

# FAMILY DEVOTIONS

*WEEK OF: OCTOBER 28-  
NOVEMBER 4*



BIBLE  
ENGAGEMENT  
PROJECT



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# DAY ONE

## FAITH STORY

Acts 1:3–11

## FAITH FACT

With Jesus, I  
can change the  
world.

## FAITH VERSE

Romans 5:8  
(NLT)

## QUESTION OF THE DAY

Is Jesus still with me?



**READ ABOUT IT:** Joshua 1:1, 9; Matthew 28:20; John 15:26

When His work on earth was completed, Jesus was preparing to return to heaven. He promised His disciples that He would always be with them until the end of the world. Even though Jesus ascended into heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with His followers. As followers of Jesus today, that same Holy Spirit is with us as well. Even though we can't see Him, we can know that He is always with us and helps us wherever we go and whatever we face.



## THINK ABOUT IT

Question 1. God spoke to Joshua directly when he became the leader of God's people (Joshua 1:1). What command did God give to Joshua concerning his courage?  
Answer 1. "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged." (Joshua 1:9)

Question 2. What did God tell Joshua about being with him?  
Answer 2. God said He would be with him wherever he went. (Joshua 1:9)

Question 3. What did Jesus tell His disciples in Matthew 28:20 about being with them?

Answer 3. He said they could be sure that He would be with them always, “even to the end of the age.”

Question 4. What other name did Jesus use for the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, in John 15:26? What does that name mean?

Answer 4. The “Advocate,” one who stands in for someone else, supporting them

Question 5. Where did the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, come from?

Answer 5. He came from God the Father. (John 15:26)



## TALK ABOUT IT

- Does it make you more confident to tell others about Jesus when you know God's Spirit is always with you?
- Has God ever helped you to be “strong and courageous”? Tell us about it.



## PRAY ABOUT IT

Thank You, God, for always being with me. Please help me to remember that You are there even when I can't see or feel You. I am thankful for Your presence. Amen.

# DAY TWO

## FAITH STORY

Acts 1:3–11

## FAITH FACT

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## FAITH VERSE

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY

How can I change the world?



**READ ABOUT IT: Matthew 28:18–19; John 10:9–11; 1 Timothy 2:3–4**

The Bible tells us how Christians can change the world. We change it by sharing the life-changing message of the gospel with others. Jesus commanded His followers to go and make disciples. God's Holy Spirit living in us gives us the courage and power to tell others about Jesus. God wants all people everywhere to hear about Jesus and the salvation He offers. God gives us the privilege of taking His message to the world.



## THINK ABOUT IT

Question 1. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do just before He went back to heaven in Matthew 28:19–20?

Answer 1. "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them."

Question 2. By what power or authority were the disciples to do this?

Answer 2. All authority in heaven and on earth had been given to Jesus, and He would go with them. (Matthew 28:18–20)

Question 3. Based on John 10:9, who will be saved?

Answer 3. Those who come to Jesus for salvation

Question 4. What does John 10:11 say makes Jesus the good shepherd?

Answer 4. He is willing to give His life for His sheep, those who come to Him to be saved.

Question 5. Who does God want to hear the news about Jesus coming to give His life to pay for our sins?

Answer 5. God wants everyone to hear the message, understand it, and be saved. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)



## TALK ABOUT IT

- How would you describe the “rich and satisfying life” Jesus wants to give people?
- What role can you play in helping those around you to experience that life?



## PRAY ABOUT IT

God, please help me to notice people who need to hear about the life that comes from having a relationship with You. Give me boldness to talk with others about Jesus. Amen.

# DAY THREE

## FAITH STORY

Acts 1:3–11

## FAITH FACT

With Jesus, I can change the world.

## FAITH VERSE

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

## QUESTION OF THE DAY

Why should I share the good news about Jesus?



**READ ABOUT IT: Joshua Matthew 9:37–38; Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18–20**

It is wonderful to have a relationship with God and receive all His blessings, but part of that relationship requires our obedience. The Bible says that we have a vital role in taking the good news to the world. Jesus commanded us to go. There are many people who still have not heard about Him. God chose us to do this work and to share His love with others. The love in us drives us with compassion to tell others so they can have a right relationship with God as well. He is sending us to be His examples to the people around us.



## THINK ABOUT IT

Question 1. Does Jesus want me to share the good news about Him with others?

Answer 1. Yes. He commanded us, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” (Mark 16:15)

Question 2. Aren’t there enough preachers, pastors, and missionaries sharing the good news?

Answer 2. No. Jesus said there are many people to be reached and few people to reach them. (Matthew 9:37)

Question 3. What can we do to get more people involved in sharing the good news with people?

Answer 3. Pray and ask God to send more workers. (Matthew 9:38)

Question 4. What special title does Paul use in 2 Corinthians 5:18–20 for those who tell others about Jesus? What does that title mean?

Answer 4. Christ's ambassadors. An ambassador is a representative for someone. We represent Jesus to other people.

Question 5. What message do we bring to the world for Jesus Christ?

Answer 5. "Come back to God." Repent and be saved from your sins. (2 Corinthians 5:20)



## TALK ABOUT IT

- • What might be some of the reasons why some Christians don't regularly share about Jesus with those around them?
- • How can we tell about Jesus in our daily actions as well as our words?
- Does God want only adults to tell others about Jesus?



## PRAY ABOUT IT

Thank You, God, for the love You have shown to me. Help me to share that love with others as well, through both my words and my deeds. I want them to experience Your love and salvation too. Amen.

# DAY FOUR

## FAITH STORY

Acts 1:3–11

## FAITH FACT

With Jesus, I can change the world.

## FAITH VERSE

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

**QUESTION OF THE DAY** Does God want all people to hear the good news about Jesus?



**READ ABOUT IT:** Matthew 24:14; Acts 1:8; Revelation 7:9

Although the Bible doesn't use the word missionary, the idea of taking the gospel message to all the people of the world is clearly taught. Jesus said His disciples would share the message in their city, the local area, their nation, and around the world. In Revelation, we read about a time when people from every part of the world are in heaven before the throne of God. Our mission is to be a part of taking the gospel message to all people, whether they live in our local communities or in some far away place. This job is for everyone who is a follower of Jesus—not just ministers, pastors, and missionaries.



## THINK ABOUT IT

Question 1. Where does God want the message about Jesus shared?

Answer 1. God wants the good news about Jesus to be preached throughout the whole world. (Matthew 24:14)

Question 2. What does God give us to help us take the good news to other people?

Answer 2. He gives us power to be witnesses through the baptism in the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8)



Question 3. Where did Jesus tell His disciples to go to tell people about Him?

Answer 3. To people “in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Question 4. How many people are in the crowd of believers described in Revelation 7:9 standing before the throne of God in heaven?

Answer 4. Too many to count

Question 5. How many people groups of the world are part of this vast crowd?

Answer 5. All of them. The crowd includes people from every nation, tribe, people, and language group. (Revelation 7:9)



## TALK ABOUT IT

- How could it work for you to take the news about Jesus to your Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria?
- How can you take the message about Jesus to people who are not like you?



## PRAY ABOUT IT

Thank You, God, for giving me opportunities to share Your message with the world around me. Help me to obey the leading of Your Spirit in taking this message to others across the street or around the world. I will do my part to help spread the good news around the world by praying for others, giving to missionaries, and telling others about Jesus. Amen.