

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/1mRNzXBMxIE>

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 1:1-2

The author of the Book of Acts is Luke. He also wrote the Gospel of Luke. In Acts 1:1 Luke tells Theophilus (the man he was writing to) that his first book was about "all that Jesus *began* to do and to teach" (NIV).

1. Spend some time brainstorming things that Jesus did when he lived here on earth. When you have your list, see if you can find some of the actual Bible references in the Book of Luke.
2. Which one of the things Jesus did and taught when he lived on earth amazes you most? Why?
3. Jesus left earth to go back to heaven after giving his apostles instructions (v2). What do you think these instructions might have been?

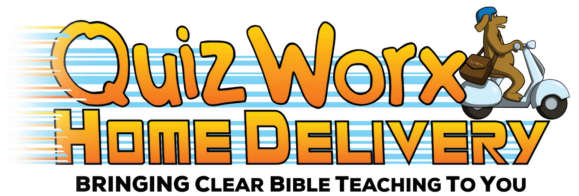
Pray

Thank God for sending Jesus to earth to show us what God is like.

Pray for some of the people or places you have written in your Mission Diary (see craft ideas)

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Devotion 2- Acts 1:3-11

The Good News of the Bible is that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. But he didn't stay dead. Jesus beat death! Jesus is the risen King!

1. How did Jesus prove that he had risen from the dead? (You might also like to read Luke chapter 24)
2. Jesus promises to send his disciples a special gift. Who is the gift? How will this gift help them?
3. Acts 1:8 is a key verse for the entire Book of Acts. The disciples will be given power by the Holy Spirit (God living inside them!) to tell people about the risen King Jesus! As a family, write this verse out and stick it somewhere in your house so you can read it each day (make it as big and decorative as you can!)

Pray

Thank God that Jesus beat death and is now the risen King, ruling from heaven.

Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps us tell others about Jesus.

Pray for some of the people or places you have written in your Mission Diary (see craft ideas).

Devotion 3- Acts 1:12-26 (If you have younger children, just read 1:15-22)

Followers of Jesus have a personal relationship with the God of the universe. Part of that means that we can and should pray to God.

1. What do you notice about the way the apostles pray?
2. What was the criteria for choosing someone to replace Judas?
3. Do you seek God in prayer over the decisions you make personally and as a family? How can you encourage each other to do that more?

Pray

Thank God that we can talk to him anytime, anywhere about anything.

Ask God to help you seek him in prayer always.

Pray for some of the people or places you have written in your Mission Diary (see craft ideas).