Serve breakfast and hand out raffle tickets (one per family).

Have moms introduce their kids and say, “I’m proud of (child’s name) this month because…”

Say this before the video starts, “Who knows what perseverance means? (Call on those who want to give answers.)

Well, it means to keep trying to do something, even though it is really hard to do. Like if you were learning to ride a bike and you kept falling down. Every time you got back up to try again, you’d be persevering! Let’s watch a video to see a great example of kids persevering.”

After the video say, “Moms can encourage us to keep persevering, can’t they? They help us get back up and try again. And that means helping us try again at lots of things, like with our school work, or our sports, or any time we try to learn something new. And if your mom isn’t with you when you need her encouragement, just imagine her saying “keep trying, keep going, you can do it!” Let’s take a few minutes to talk about perseverance.

Give out the discussion cards or show the questions on your PowerPoint presentation and have the moms and children answer them together for a few minutes.

Give the moms their Mom Time Challenge: One way we encourage perseverance is through words. This month, you and your child can practice encouraging each other through something that each of you might struggle with. Use these Phrases for Praises to get in the habit. Cut out the phrases and divide them between you. Then, leave them for each other throughout the month to offer encouragement - especially if the other person is discouraged or has had a bad day.

Prize Time & Wrap Up - Raffle off your prizes and then thank the mothers and kids for coming, give them the next meeting date, and encourage them to invite a friend.

BONUS ACTIVITY - Okay, let’s practice our perseverance! Have the kids try to juggle with two or three balls that the Leader provides. As they’re trying, have the moms cheer them on. It’s really tough to juggle - so don’t be discouraged if you can’t do it! After the kids have tried, now it’s the moms’ turn, with the children encouraging them to persevere!