

MAIN POINT:

Acts: Fireside

Today we pause for our Fireside chat where we remember who God is, His goodness and His faithfulness as we look at what we've been learning and how to apply it to our lives.

First, we learned that we are a witness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are able to witness to those around us. When we witness to others, we tell them about the Good News of Jesus. Secondly, we talked about how the Holy Spirit empowers His people. We receive the Holy Spirit when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, and He will give us spiritual gifts that encourage and build up the church. Thirdly, we learned the church is not a building, but it's a people who live out what God says in the Bible. In Acts, we see four things that the church did and we need to look to their example today. First, the believers in the early church received teaching, which we need to do today by reading and studying scripture. Also, the early church was loving. They were devoted to fellowship and doing life together. Additionally, the early church gathered for prayer and worship. Finally, the early church believers were missional; they focused their time on telling others about Jesus, making disciples of all nations.

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

1. **What questions have you had so far in the Acts Series? What was confusing? What was something that surprised you? What was something new you learned?** (Listen and respond.)
2. **We have learned that the Holy Spirit came and enabled the early church to be witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ. Who has God brought to your mind that He wants you to be a witness to? What is one thing you are going to do to be a witness to them going forward?**
3. **The Holy Spirit comes into our lives when we put our faith in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is with us wherever we go. He guides us, convicts us, and helps us become more like Jesus.**
 - a. **How do you know the Holy Spirit is convicting you of something?**
 - b. **Has there been a time in your life where you have had the Holy Spirit convict of something?**
 - c. **Are there things in your life that are distracting you from listening to the Holy Spirit?**
 - d. **What is one thing you want to do differently so you can hear Him more clearly in your life?**
4. **We learned about the four things the church did in Acts and what we should be doing today:**
 - a. **Learning**
 - b. **Loving**
 - c. **Gathering**
 - d. **Missional**

Which one of those truths above has been easiest for you to understand/apply it to your life? Which one has been more difficult? (Listen and respond.)

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.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. And you will even tell other people about me from one end of the earth to the other.” Acts 1:8

“But make sure that in your hearts you honor Christ as Lord. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you about the hope you have. Be ready to give the reason for it. But do it gently and with respect.” 1 Peter 3:15

(Student’s name), Jesus calls you to be a light before others and to be salt, so others may taste and see that God is good and Jesus loves them, died for them, and desires a relationship with them. Jesus wants to use you at your school, in your community, on your sports team, at your activity class, and in your family to point people back to God. May you be ready to tell others about who Jesus is. The Holy Spirit is in you and speaks to you, convicts you, and directs your path. May your heart be attuned to His voice each day. May the truths of God’s word be on your heart and may you continue to become more like Jesus each day.