

Game Day

GOD'S WORD

“Let’s not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season if we don’t give up.”

Galatians 6:9 (WEB)



THE STORY

LJ is sure today is the day he scores, but in the last minute his kick rolls wide and his team loses. At home he shoves his cleats deep in the closet and says he is never playing again. Mom kneels down, prays with him and tells him God loves him winning or losing. Dad remembers Grandpa’s words: work hard, nobody is going to give it to you. Coach Davis stays late just for LJ, and LJ practices in the yard every evening. When the same last minute comes around again, the net swings.

Grandma reads how young David practiced with his sling for years guarding his sheep (1 Samuel 17:37), so when the giant came, he was ready.

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. Why did LJ want to quit? What was he really feeling?
2. Who helped LJ try again, and what did each of them actually do?
3. What is something hard for you right now? What would not giving up look like this week?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, when I miss and I want to quit, remind me that You see me trying. Help me keep doing good and not give up, whether I win or whether I lose. Thank You for the people who stay late for me. Amen.

TRY THIS WEEK

Keep a “showing up” chart. Everyone, grown-ups too, picks one thing they are not good at yet and practices it ten minutes a day for five days. Tick the fridge chart for showing up, not for how well it went. On Sunday, read Galatians 6:9 together and share what got a little easier.

DRAW IT

Draw the hard thing you are going to keep practicing, and who will be cheering for you.

A large, empty rectangular box with a dashed border, intended for a drawing activity.