

#### **MAIN POINT:**

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##### **Acts: God is Awesome**

Awe means an extremely impressive view of something inspiring, or greatly admiring something. The disciples had experienced that feeling when they were with Jesus in a boat and a storm came up. Jesus was able to quiet the storm, which left the disciples with deep feelings of reverence and respect for Jesus. This is how the believers of the early church in Acts felt. They experienced the goodness of God, the authority of Jesus' teachings, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were in awe of what God was doing in and through them, and because of this, they dedicated themselves to doing things as a church in the early days of their faith. The church is a group of Christians living out the Gospel in words and actions. The book of Acts describes four things that the people of the church devoted themselves to doing. The church needs to be devoted to the teaching of God's Word. The disciples received their teaching from the apostles and today we receive this teaching through reading, studying, and obeying the Bible. Secondly, the church should be devoted to fellowship, which means being unified by the Holy Spirit and sharing the same belief in Jesus and identity as Christians. All Christians should be committed to helping each other grow in Jesus and do life together. Thirdly, the church should be gathered; we should be committed to meeting together for worship and prayer. Finally, the church should be missional, which is to share the Good News about Jesus with others. We need to be focused on telling others about the hope found in Jesus and "to go and make disciples of all nations," as stated in Matthew 28:19.

#### **FAMILY DISCUSSION:**

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- 1. Today we learned about the word 'awe' which is part of the word awesome. Share a time you were in awe of God or something He created?**  
*(Share your own answer. Listen and encourage answers.)*
- 2. What makes God worthy of our awe and adoration?**  
*(God is the one who has created and sustains all things. He is worthy of our adoration, praise, and worship. Every breath we have is from Him. He rules over heaven and earth and is our redeemer, through Jesus Christ, and because of that those who have put their faith in Jesus are saved and eternity is set in the presence of God. Listen and thank everyone for answering. Make sure each student is able to participate)*
- 3. Today we learned the church is not a building, it's a people. Was that new to you? CSC has church buildings where we gather regularly and to be a visible expression to our communities of God's people. Remember, the church is a group of Christians that live out the Gospel in words and actions. There are 4 things the church should be doing:**
  - Learning
  - Loving (fellowship)
  - Gathering (large and small group)
  - Missional (evangelism)

**Which one of these areas is most natural to you? How might participating in these activities deepen your relationship with God? With others? (*Listen and encourage answers.*)**

- 4. How can you specifically use your gifts, abilities, time, and energy to build up/contribute to the church today as a Grade 5&6 student at CSC?**  
*(Listen and encourage answers.)*

## **FAMILY PRAYER:**

I am going to read some passages of scripture to focus us on God and our spiritual family we belong to as followers of Jesus. Then I will bless you.

*“For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome.”  
(Deuteronomy 10:17)*

*“So you are no longer outsiders and strangers. You are citizens together with God’s people. You are also members of God’s family.” (Ephesians 2:19)*

*“So when we can do good to everyone, let us do it. Let’s try even harder to do good to the family of believers.” (Galatians 6:10)*

**"(Student's name), may you clearly see how awesome God truly is so that you may worship Him and join Him as He builds His church. God loves you, He is powerful, has authority over all things, and has a plan for your life. He will provide everything you need as you trust Him with all you face. God loves you and wants to use YOU for His glory!"**