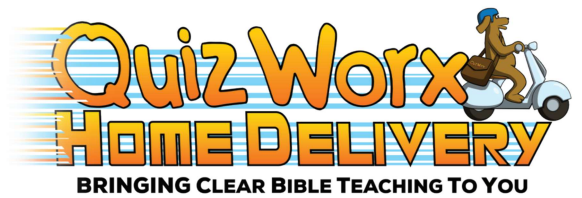


Digging Deeper

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/gYpwlSi1qNO>

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 3:1-26 (if you have younger children, just read v1-10)

Chapter 3 records the account of Peter and John healing the crippled beggar with Jesus' power at one of the Temple Gates. Just like in Jesus' own ministry, this miracle attracted a lot of attention from on-lookers. Peter uses this opportunity to speak to the crowd about the Risen King Jesus!

1. Imagine you were there and saw a man whose legs had never worked, suddenly jump up and walk! How would you feel?
2. Peter and John healed this man "in the name of Jesus Christ". Why do you think they said this? What does it tell us about Jesus?
3. Read the first half of verse 19 again. Peter is saying that Jesus has the power to forgive sin when people turn away from sin and back to God. Do you believe this? Have you done this?

Pray

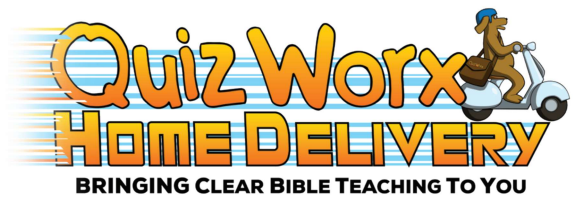
Give thanks and praise Jesus that he has the power to heal and to forgive.

Pray for people who are sick. Pray that they will put their trust in the Risen King Jesus.

Pray that you can turn away from your sin and turn to God so that you may be his friend forever.

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Devotion 2 - Acts 4:1-31 (if you have younger children, just read v8-12 and 18-20)

In the last section (Acts 3:1-10) we saw that a lot of people were amazed at the lame man being healed by the power of Jesus. However, not everyone was happy. Here we read that the temple leaders tried to stop Peter and John from telling others about Jesus. But can the mission of the Risen King Jesus be stopped?

1. In verse 3 we read that the leaders seized Peter and John and put them in jail! But did this stop the mission of the Risen King Jesus? What happened? (Hint: see verse 4).
2. In verse 18 Peter and John were called before the temple leaders and they were told to stop telling others about Jesus. Why did Peter and John keep telling others about Jesus anyway? (Hint: see verses 19-20).
3. Re-read verse 12. Why do you think it is important for us to keep telling people everywhere about Jesus?

Pray

Thank God for the powerful message of the Risen King Jesus that saves us forever.

Choose a country in the world, and pray that many people there will call on the name of Jesus and be saved.

Ask God to please help us and give us the courage (like they prayed in verse 29) to keep telling others about Jesus.

Devotion 3 - Acts 4:32-5:16 (if you have younger children, just read 4:32-35 and 5:12-14)

So far in Acts, we've been reading that the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped. In this section we read about how the mission continued as the believers shared their possessions, kept meeting together and telling people about Jesus.

1. From verses 32-37, who did the believers share their things with? And how did that help the mission of the Risen King Jesus?
2. In 5:1-11, we read about a husband and wife who decide to lie to the other believers and to God by pretending to give all their money to the mission. They wanted people to think they were being generous, but they were really being selfish and deceitful. How might this kind of behaviour affect Jesus' mission?
3. God used people meeting together and sharing their things to help the mission of Jesus spread. How can we keep 'meeting together' and sharing our things now? (You might have to think of some creative ways during COVID-19).

Pray

Thank God for the things he has given each one of us.

Pray that we may be generous in helping the mission of the Risen King Jesus to continue.

Pray for people from your Mission Diary to be able to 'meet' and share Jesus.

For further reading - Acts 5:17-42