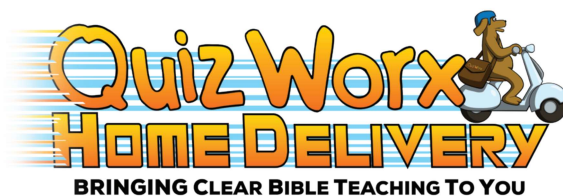


Digging Deeper

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 6:1-7

We have been seeing that the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped! At the beginning of chapter 6 we see many people put their trust in Jesus. As the number of believers increased, they were finding it harder and harder to keep doing their job. They had to come up with a plan to fix this problem.

1. What was the problem in verses 1 and 2?
2. What job was Stephen given? How is Stephen described in verse 5?
3. How might you be able to serve Jesus in your house or neighbourhood? Who might you be able to tell about Jesus?

Pray

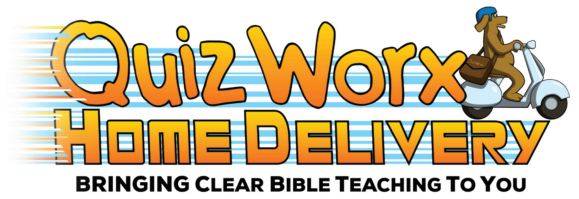
Give thanks for your church family.

Pray for ways that you might be able to love and serve those around you.

Pray for the people in your Mission Diary to be able to love and serve those around them.

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Devotion 2 - Acts 6:8-15

In 6:1-7 Stephen was given the job of caring for the poor and needy. Now Stephen is doing something different! But not everyone is happy with what Stephen is doing or saying. These people start making a plan to stop Stephen and to stop God's mission.

1. How was Stephen able to do all these great things?
2. How do we know God was with Stephen?
3. Do you think we should stop telling people about Jesus? Why?

Watch the QWHD Extra: **Powell's in Peru**. There you will hear of the Powell family who are sharing food and proclaiming the Risen King Jesus, just as Stephen did.

Pray

Give thanks for the Good News of Jesus. Pray that we will stand strong and tell the truth about Jesus, even when it's hard.

With your parents' help, choose a country in the world where it's really hard for followers of Jesus to speak about him. Pray for the believers in that country to be bold and brave and to find ways to keep telling people about the Risen King Jesus.

Devotion 3 - Acts 7 (If you have younger kids, just read verses 51-60).

This chapter shows how God has been working all throughout history fulfilling his promises and keeping his mission going.

1. What is Stephen accusing the Jewish leaders of?
2. How did the Jewish leaders react to this?
3. What do you find amazing about the way that Stephen responded to those who were hurting him?

Pray

It can be really hard to talk to our friends and family about Jesus. Sometimes they may not want to listen and they may get angry with us.

Ask Jesus to help you be brave and bold like Stephen, who knew that nothing was more important than speaking about the risen King Jesus.

Ask Jesus to help you stand up for him and forgive those who may tease us or hurt us for following Jesus.