

BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel

Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19

UNIT 30: PETER'S MINISTRY

As the church began, Peter played a key role, following the example Jesus had set. Like Jesus, Peter preached the gospel, healed people, and confronted sin—all so that others might come to know Christ, too.

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Why does God command
Christians to tell others about
Jesus?

We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.



How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

FEB 4

SESSION 1: PETER PREACHED IN JERUSALEM ACTS 2

CHRIST CONNECTION: Peter's sermon shows the Holy Spirit's power to save and change those who trust in Jesus. God used Peter to preach about Jesus to the crowd so that thousands of others would believe and be changed as well. All who believe in Jesus are changed and will never be the same.



Family Discussion Starters:

After Peter preached the gospel, how did those who believed in Jesus begin to live differently?

How are we changed by the Holy Spirit?

Family Activity:

Rake leaves and clean up a yard for someone you know needs help with this task. Work as a family to bring new life to the landscape. As you work, discuss how loving and serving others is part of the new life Jesus gives us. Remind kids that the Holy Spirit changes our hearts so that we want to live in a way that honors God.

FEB 11

SESSION 2: PETER HEALED A MAN ACTS 3

CHRIST CONNECTION: After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to begin working. With the power of Jesus' name, Peter healed a man who was lame. Peter and John showed God's power and pointed to a greater, spiritual healing found in Jesus.



Family Discussion Starters:

How was Peter able to heal the man who couldn't walk?

How can people see the power of God in our lives?

Family Activity:

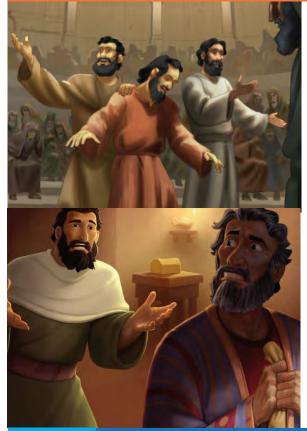
Lead kids to investigate different objects in their home that require power. Invite kids to share what type of power sources these objects use such as gas, electricity, solar, etc. Talk about the power of the Holy Spirit and how He is greater than any other power. Remind kids that every believer is empowered by the Holy Spirit to live for Jesus and to share Him with others.

SESSION 3 PETER CONTINUED TO PREACH & PETER CONFRONTED SIN **& 4**: **ACTS 4-5**

CHRIST CONNECTION: Peter continued to preach about Jesus even when it was difficult. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus' followers from sharing the Good News about Jesus. The Gospel is great news that we must share if we believe in Jesus Christ.

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Ananias and Sapphira wanted to look generous, but they were greedy and chose to lie. The Holy Spirit changes our hearts to want to share with those in need. Jesus generously gave all He had so we can share in His riches and have forgiveness and eternal life.



Family Discussion Starters:

Why is sharing the good news of the gospel often met with rejection or hostility?

How can we boldly share the gospel with others?

How has God shown us generosity through Jesus?

How does giving to others show the love of Jesus?

What should we do when we don't feel generous?

Family Activity:

Invite each family member to draw another family member's name to be their secret encourager. Explain that each secret encourager should write notes or do chores for the selected family member throughout the week. Remind kids that Peter boldly continued to preach the gospel and encouraged others to trust in Jesus.

Label a mason jar as the Share Jar for your family. On strips of paper, write ways to show generosity to others such as bake cookies for a neighbor, donate clothing to a local shelter, spend time with someone who is lonely, etc. Decide how often you will draw a strip of paper and perform each act of generosity for others.

FEB 25

SESSION 5: (BIG TRUTH SESSION) WE ARE TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS | **ROMANS 10**

CHRIST CONNECTION: Just as Jesus came into the world so that people might come to trust in Him and be saved from their sins, Jesus has sent the church throughout the world to tell others about the salvation that can only be found in Jesus Christ.



Family Discussion Starters:

Why might someone not know about Jesus?

How does sharing the gospel show we love God and people?

How did Paul describe those who share the good news?

Family Activity:

Take a family walk through your neighborhood or local park. Discuss ways you've learned to share the gospel with others. Talk with kids about how they might respond if the Holy Spirit leads them to tell others about Jesus.