

KIDS CHURCH @ HOME
MAY- WEEK 4

Scripture talks of the great importance of not operating based on what we see:

"For we walk by faith, not by sight"
-2 Corinthians 5:7

The Apostle Paul tells us that in "this tent" (our physical body), we groan, wishing [at times] that we were with Jesus. Life is hard. If we are living out our purpose on earth as Believers, we will have hard times-scripture promises it. However, we aren't supposed to do this life by our own strength.

God sent the Holy Spirit, specifically for YOU, to empower you to do what Jesus has called you to do. This includes sharing the gospel, but also just day to day life! Listen to the Bible in today's lesson and see how amazing God's provision of the Holy Spirit really is. The early church was absolutely dependent on the Holy Spirit to do anything and everything. We can learn to do the same!

Here's the recommended method to go through this Devo:

1. **Watch the bible story videos once ahead of time** (so you know what it's about). If you're the "extra credit" type, make up your own questions from the video to ask your kids.
2. **Open up your Devo time with a short prayer**, choose one of your kids to open-they're used to it from Kids Church.
3. **Read aloud the Life App to intro your time together**, this month it's: **"Determination- Deciding it's worth it to finish what you started."** Ask your child to explain it in their own words and maybe give an example (help them if necessary).
4. **Look up the Memory Verse for this month.** You can have a competition to see who can find it first and reward them w something small. This months Memory Verse comes from: **Galatians 6:9** *"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up."*
5. **Play the videos on a TV, Computer or your phone.**
6. There is an **Intro Video** that introduces the theme and bible story. **Play this video first:** <https://youtu.be/6wjgdzHiLqs>
7. **Play the Bible Story Video:** <https://youtu.be/Wk3yJ55vjmA>
8. **Ask the Bible Story Q&A questions (provided below)**
9. **Play the Outro Video:** <https://youtu.be/Yz5St1lf4Kw>
10. **Close in prayer** (ask for prayer requests from your kids)
11. **That's it, way to go!** Add any personal stories or games you think of to further engage your kids or drive home the message. Keep it light and make it fun. Include your kids in on the action-let them play the videos and maybe even ask the Bible Story questions!

Bible Story Questions:

- What book & chapter of the bible is the story about? --Acts 6,7
- What was the name of the main character in the story? --Stephen

- What color was Stephen's pants in the video? --Brown
- Tell me about Stephen, what did people say about him? --Helpful, Encouraging, Good Story Teller, Good Friend.
- How many men were picked along with Stephen to help? --Six (seven total)
- What "Special Power" did Stephen and the others use to help them do God's work? --Holy Spirit Power
- What did Stephen say that Jesus said was the "most important thing"? --To love God and love others
- Was Stephen doing what Jesus said was most important? --Yes!
- Did people say wrong things about Stephen? --Yes
- Did Stephen get mad or try to get even with the people that were lying about him? --No
- Tell me a story about a time when someone lied about you? What did you do?
- What did Stephen know about God "no matter what"? --He was always with Him
- What gave Stephen all the confidence to tell everyone about Jesus, even though he knew they could hurt him? --The Holy Spirit
- What do you think happened when they threw stones at Stephen? --He died (for Jesus and for what he believed)
- What did Stephen say even as they "Stoned" him? --Lord, don't hold this sin against them
- Was Stephen a good example for us to follow?
- Do you think you would risk your life to tell others about Jesus?