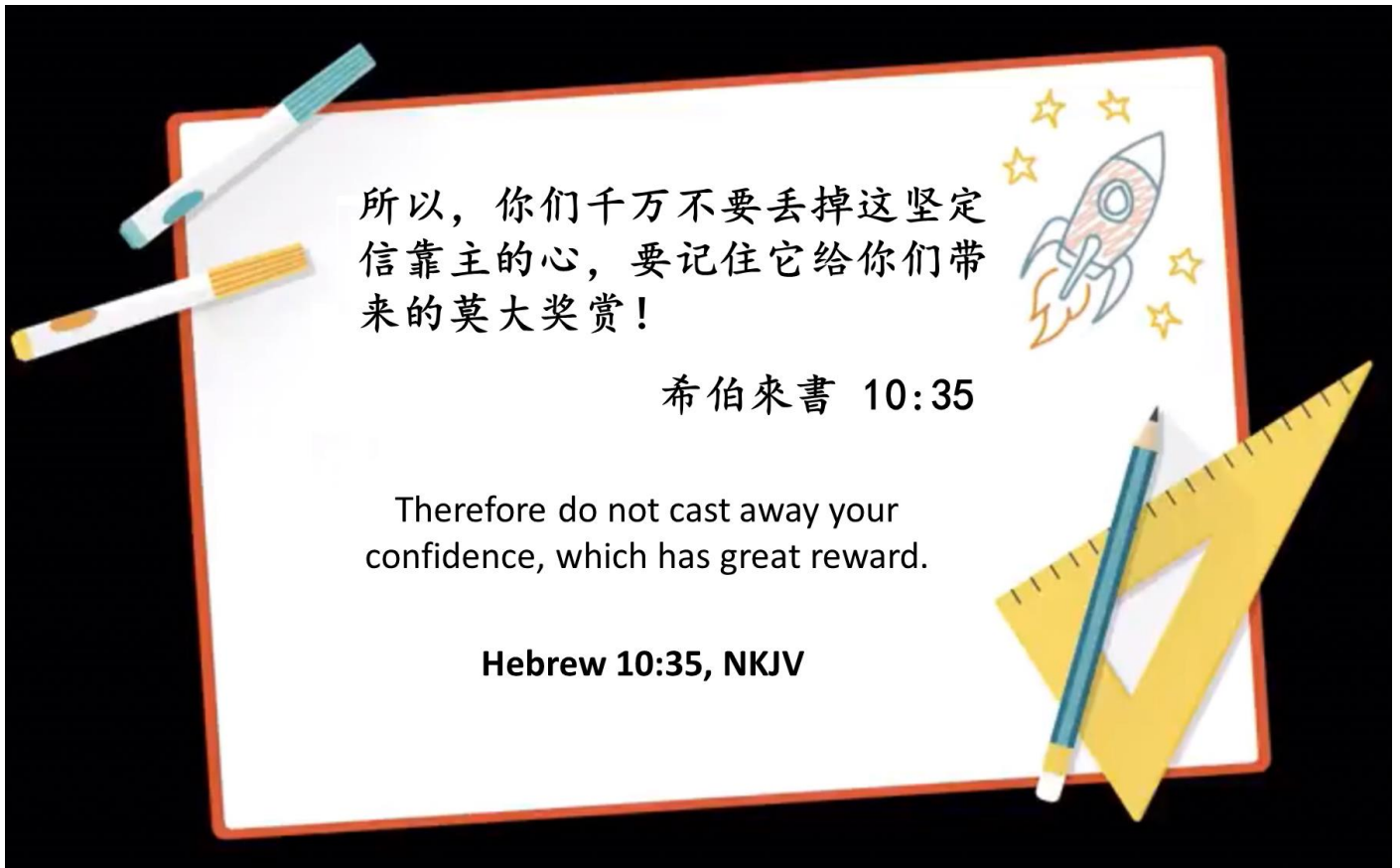


决不放弃

所以，你们千万不要丢掉这坚定信靠主的心，要记住它给你们带来的莫大奖赏！

—— 希伯来书 10:35

本周圣经话语：



本周主题：

坚定不放弃; 神的奖赏; 盲人巴底买; 迦勒

嗨，孩子们！今天，我们来聊聊狗狗。这里有好多犬种，你认识几个？有些品种以体型小而出名，例如吉娃娃；而有些则以其巨大的体格脱颖而出，例如大丹犬。你知道吗？狗狗不仅仅因其不同的形状或大小而显得特别，还以它们显著的个性特点而出名。例如，众所周知，有些狗性情很友好温和，比如猎犬；有些则很服从忠诚，比如德国牧羊犬；其他有些有非常灵敏的鼻子，嗅觉至少比我们人类好一千倍，比如寻血猎犬。



狗狗的下巴也比我们强多了。它们的下巴非常强壮有劲，可以毫不费力地咀嚼骨头。有些狗绝不会松口已到嘴的骨头，由此可见它们下巴的力量有多大。一旦狗狗们咬住了它们想要的东西，想要甩开它们并非易事，这可是看家狗的一个优良特性。你们中有多少人认同这一点？你看，无论窃贼如何努力逃跑，看家狗都会一直咬住不放，直到它得到它所追逐的东西为止。



这让人想起希伯来书 10 章 35 节中的一节经文，“所以，你们千万不要丢掉这坚定信靠主的心，要记住它给你们带来的莫大奖赏！”这节经文告诉我们要坚定我们信靠主的心，就像看家狗在抓获它所追逐的东西之前拒绝放弃一样。我们也决不放弃信靠主的原因！为什么？因为它给你带来莫大的奖赏。

今天的圣经课是关于两个人坚守他们所相信的，他们没有放弃，即使其他人试图摆脱他们。第一个人是在马可福音 10 章的可怜的盲人巴底买，他坐在路边乞讨。我们知道没有人关心在意他，因为大家甚至都不叫他的名字，只叫他“巴底买”，意思是“底买的儿子”。想象一下，他本人眼睛看不见已经够难受了，大家还对他视而不见，多可怜的巴底买啊！



有一天，耶稣正好要经过巴底买乞讨的那条路。巴底买听见了人群的声音。你可以肯定的是，这个可怜的盲人乞丐坐了起来并打起精神来，因为接下来发生的事情是巴底买开始大声叫喊：“耶稣！大卫的子孙，可怜可怜我吧！”。巴底买知道这是他得医治的机会，能够重见光明！



但他的叫喊让人们感到不安。“安静！”许多人责骂他。然而，我们中的一些人可能会由于如此大声喊叫而感到尴尬，由于被责骂了而感到伤心难过。但巴底买并没有这样想，他不会让任何人阻拦他想要的医治。人们越是警告他，叫他停下来，他呼叫耶稣的声音就越大，没有什么能使他放弃他所追求的治愈。“耶稣，大卫的子孙！可怜可怜我吧！”他一次又一次地喊叫。耶稣听见了，就停了下来。“你要我为你做什么？”耶稣问道。“主阿，”巴底买说，“我要能看见。”



巴底买大声呼求帮助且坚决不放弃，这举动是件好事。因为耶稣说：“去吧，你的信心使你痊愈了。”就这样，巴底买不再失明，重见光明！让我们把圣经翻到希伯来书 10 章 35 节的经文，“所以，你们千万不要丢掉这坚定信靠主的心，要记住它给你们带来的莫大奖赏！”对于巴底买来说，这一定是多么幸福的一天，只是坚定信靠主的心，不放弃，他就得到了他所追求的莫大奖赏！



下一个也是一位不放弃信心的人，他是迦勒。还记得他的故事吗？当摩西派十二个探子去窥探神应许给他们的土地时，迦勒就是其中一个探子之一。当十个探子看到巨人并惊慌失措时，迦勒抓住神的应许，想立刻去占领这片土地。迦勒并不惧怕，因为他相信神会为他们打败巨人。巨人很大，但神更大。但由于百姓太害怕了，以色列人并没有为自己争取神的应许，而是在旷野流荡了四十年。所以这四十年里，迦勒没有得到神应许给他的土地。而一直等到迦勒八十五岁了，他们才击败敌人得以进入应许之地居住。多么漫长的等待啊！假设我们也不得不要等待这么久的话，想必我们中的一些人早已放弃或忘记了神起初的应许了。但迦勒并没有忘记更没有放弃，虽然他已经等了四十多年，但他仍然紧紧抓住神的每一个应许。



请看年纪已到八十五岁的迦勒是怎样拿下那块土地的。与其放手，迦勒他反而去找约书亚，向约书亚要求将神当年应许赐给他的希伯仑山地作为他的领土。迦勒说：“把这座山给我。”迦勒是如此信心满满地声称希伯仑是他的，并不认为他此时的年纪已大，更没有把这片土地上还有多少巨人放在心上。请看圣经，迦勒是怎么说的。在约书亚记 14 章 第 11 至 12 节，迦勒说：“我现在还是强壮如初摩西打发我出去的那天一样。无论是争战、出入，我的力量那时如何，现在还是如何。所以，求你将耶和华应许我的这山地给我。你还记得我们作为探子时发现那地有亚纳族人，并有宽大坚固的城墙。但如果耶和华与我同在，我必照耶和华所说的将他们赶出那地。”



哇！即使这么多年过去了，迦勒仍抓住这份信靠神的心不放弃。想象一下，当迦勒最终征服了他所要求的这一座山时，在所有这些延迟、挑战和令人沮丧的事阻拦之后，神应许的一切最终都归他所有了，迦勒他是何等的喜悦啊！

接下来我们来分享一个见证。这是来自一对夫妇的见证，他们拒绝放弃他们想看到的祝福。他们俩都是主日学的老师，且他们都想拥有一个很多孩子的大家庭。但是有一天，妻子的腹部剧烈疼痛。医生说：“大事不妙，需要动手术。”手术后，坏消息更多。医生说：“由于你身体的这个问题，你将无法生育自己的孩子。”这对夫妇起初感到震惊和不安，但他们没有专注于坏消息，而是选择继续聆听神对他们信实的爱和应许的好消息。



他们紧紧抓住神的话语，圣经说：“儿女是上主的赏赐，是来自上主的奖赏(诗127:3)”，他们时常这样提醒自己。时光荏苒，但他们依然没有得到他们渴望的孩子。但这对夫妇拒绝放弃对拥有孩子的盼望，他们没有感到气馁，而是继续向天父寻求他们的奇迹。然后主为他们做了不可能的事，妻子怀孕了，接着他们的第一个孩子出生了。几年后，他们的第二个孩子出生了。

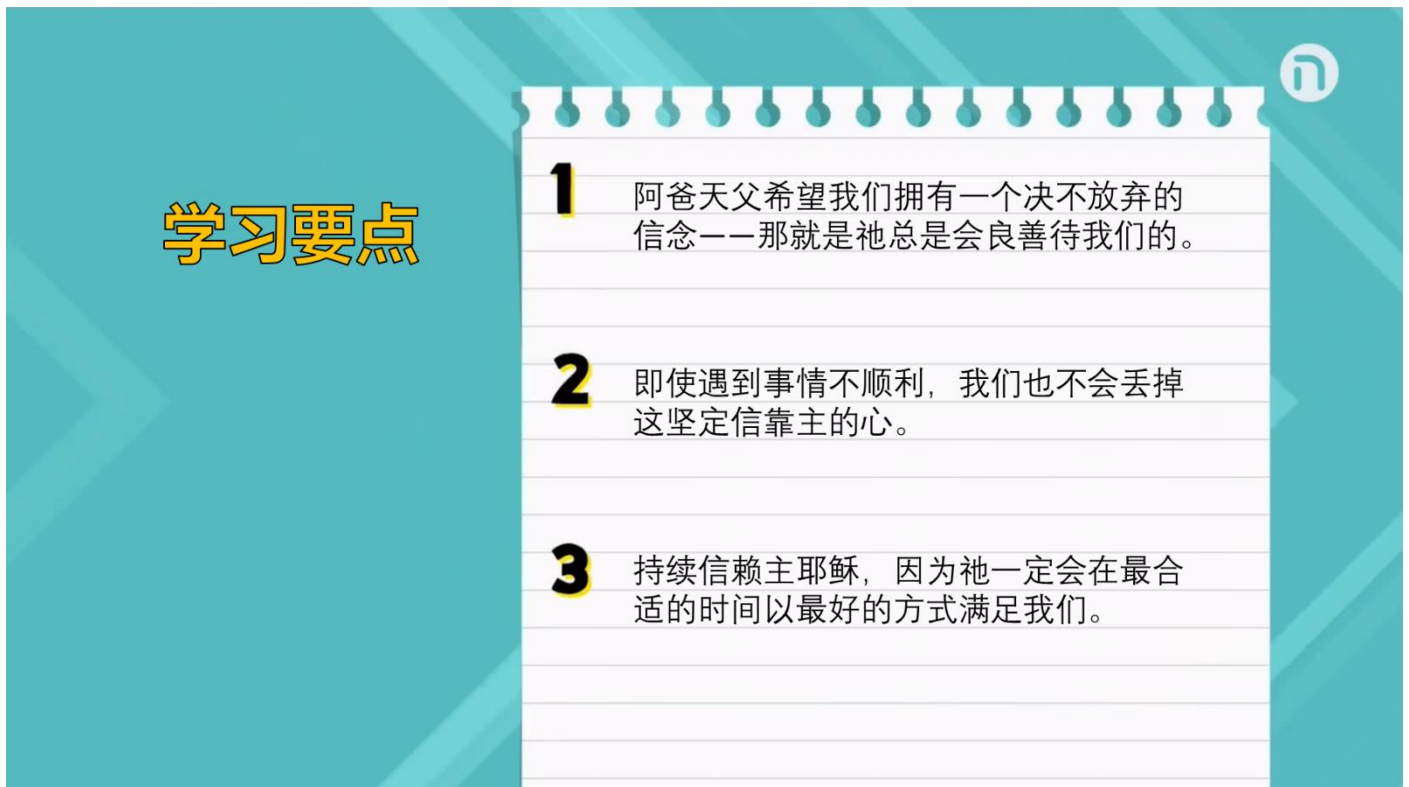


哇！从完全无法生育，到主耶稣赐给了他们两个可爱的孩子。他们为一直没有放弃神对他们的美好应许而感到无比的喜悦！

孩子们，我们今天学到了什么？我们了解到，阿爸天父希望我们拥有一个决不放弃的信念——那就是祂总是会良善待我们的。希伯来书 10 章 35 节说，“所以，你们千万不要丢掉这坚定信靠主的心，要记住它给你们带来的莫大奖赏！”即使事情没有如你所愿，也不要丢掉这坚定信靠主的心。有时事情可能不是如你所愿，你可能会感到气馁，人们可能会说一些或做一些让你生气的事情。不要执着于这些沮丧或愤怒的感觉。感觉忽来忽去，但总要不丢掉这坚定信靠主耶稣的心。相信阿爸天父爱你、与你同在、支持你，相信万事互相效力使你得益处。我们可以拥有决不放弃的信心，因为主耶稣对我们从不放手，祂的工作永远不会让我们失望。当你持续信赖祂时，主说你会得到莫大奖赏，你会看到祂在最合适的时间以最好的方式满足你，所有的孩子一起说“阿门！”



接下来，我们来看看本周的学习要点，你可以把它们抄写到你的笔记本里，作为强有力的提醒，在你开始新的一周时鼓励你。



学习要点

- 1** 阿爸天父希望我们拥有一个决不放弃的信念——那就是祂总是会良善待我们的。
- 2** 即使遇到事情不顺利，我们也不会丢掉这坚定信靠主的心。
- 3** 持续信赖主耶稣，因为祂一定会在最合适的时间以最好的方式满足我们。

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孩子们，如果你正在听这个故事，你从来没有邀请耶稣进入你的生命，成为你的主和救主，你现在可以这样做，跟着我重复这个祷告：“亲爱的主耶稣，感谢你为我死在十字架上。你是神的儿子，你死了，也被埋葬，第三天又复活了。你宝血洗去了我所有的罪，使我得以永远与阿爸天父在一起。我请求你现在进入我的生命里，成为我的主和救主，我永远是个义人，永远是有福的，永远是神的孩子。奉耶稣的名，阿门！”

DON'T LET GO

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. – Hebrews 10:35, NKJV

Hey Rock Kidz! Today, let's talk about dogs. How many of these dog breeds do you recognize? Some breeds are known for being small, like the Chihuahua. While other breeds are known for their great size, like the Great Dane. Did you know that dogs are known for more than just their different shapes or sizes?

For example, some dogs are known to be friendly and gentle like the Retriever. While others are known for their obedience and loyalty, like the German Shepherd. Others, like the Bloodhound have excellent noses that can smell at least a thousand times better than us humans.

Dogs also have stronger jaws than us. Their jaws are so strong they have no trouble chomping on bones. Some dogs also show their jaw strength by simply not letting go. Once they get a hold of what they want, they cannot be easily shaken off. How many of you agree that this is an excellent trait for a guard dog to have? No matter how hard the burglar tries to get away, the guard dog just keeps hanging on and won't let go until it gets what it's after.

This reminds me of a Bible verse in Hebrews 10: 35, **“So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!” (NLT)** Just like the guard dog that refuses to let go until it gets what it's after, this verse tells us to hang on to our faith in our good, good God. Hang on, don't give up. Don't let go of what you're believing the Lord for. Why? Because of the great reward it brings you.

Today's Bible lesson is about two men who hung on to what they were believing for. They did not let go, even when others try to shake them off. The first man was poor, blind Bartimaeus, who sat by the roadside begging. We know no one cared much about him because they didn't even call him by his name. Everyone just called him “Bartimaeus”, which means “son of Timaeus”. It's hard enough not being able to see. But imagine being treated like an invisible nobody as well. Poor Bartimaeus.

Then one day, Jesus passed by. Bartimaeus heard, the sound of the crowd. You can be sure the poor blind beggar sat up and paid attention because the next thing that happened was that Bartimaeus started to shout, “Jesus! Son of David, have mercy on me!” he cried. Bartimaeus knew that this was his chance to be healed, to be able to see! But his shouting upset the people. “Be quiet!”, many of them scolded.

Now, some of us might feel embarrassed for shouting so loudly. And some of us might feel bad when we are scolded. But not Bartimaeus, he was not going to let anyone shake him off from the healing he wanted. The more the people warned him and told him to stop, the

louder he cried out for Jesus. Nothing was going to make him let go of the healing he was after. “Jesus, Son of David! Have mercy on me!” he cried again and again. Jesus heard him and stopped. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked. “Master,” Bartimaeus said, “I want to see.” It was a good thing that Bartimaeus shouted for help. It was a good thing that Bartimaeus didn’t let go and kept believing because Jesus said, “Go your way, your faith has made you well.” And just like that, Bartimaeus was not blind anymore. He could see!

Let’s flip our Bible to Hebrews 10:35. It says, **“So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!” (NLT)** What a happy day it must have been for Bartimaeus. Just hanging on to his trust in the Lord and refusing to let go, he got the great reward he was after.

The next person who also had a won’t-let-go faith was Caleb. Remember him? When Moses sent twelve spies to check out the land that God promised to give them, Caleb was one of them. When ten spies saw the giants and panicked, Caleb hung on to God’s promise and wanted to go immediately to take the land. Caleb was not afraid because he believed that God would defeat the giants for them. The giants were big, but God was bigger. But because the people were too afraid, instead of claiming God’s promises for themselves, the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years.

And so for all those years, Caleb did not get to take the land that God had promised him. By the time they defeated their enemies and settle down in the Promised Land, Caleb was already eighty-five years old. What a long time to wait! You can suppose that if we had to wait so long, some of us would just give up or forget what was promised in the beginning. But not Caleb. Sure, he had waited for more than forty years, but he still hung on to every promise that God had made. Instead of letting go, Caleb the eighty-five-year old, went to Joshua and asked for Hebron the hill territory that he knew God had given him. Caleb said, “Give me this mountain.” Caleb was so confident that Hebron was his to claim that he did not consider how old he was or even how many giants were still in the land.

Look what Caleb said. Joshua 14: 11-12 says, **“ I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then. So give me this hill country that the LORD promised me. You will remember that as scouts we found the descendants of Anak living there in great, walled towns. If the LORD is with me, I will drive them out of the land, just as the LORD said.” (NLT)**

Wow! Even all those years later, Caleb clung on to his won’t-let-go faith. Imagine Caleb’s joy when he finally conquered the mountain that he asked for. After all the delays, challenges and disappointments that stood in his way, all that God promised was finally his to possess.

Let me tell you what happened to a man and his wife who refuse to let go of the blessings they wanted to see. They were both teachers in Rock Kidz. Both of them wanted a big family

with many children. But one day, the wife had a bad pain in her stomach area. The doctor said, "Something is terribly wrong, we will need to operate." After the operation, there was more bad news. "Because of this problem, " the doctor said, "you won't be able to have children of your own." The couple were shocked and upset at first, but instead of focusing on the bad news, they chose to keep listening to the good news of God's faithful love and promises for them.

They hung on to God's word. "**Children are a gift from the Lord**", "**They are a reward from Him**", they reminded themselves often.

Time passed, but they still did not have the children they long for. But the couple refused to let go of their hope for a baby. Instead of feeling discouraged, they continue to look to Daddy God for their miracle. Then God did the impossible for them, the wife became pregnant, and their first baby was born. A few years after that, their second child arrived.

Wow! From not being able to have any children at all, the Lord gave them two lovely children. How glad they were for not letting go of God's good promises for them.

Rock kidz, what do we learn today? We learned that Daddy God wants us to have a faith that doesn't let go. He wants us to have a faith that keeps on believing that He is good. Hebrews 10: 35 say, "**So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!**" Even when things don't work out the way you want, don't throw away your confident trust in the Lord. Things may sometimes not work out the way you want, and you may feel discouraged and people may say things or do things that might make you angry. Don't hold on to these feelings of discouragement or anger. Feelings can come and feelings can go. Just don't throw away your confident trust in the Lord. Trust that daddy God loves you and that He is with you and for you. Trust that surely all things will work together for your good. We can have a faith that doesn't let go because He never lets go of us and His work will never fail us. And as you keep on trusting Him, God's word says that you will receive a great reward. You shall see Him answer you at the best time and in the best possible way. And all of Rock kidz say "Amen!"

Up next, we'll be taking a look at this week's key learning points, you can pause this video to copy them down on your notebook as powerful reminders to encourage you as you go about a new week.

KEY LEARNING POINTS:

1 Daddy God wants us to have a faith that doesn't let go. He wants us to keep believing that He is good.

2 We don't throw away our confident trust in the Lord even when things get tough.

3 Keep trusting Him because He will surely answer us at the best time and in the best possible way.

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Hey Rock Kidz, if you are listening to this story and you've never asked Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Saviour, you can do so now. Just repeat this prayer after me, "Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for dying on the cross for me. You are the Son of God, who died, was buried and on the third day, you rose again. Your precious blood washed away all my sins making me forever right with Daddy God. I ask You now to come into my life to be my Lord and Saviour. I am forever righteous, forever blessed, forever a child of God. In Jesus 'name," and everyone say, "Amen."

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Theme of the Week:

Never give up; God's great reward; blind Bartimaeus; Caleb