

# WE ARE EMPOWERED TO BE WITNESSES TO THE END OF THE EARTH

## BIG TRUTH: WE ARE EMPOWERED TO BE WITNESSES TO THE END OF THE EARTH

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 26:16; John 15:15; Romans 10:15

### BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 1:8

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

### BIG IDEAS

- The Father has all authority.
- The Holy Spirit gives us power to witness.
- Our witness proclaims Jesus to the ends of the earth.

### BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 1:1-11

### KNEEL: LIVING ON MISSION

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

### SERIES AIMS



#### Every student should know...

- The gospel has the power to turn the world upside down.
- They are empowered and chosen to be a gospel witness in the world.
- Our salvation has come by grace alone.



#### Every student should feel...

- Comfort that the Lord is with them wherever they go.
- Hope in the God of salvation.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.



#### Every student should strive to...

- Read, study, and meditate on the entire book of Acts.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Pray consistently for boldness to make Jesus known.



#### Every student should want...

- To pursue faithfulness in living on mission.
- To share the gospel with people in their lives who do not know Jesus.
- To sacrifice their personal freedoms for the sake of the gospel

### FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that the Spirit empowers us to witness for Him. We will pray for them to be witnesses for Him as we lead them to practice sharing the truth with their friends.

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**Read Acts 1:1-11 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal:**

- Read Acts 1:1-5. Why does Luke begin the book of Acts this way? What is he showing about Jesus?
- In Acts 1:5, what promise is hinted at?
- In Acts 1:6-11, what power does the Holy Spirit give to believers?
- Why is this power unique and special?

**Read and meditate on Acts 1:1-11 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to be a witness for Jesus.
- Consider what it means to model for your son or daughter being a witness to the ends of the earth.
- Ponder how you can lead your son or daughter to use the power of the Holy Spirit to be a witness for Jesus in all the earth.



**Pray with your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask God to help them use the power of the Holy Spirit to share the gospel with their friends.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to guide your student to live on mission, using the power of the Holy Spirit to be a witness for Jesus.



**Memorize Acts 1:8 with your son or daughter this week.**

- Write the verse on an index card. Review it each day to help them learn it.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that you've been a witness for Jesus in other parts of the world or other areas of the country. Discuss ways that your son or daughter can be a witness one day in other parts of the world.
- Meet with your student to discuss mission opportunities. Share with your student some of the ways that he or she can get involved with the missions that your church is involved in in order to be a witness.