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Unit Summary

Unit 11 is about the Early Church.

In **Peter, John and the Lame Man** (Acts 3:1-4:31), kids will learn how God gives believers power through the Holy Spirit to share His story with others. He wants all people to know who Jesus is.

In **Ananias and Sapphira** (Acts 4:32-5:11), kids will learn that God sees what we do and what He wants matters most. God wants us to be generous, honest and have unity with others.

In **Saul's Conversion** (Acts 9:1-20), kids will learn that God has the power to change the hearts and lives of those who trust in Him and will use us to share His love with others. God can use anyone—even the unexpected—to share His message.

In the story of **Barnabas and Paul Sent from Antioch** (Acts 13-14), kids will learn about Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey to share the gospel and build the early church.

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Lesson 1:
Peter, John and the Lame Man
God gives His power to us.

Lesson 2:
Ananias and Sapphira
What God wants matters most.

Lesson 3:
Saul's Conversion
God can change hearts and lives.

Lesson 4:
Barnabas and Paul Sent from Antioch
God's good news is for everyone.

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Encouragement for Parents

Inside and outside, problems faced the early church. The enemy's goal of bringing negativity was to cause people to stumble, mistrust and ultimately destroy the church by causing people to move away from God. Sometimes this can happen within our families, too. God's Spirit, the MOST powerful, will bring change to the hearts and lives in our families. Lean into God when needing wisdom and courage to follow Him!

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Memory Verses

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Jude 1:20-21 NIV

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

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discipleship conversation starters

Peter, John and the Lame Man (Acts 3:1-4:31)

- Imagine balloons on your table. What's the best balloon animal to create out of those balloons? Can you see the air put into the balloons?
- People who love and follow God are given God's invisible power called the Holy Spirit. Share a time God gave you a special sense that you knew there was a better, different decision you needed to make.
- How did this better decision help others learn about God? How did you become a better representative for God?

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discipleship conversation starters

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 4:32-5:11)

- Do you think people who tell lies lose friends? Why? Do you think when we tell lies, God doesn't want to be our friend?
- Together, make a list of at least five things an honest person would do.
- How does being dishonest confuse someone about God who is watching what we do? What do those behaviors say about our relationship with God? What can you do when you are tempted to lie or be dishonest?

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discipleship conversation starters

Saul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-20)

- Would you rather live where it's always light or dark outside? Why?
Name a person in your life that makes it really
- hard for you to be kind to them. Why is it hard to be kind to this person?
- The Bible tells us those who love and follow God bring light to others by helping them see God's love through their words and actions. How could you be God's light to that person?

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discipleship conversation starters

Barnabas and Paul Sent from Antioch (Acts 13-14)

- What's the hardest thing you are going through with others at school or work? How would you want God to change what's happening?
- Do you think God can change what is happening? Why or why not?
- How might God use you in this situation to help them learn more about Him? When God leads us to difficult people and places, how can you remember God's good news is for everyone?

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