



Good morning parents!

Today and for the next couple of weeks we might be doing life a little differently. Since The Olive Branch is going to try something new this morning with the livestream, Anne and I thought we could send you a lesson you can work through with your kids either today or later in the week. Today's scheduled lesson is very fitting for all that has transpired over the last few days. Our Bible Point is 'Jesus is powerful, and he gives us power'. Our Bible focus is on the Holy Spirit coming to earth and empowering us, Jesus' followers. This week I have constantly been reminded of 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline." During this time may we continue to exercise God's wisdom, but also allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with strength, power and love for those around us. Please see below for some suggestions of how you can participate in worship and dig into the heart of God with your kids.

Blessings on your family,

Kids Branch
Kelly and Anne

Worship Suggestions

Note: While you might not know these songs, your kids will. Be prepared to do the actions alongside them!

Say: Today the Bible Point is that 'Jesus is powerful, and he gives us power'. Let's sing a song about God's power.

Play "Power Shuffle" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNEAtmq6oTE>

Say: Because of God's great power and the fact that we have received power from Jesus in the form of the Holy Spirit we can place all of our hope in Him.

Play "My Hope is in the Lord" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJePCzTaQo4&t=88s>

Say: God calls us to go and be a light to our world. With the Holy Spirit we have the power to do just that.

Play "This Little Light of Mine" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9bZXN4uWA>

Play "We Will Go" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCEGDkdXOcM>

Bible Story – Jesus Passes on His Power (Acts 1:6-14; 2:1-12)

Parent Recap: Before Jesus goes to heaven, he tells his disciples they will receive the Holy Spirit's power to be his witnesses! Later the Holy Spirit comes, and Jesus' followers speak in languages they don't even know.

Read Acts 1:6-14 & 2:1-12 together

OR watch 'God Sends the Holy Spirit' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMQKy1Mx49M>
(for all ages)

OR watch 'The Holy Spirit Comes' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwJJJoSGw84> (for older kids)

Explore the story

Ask: If you could have any superhero power, what power would you want?

Say: It would be cool if we could fly or become invisible, but those things aren't the kind of power Jesus was talking about. Let's listen to his promise again and see what he was giving his friends the power to do.

Read Acts 1:8

Ask: What was Jesus giving his disciples the power to do?

Say: Jesus told his friends that with his power, they could tell people all over the world about him. And when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, that's just what happened!

Read Acts 2:5-6

Say: Although these people were from a lot of different countries, they could all understand Jesus' followers talking about the wonderful things God has done. Wow! Jesus is powerful, and he gives us power to tell others about him. For the disciples, that meant giving them power to speak languages they didn't even know! For us, it could mean giving us courage when we're scared to talk about Jesus. Jesus gives us power over fear and anxiety. Jesus gives us power by showing us what to say.

Practice: Practice telling each other the story of Jesus and what he has done in your life.

Encourage everyone in your family to tell the story of Jesus.

Say: Jesus is powerful, and he gives us power to take his message and tell it to people who don't know him. Jesus wants to be friends with everyone – that's why he gives us power to tell everyone we know about Jesus' love.

Apply it (now or throughout the week)

As an activity write some of the following verses on sticky notes or small slips of paper. Younger kids can draw pictures of crosses instead. Stick or tape a verse or picture above each outlet and/or light switch in your house. Whenever you use electric power, you'll get a reminder of Jesus' power in your life!

Verses:

Acts 1:8

Romans 1:16; 8:2

1 Corinthians 4:7

2 Corinthians 4:20; 12:9

Ephesians 3:18; 3:20; 6:10

Philippians 2:13

2 Thessalonians 1:11

2 Timothy 1:7

Pray Together

Ask: What do you want God to give you the power to do for Him? Have everyone in your family share.

Pray that God would give you the power to do the things discussed.

Join the church in praying for...

...the many medical professionals, public safety professionals, educators, missionaries, and others who are affected especially those that are within our church

...the Lord's protection from illness among our people

...gospel opportunities to come from this outbreak. May we all be a light in this situation and trust that God can use this to draw us closer to him.

...wisdom for the church leadership as they continue to make ministry decisions during this time

Memorize Scripture

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)