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# **Determination** MAY 2023



## **SAY IT:**

Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.

## **KNOW IT:**

#### **ASK A GROWN UP:**

• Tell me about a time you finished something you started. How did it make you feel to finish a big task? What helped you stay determined to finish the task?

#### **ASK A KID:**

- Tell about a time you finished a task even though it was difficult.
- When did you give up on a task and leave it unfinished?
- Why did you finish one task but give up on another one?

## **SEE IT:**

Watch the following short film, called "Coin Operated," about determination. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5L4DQfVIcdg

In this video, we see a young boy who sets out with a big dream. Through years and years of determination, he makes his dream a reality. Talk about the lessons you learned after watching the film.

## BE IT:

As a family, set a big goal for the summer. Come up with something that might seem impossible to accomplish in just 2 months. Create an action plan of how you can work together to make it happen. Challenge and encourage each other to have determination and know that in the end, it will be worth it to finish what you started.



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## Have you done the math?

How many weeks do you have from now until your child graduates from high school? You have about 36 less than when the school year started!

No matter their age, kids need a few things over time:

**LOVE** gives them a sense of worth. Knowing they are loved and seeing others love each other gives an example of what your kids will look for in future relationships.

**STORIES** about their past, their family, and their environment give them a bigger perspective.

**WORK** that is appropriate for them helps to give them purpose and significance.

**FUN** helps give them connections to others.

**GROUPS** or **TRIBES** (a team, a youth group, a cast, a class, etc.) give them a sense of belonging and fitting in.

WORDS that encourage, support, and correct give them direction.

**So don't miss it.** This school year may be over, but there is still time to incorporate love, stories, work, fun, tribes, and words in the time you have left.

