

Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 35



This month we will start going through the book of Acts. This is an exciting continuation of the story of what happened to the followers of Jesus. Children will learn that they are a part of the church, and that they

matter in it! Children will be reminded that Jesus is Lord and he loves them, and he has a place for them in his church. One important thing to remember is that the church is people not a building. Whenever we talk about the church, we're talking about the people who are following Jesus and are a part of God's family.

This episode's Bible story is from Acts 1:1-11, 2:1-12. The Big Idea is: **I am a part of God's church.** When Jesus went up to heaven, the story didn't finish there. He gives each person who follows him the Holy Spirit - his Spirit! And together we continue what Jesus started: telling others the good news about God's kingdom.

**Activity 1:** A Wind Storm

*Supplies:* (from home) a piece of paper folded into a fan accordion-style, light-weight objects like a feather, ping pong ball, etc..., Bible or Bible app

*Parent Tip:* Clarify with your child that the church is the people of God, not the building.

Talk about it:

- What are some things you know are real even though you can't see them? (i.e. magnetism, gravity, love)
- What are some things about God that we know are real but can't see or touch? (i.e. that he is always with us, that we have his Holy Spirit in us, that he helps us every day)
- Today we're going to learn that we are a part of God's family - the church. We may not always see what makes us a family because we are all different shapes and sizes on the outside, but on the inside we all have Jesus' Spirit in us.
- Say the Big Idea together: **I am a part of God's church**

Instructions:

- Place the light-weight objects on the table one at a time and ask your child to try and move them (without touching them) using only the fan.
- If they are interested, have them experiment from different distances to see how close or far they need to be in order to move the items. Talk about why some are easier to move than others.
- ASK: How were you able to move those things without touching them?
  - Does it seem strange that something you don't see can do that? Why/Why not?
  - What strange thing happened in today's story? (reread from Acts 2:1-4 if they need a refresher)
  - How do we know we are a part of God's church?
- Say the Big Idea together: **I am a part of God's church!**

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2 Corinthians

5:17 (nirv)

But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_  
when the \_\_\_\_\_ comes  
upon you. And you will be  
my \_\_\_\_\_, telling people  
about me everywhere—in  
Jerusalem, throughout  
Judea, in Samaria, and to

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Acts 1:8

**Activity 2:** Memory Verse Activity “When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)

*Supplies:* (provided) Key Verse Sheet, (from home) markers/pencil crayons

- Read the memory verse together.
- Ask: How do you think we are made new when we become a follower of Jesus?
  - What are some new things you would like Jesus to do in your life?
- Direct your child to colour the blocks of the verse. As they do, repeat the verse together a few times.
- Put it up somewhere that you can see it this week and try to say it together at least once a day.

**Activity 3:** Tell the Good News!

*Supplies:* (provided) Bible Verse Activity Sheet, (from home) Bible or Bible app, online dictionary, pencil/pen

*Parent Tip:* Jesus commissioned all of his followers to tell others about the Good News of God’s Kingdom and Jesus. We don’t have to go to other countries to do this - we can do it in our own neighborhoods, school, and with the people we are around.

Instructions:

- Ask your child to look up Acts 1:8, help them as needed. Read the verse together.
- Give your child the activity sheet and a pencil or pen and ask them to fill in the blanks on the sheet.
- ASK: What did Jesus say the disciples were to do until he comes again?
- Look up the definition of some of the words from the verse your child may not understand.
- ASK: What should we be doing as followers of Jesus? How do you think we can do that?
  - Who do you think we are to tell about Jesus? (see parent tip) Do we do this alone?
- Say the Big Idea together: **I am a part of God’s church!**

**Activity 4:** Pray together

- Together with your child, think of ways that you can share God’s love and message with others that you know. Take time to pray for opportunities this week.
- Sample Prayer: Dear God, thank you that I am a part of your church. Thank you for the Holy Spirit who gives us power to tell others about Jesus. I pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Please show me how I can share your love and the message of Jesus with them. Amen.