

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

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" That is the most important question anyone could ask! Sing and dance along with Chrissy and some Quiz Worx team members' kids as they share the amazing answer to this question in a fun, catchy and colourful memory verse song! You can find the Memory Verse Video in the **Acts 12: Jesus is the REAL King** folder on google drive, or you can watch it at <https://youtu.be/W6HWC7yhDR8>

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?

Devotion 1 - Acts 11:19-30

Last week we saw in Acts 11:1-18 that all people are welcome to accept Jesus as their King. Acts 11:19-30 tells us that many people from all different backgrounds accepted Jesus as their King. Because Jesus' mission is for everyone!

1. How did people in Antioch hear about Jesus?
2. Why do you think Barnabas and Saul met with the church?
3. How can we encourage one another to keep trusting Jesus with all our hearts?

Pray

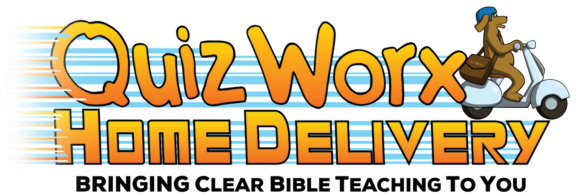
If you have your map from Week 1, mark the places you have read about in this passage.

Thank God for those who accepted Jesus as their King in these places.

Pray for Christians there today to keep trusting Jesus even when people try to stop them.

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Devotion 2 - Acts 12:1-17 (if with younger kids, read verses 5-12)

King Herod wanted to stop the mission of the Risen King Jesus, so he tried to stop the believers from speaking about Jesus. But Acts shows us that the Risen King Jesus is the only REAL King and he is always in control!

1. What did King Herod do to try and stop the believers speaking about Jesus?
2. How did the other believers show that they were still trusting Jesus even when King Herod was trying to stop Jesus' mission? (Hint: look at verses 5 and 12)
3. How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus is still in control even when bad things happen to his followers?

Pray

Thank God that Jesus is the most powerful!

Do you know anyone who is suffering because they follow Jesus? (If you don't then *Open Doors* is a good site to look up). Pray that they will remember that Jesus is still in control and so they can and should trust him.

Devotion 3 - Acts 12:18-25

King Herod expected everyone to do what he said. In fact, he wanted the people to treat him like the only real King! But the Risen King Jesus is the only REAL King and he deserves all praise.

1. What was Herod doing wrong?
2. Did this stop Jesus' mission spreading?
3. Praising Jesus is celebrating who he is and what he has done. Write down all the things you can praise King Jesus for.

Pray

Spend time praising Jesus for who he is and what he has done!

Ask God to help you to show others that the Risen King Jesus is the REAL King who deserves all praise.