Day 1

Faith Fact
The church helps me grow.

Faith Verse
Acts 1:8 (NLT)
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Question of the Day: What are you devoted to?

Read about It

Read: Acts 2:42

This is such an important question for us to focus on today. Remember, what you are devoted to is what you work toward and are focused on the most. You spend most of your time doing the things you are most devoted to. What comes to mind when you hear that? You might think of a few things or people you are devoted to. If none of them are God or anything that helps your relationship with Him, you know that is something you need to work on.

The Early Church was devoted to things that built their relationship with God and with others in the church. If you are spending most of your time playing video games or watching videos online, that’s what you are devoted to. Take some time today to think about what you are devoted to and make a change if you need to.

Think about It

Question 1. How do we know what we are devoted to?
Answer 1. You spend most of your time doing things you are most devoted to.

Question 2. Based on our Faith Verse, what is something God wants us to be devoted to?
Answer 2. Telling people about Jesus and being a witness to the world (Acts 1:8)

Question 3. Based on the Faith Fact, what should we be devoted to if we want to grow?
Answer 3. The church

Question 4. What were the Early Church believers devoted to?
Answer 4. Apostles' teaching, fellowship, sharing in meals, and prayer (Acts 2:42)

Talk about It

- What did today's devotion make you think about?
- What do you spend most of your time doing?
- Do you spend a good amount of time with God every day? Why or why not?
- How can you change how you are spending your time to refocus on your relationship with God?

Pray about It

God, thank You for giving us the example of the Early Church. Help me to be more like those believers and devote my time to what matters the most. Amen.

Day 2

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Question of the Day: Have you ever seen a miracle?

Read about It

Read: Acts 2:43

Some people think that miracles aren't as common today as it seems like they were in the Bible, but miracles still happen today. We have to remember when we are reading the Bible that it covers many, many years. It's kind of like our newsfeed on social media. We only see bits and pieces of people's lives, not every day or everything that happens to them. There were many people who lived who aren't mentioned in the Bible. And of those who are mentioned, we don't see their entire life. Miracles are real whether you have seen them or not.

God used believers, like the apostles, in the Early Church to perform miraculous signs and wonders as a tool to grow His Church. An apostle is another word for a disciple or a special messenger sent by God. People believed in what the believers were saying because they saw the miracles they were performing in Jesus' name. It takes a lot of faith to believe in something you have never seen with your eyes, but the Bible says that we are blessed even more if we have not seen and still believe. You might have seen or been a part of a miracle and not even realized it!

Think about It

***Question 1.** What is an apostle?
Answer 1. A special messenger sent by God

Question 2. What is the Church?
Answer 2. A word used to describe the collective group of Christians

Question 3. Do miracles still happen today?
Answer 3. Yes! Miracles weren't limited to the Bible; God still uses people today to perform miracles.

Question 4. What did God give the apostles the ability to do?
Answer 4. Perform miraculous signs and wonders (Acts 2:43)

Talk about It

- What did today's devotion make you think about?
- Do you believe that miracles still happen? Why or why not?
- Is it harder to believe in something when you can't see it?
- What is something else you believe in but can't see it?

Pray about It

God, thank You for still doing miracles today. Please help me to believe in Your miraculous power even if I'm not sure that I've seen it at work. Amen.

Day 3

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Faith Verse
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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Question of the Day: Who do you share your life with?

Read about It

Read: Acts 2:44–46

There are some people in your life who you "have to" share your life with—the family you live with. But there are others who you choose to share your life with—your friends. Your best friends or the friends you are closest to are the ones you share your life with the most outside of your family. The Early Church knew how important it was to share their lives with each other so they literally shared everything they had. They did everything together too! They hung out with each other, worshipped together every single day, and ate together. They became so close that they started to act and think like each other.

Who you share your life with matters and determines how you live your life. Make sure you are choosing your close friends carefully.

Think about It

Question 1. What did the believers do every day?
Answer 1. They worshipped at the temple, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared meals with one another. (Acts 2:46)

Question 2. What attitude did the disciples have every day?
Answer 2. Great joy and generosity (Acts 2:46)

Question 3. What did the Early Church believers share with each other?
Answer 3. Everything they had (Acts 2:44)

Question 4. What did the Early Church believers sell to give to those in need?
Answer 4. Their property and possessions (Acts 2:45)

Talk about It

- What did today's devotion make you think about?
- Who is your best friend or friends?
- How much of your time do you spend with them?
- What do you share with them?
- Have you noticed that you are becoming more like your best friend or friends? Is that a good or bad thing?

Pray about It

God, thank You for showing me the importance of sharing my life with others. Help me to choose the right people to share my life with. Amen.

Day 4

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Question of the Day: When was the last time you told someone about Jesus?

Read about It

Read: Acts 2:47

God never intended for the Church to stop growing after they got a few thousand members. We know that the Early Church began with more than three thousand people. They could have stopped there, but they didn't! They knew that part of being a follower of Jesus and belonging to the Church was taking personal responsibility to help Jesus grow the Church.

How do you grow the Church? We are not talking about filling seats in our church buildings. We are talking about the Church, the group of people who are Christians and followers of Jesus. The main way for people to become a part of the Church is for someone to tell them about Jesus. We shouldn't wait around for someone else to tell people about Jesus.

God placed people in your life who don't know Him for a reason. Don't miss out on times to talk with them that point them to Jesus! Don't miss out on another opportunity to invite them to church with you next week. We need to work together to grow the Church.

Think about It

***Question 1.** Who builds the Church?
Answer 1. Jesus [Christ] (Matthew 16:18)

Question 2. Is it necessary that a Christian love others?
Answer 2. Yes! Our love for people will cause us to tell them about Jesus.

Question 3. Do we want the Church to grow so our buildings will be full?
Answer 3. No, we just want more people to know the good news about Jesus.

Question 4. How often were new believers being added to the Church and saved?
Answer 4. Each day (Acts 2:47)

Talk about It

- What did today's devotion make you think about?
- Have you ever told someone about Jesus? Why or why not?
- Do you know someone who needs to know about Jesus?
- What is something you can do or say to point them to Jesus?

Pray about It

God, thank You for Your desire to grow the Church. Please help me to be a part of growing Your Church by telling the people I know about You. Amen.