



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The Witnessing Church

Take Home Point:

Team up! Don't give up – no matter what!

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: In the warm-up activity, how did your small group team up to help carry Jesus into the world? (*Two kids joined their arms together to make a saddle seat for the child representing Jesus to be carried into a circle that represented the world.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Imagine that your neighbors had a serious sickness in their family and they were visiting the hospital continually for seven days. What could each member of your family do to help them during this time? In what ways could each member help share the good news of Jesus during this neighbor's time of need? Each person can share their ideas of what they would do and then share their ideas for what others might do.

READ THE BIBLE: In Acts 5:17-42, the apostles are imprisoned for their witness, freed miraculously and then boldly proclaim Jesus in front of the Jewish council.

KEY VERSE: Acts 5:32 *"We are witnesses to these things and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Why did the disciples get put in jail? (*The chief priest and the whole party of the Sadducees were jealous of what the apostles were doing.*) How did the disciples get out of jail? (*An angel of the Lord opened the door and let them out.*) What did they do after they got out of jail? (*They went back to the temple and started to teach.*) Did they all stick together as a team or was each apostle by himself? (*They were all together.*) What did the Jewish leaders do to the apostles when they heard them preaching again? (*They brought them to stand before the council.*) What did Peter and his team say to the Jewish leaders? (*They must obey God rather than people and that they were witnesses.*)

What do you think the apostles felt when they were first thrown in jail? What do you think they felt when they were let out of jail by an angel? Do you think they wanted to give up? Or were they scared to talk about Jesus after they were let out of jail?

Where do you think their strength to give Jesus to others came from? Read Acts 5:32. Point out that it is not just the team that gives them strength but it is teaming up with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us power and then he puts us on a team with other believers.

PRAYER POWER: Have each person think of someone he might have a chance to give Jesus to or witness to in this world. Then have everyone think about and pray for some special friends to team up with so they can team up and not give up—no matter what!

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Begin a prayer list for people within your friendship circles who especially need a relationship with Jesus. These people can be prayed for regularly during family devotions. As you pray for them, consider ways that you might invite them to receive a friendship with God through Jesus. What ways might your family find to help them and bless them in coming to know Jesus?