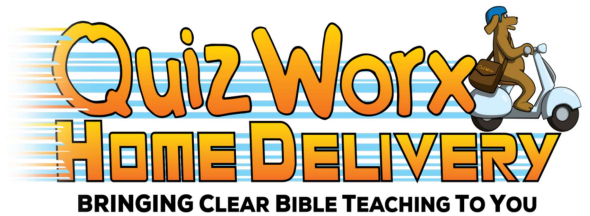


Digging Deeper

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 second memory verse for our series on Acts is from Acts 16:30-31. Sing and dance along to this fun, catchy and colourful memory verse song with Chrissy and some special Quiz Worx Kids! You can find the Memory Verse video in the 'Acts 13-14: Jesus' Mission is Spreading' 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?
- c) How can I be part of Jesus' unstoppable mission?

Devotion 1- Acts 13: 1-12

In this section, Paul and Barnabas journey to the city of Paphos, on the Island of Cyprus. The governor of Cyprus wants to hear God's Word and so he sends for them. However, the Governor's attendant, who was also a false prophet and a sorcerer tries to stop them. What happens next is amazing!

1. What were the believers in Antioch doing in verses 1-4? Why were they doing these things?
2. Elymas tried to stop God's mission. Whose power made him go blind?
3. How did this event help God's mission?

Pray

Thank God for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ask God to help you have the courage to tell others about Jesus, even when it's hard.

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Devotion 2 – Acts 13: 13-52 *(if you have younger kids, just read verses 32-52 and answer questions 2 & 3)*

After a long speech by Paul in Pisidian Antioch, a group of Jews become jealous of Paul. How far will their jealousy push them and will this stop the mission of the Risen King Jesus?

1. In this passage, Paul recounts the history of Israel. Why did he do this? (Hint: look at verses 23-25)
2. In verse 52 we are told that the disciples were filled with joy. How could they have joy in such a hard situation?
3. Can you explain the Good News of Jesus in your own words- from verses 32-39?

Pray

Has anyone ever responded badly to you sharing the Good News of Jesus with them? How did you react? Talk about that as a family & then ask God to help you to keep speaking of him, even when people don't want us to.

Pray that God will bring you joy in all situations.

Thank God for the Good News of Jesus.

Extra: 14:1-7

1. Paul & Barnabas spoke bravely about Jesus even when people tried to stop them. Why did God enable them to do miracles too?
2. What were the different reactions to their message?

Devotion 3 – Acts 14: 8-28

A crowd of Gentiles in Lystra see Paul heal a lame man and they respond in an unusual way. No sooner are the crowds persuaded by some Jewish visitors. The result is gripping...

1. What does this passage tell you about who God is and what he's done?
2. Why weren't Barnabas and Paul happy with the crowd's response to the miracle?
3. Are there things you care about more than God? What can you do to make God number one in your life?

Pray

Thank God that he provides all our needs.

Ask God to help you love him more than anyone or anything.

On a map, look up all the places mentioned in Acts 13 & 14. Pray that Jesus' mission will continue to spread in those places today.