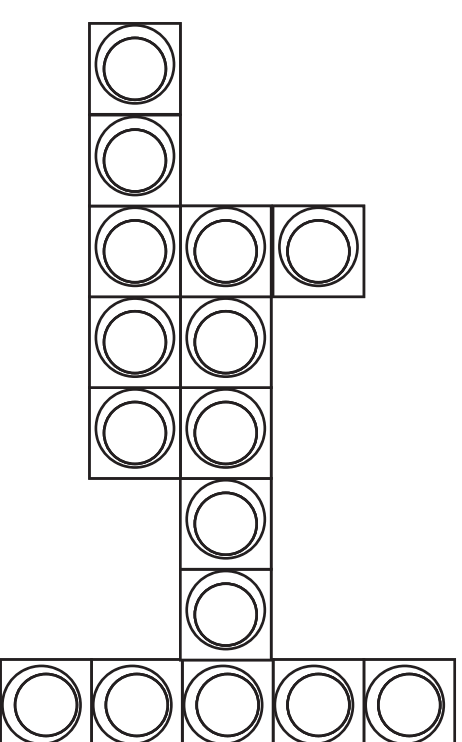
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