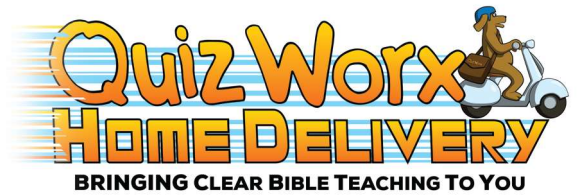


Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the Book of Acts.

To help you in your journey through Acts, each week we will provide three devotions. We encourage you to read these passages with those in your household at a time that suits, and use the questions to guide you as you talk and reflect on Jesus' unstoppable mission in the Book of Acts.

We looked at a number of different Bible translations when creating these questions. So feel free to use any version as you work through them with your family.

Memory Verse Challenge

The memory verse for our series on Acts is from **Acts 2:38**. Larissa and some of her Quiz Worx human and puppet friends have created a fun music video to help you learn it! You can find the Memory Verse video in the Google Drive Folder, or you can view it on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/9ljTt-81070>

Something to remember

As we journey through the Book of Acts, we will continue to see that the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped.

As you look at each passage, keep asking:

- a) What could stop Jesus' mission?
- b) How do we see these obstacles overcome?
- c) How can I be part of Jesus' unstoppable mission?

Devotion 1 - Acts 2:1-13

This opening section of Acts 2 tells us about the amazing event of Pentecost. Here the promised gift of the Holy Spirit comes on the believers to give them the power they need to continue Jesus' mission.

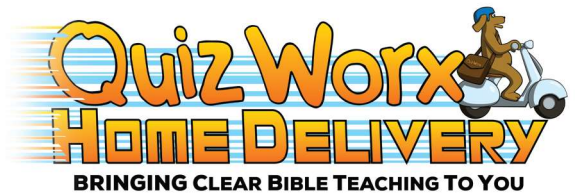
1. Can you remember the mission Jesus gave his followers? (You can look at Acts 1:8 to help you).
2. Could they do this by themselves? Why/why not?
3. Jesus promised a helper. Who was the helper and how did he help them?

Pray

Pray about those in your life that you want to share the Good News of Jesus with. Thank Jesus that he sent the Holy Spirit to help you.

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Devotion 2 - Acts 2:14-41 (If with younger children, read Acts 2:36-41)

In this section we see the power of the Holy Spirit at work in Peter as he boldly speaks about the Risen King Jesus to a great crowd of people.

1. What does Peter tell the crowd about Jesus? (Hint: look at verses 22-24, 29-33 and 36).
2. In verse 37, those who were there asked "What must we do?" As a family, do the Memory Verse song together to remind you of Peter's answer to this very important question.
3. Imagine you were in the crowd, hearing this for the first time. How do you think you would have responded? Have you repented and put your trust in Jesus?

Pray

Ask God to show you any areas in your own life where you are living your way and not God's way.

Thank Jesus that by repenting and trusting in him, you can be forgiven because Jesus is the Risen King who beat death!

The Holy Spirit gives Jesus' followers power to tell others about Jesus. Pray for the people in your Mission Diary to be bold in telling others about Jesus.

Devotion 3 - Acts 2:42-47

In this section we see the start of the very first church! We get to see what the believers were like, what they did and what was important to them.

1. Make a list of what the believers did together during this time.
2. Why do you think that these things were important to them?
3. Are there any features of this early church that you see or would like to see in your own church?

Pray

Thank God for the ways in which the early church served him and each other.

Ask God to help you think about how you can serve God and others in your own church family.

Choose a country in the world, and pray for the church in that country to love each other like the early church did.