

MAIN POINT:

Acts God asks each person who follows Him to be a witness. We do that by reflecting His character and love through the things we say and do.

In Acts chapter 1, we see three ways we can be a witness. We are a witness through the power of the Holy Spirit in us. The Holy Spirit is the gift the Father promised us when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and we receive Him the moment we believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is God, and He helps us to know God, convicts us of our sin, strengthens us and helps us to become more like Jesus in what we say, do and think. Secondly, you are a witness of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We can tell others about Jesus and what He did so that we can all be part of God's family, and we can tell others what God has done in us since becoming Christians. Thirdly, you are a witness to those God has placed around you. God wants you to start telling others His Good News, right now, wherever you are. This includes at school, in your community or other groups you may be a part of. We need to live our lives modelled after Jesus and powered by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will give us the words to say, and He will help us become more like Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION:

- 1. How is a group or team of people working together on something better than one person working on it?**

(When we work together, each person brings their individual strengths, abilities, and talents together to work together to accomplish the task. At church, each person who follows Jesus has spiritual gifts that God uses together to help build and encourage the church, to be on mission together, and to glorify God.)

- 2. Read Acts 1:3-9 together. As you read, underline words and phrases that stand out to you.**
(Share and explain what stood out.)

In verse 4, Jesus commands the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for a gift. Why do you think that Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem? What could this gift be?

(The gift was the Holy Spirit.)

- 3. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will help people do?**

(He will help them tell people about Jesus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and people all over the earth.)

- 4. What are some things that might stop us from or make us not want to share the good news of Jesus with others?**

(Listen and encourage.)

- 5. What are some specific ways you can be a witness at school, in your community, family, your sports/extra-curricular activities?**

(Listen and encourage.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Ask your child how you can pray for them.

- What is their biggest concern this week?
- Where do they see God working in their life?

Pray with and for your child. The following passages of scripture are to remind us that with God, all things are possible. The Holy Spirit will empower us to be His witnesses where He has placed us.

- “Jesus looked at them and said, “With people, this is impossible. But not with God. All things are possible with God.” (Mark 10:27)
- *“I have spoken all these things while I am still with you. But the Father will send the Friend in my name to help you. The Friend is the Holy Spirit. He will teach you all things. He will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:25-26)*
- *May the God who gives hope fill you with great joy. May you have perfect peace as you trust in him. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope.” (Romans 15:13)*
- (Student’s name), may you feel the power and joy God has given you through the Holy Spirit dwelling in you. May you be bold to share the love, hope, and joy that comes from following Jesus. May you know that the Holy Spirit has given you a purpose – to be His witness to those around you.