



KIDS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for June 19th - June 25th
Acts In 30 Week 4: *The Disciples Are Acting Like Jesus and Have Power*

Family Activity: *Duna-what?*

There is great power that comes with being filled with the Spirit of God... Like, explosive power! Before we get into this weeks discussion, do this quick activity so the whole family can have a great visual for what the Holy Spirit is like living inside of us. It will take a little planning. Take a 2 liter of Coke or whatever kind of soda you have in the house. This represents us. Next, take a Mento and explain that it represents the Holy Spirit. Notice the Coke is fine at this point but its full of carbonation, which mean it will explode if you shake it. So potential is there but you need something to active it. That's were the Holy Spi- I mean, the Mento comes in. Drop one Mento into the Coke and watch it shoot into the air! When we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our life, we find the power that lives inside of us.

FOCUS: Acts 4:1-13

It's Clear Peter and John Had Been With Jesus

"But many of those who heard the message believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on Jesus as the Christ). And their number grew and came to about 5,000."

BIG IDEA 1 – As news of the crippled mans' healing grew, a huge crowd gathered around Peter and John, so they began preaching that it wasn't them who healed the man but it was the power of the Holy Spirit IN them that healed the man. The religious leaders in power did not believe that was possible so they had Peter and John arrested. After a night in jail, they were brought before the Council Court where they continued to preach with boldness and clarity of Scripture, to the authorities and they were left baffled by what they were saying. They Pharisees knew Peter and John had been with Jesus. Jesus also did this with Pharisees and now his disciples were doing the same. Because the disciples spent time with Jesus they were now acting and speaking like Jesus and everyone could tell.

Q1 - What is the best way for you to learn something? If you met someone new, could they tell just by the way you talked and acted that you were a follower of Jesus? How do you spend time with Jesus?

FOCUS: Psalm 2

Why Do The Nations Rage?

"Why do the nations rage, and the people devise a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed."

BIG IDEA 2 – When Peter and John were thrown into jail for healing the lame man, they quote Psalm 2, a Psalm King David wrote hundreds of years earlier reflecting on how the world, it's kings, and its leaders always resist God and His ways. Since Jesus rose from the dead, He is the real ruler of this world but the kings and leaders of this world don't want Jesus to be king of the earth, because then they must live according to his kingdom and not their own "power." This has been happening since the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve ate the fruit. Instead of living in God's kingdom "the Garden" they chose to eat from the tree live according to their own rules.

Q2 - Why do you think humans, especially those with power, money, or fame often have a harder time following Jesus? Is it possible for anyone to remove Jesus from His throne or are the nations working in vain? Explain.

FOCUS: Acts 4:30-33

Dynamite Power!

"After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness."

BIG IDEA 3 – The word for "power" in Acts 4:33 in Greek is the word, "Dunamis." Dunamis means, "great energy, power, force, ability, and strength" and is the root for words today such as "dynamic", and "dynamite." So, when the Bible says they were filled with the "power of the Holy Spirit" think about explosiveness! Like dynamite igniting and creating a big impact wherever it goes off. That is what happens when Jesus' believers walk in the power God gives them.

Q3 - What kind of impact do you want to make on the world? How do we receive this power, or "dynamite" from the Holy Spirit?

