



Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

Week 8: Community and World

3rd Grade

Theme Verse

"...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Objective

God works through people to do work in their communities and world.

Teach

Read the biblical truth again out loud: "God works through people to do work in their communities and world." God's work in our community sounds like a huge job. Amazingly, God is going to use us, His people, to work in our communities and beyond. Those jobs might be simple—helping others in need or giving to others or maybe sharing about Jesus. Do you think you are ready for that?

Think about a time when you couldn't do something that you know how to do now. Do you remember when you didn't know how to tie your shoes? Or maybe you can remember what it was like to not know how to ride a bike. What are some words to describe what it felt like to not be able to do something (some ideas: frustration when I try on my own, impatience while I wait for help with shoelaces)? When you feel like you cannot do something, are those good feelings or bad feelings? It's not fun or comfortable not knowing how to do something.

While you learned how to tie your shoes or ride your bike, someone helped and taught you. As our Father in Heaven, God will also send us help and guidance. Look at our verse again, *"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you and you will be my*

witness...” The Holy Spirit is a Helper sent from God to believers. It helps us tell others about Jesus and God’s plan for the world.

God plans to use His people to tell the world about Jesus. In our verse, He declares we will be His witnesses telling the world about the good news, but just like when you struggled with tying your shoes or riding your bike and needed help, God is ready with His help. God’s plan is to use people for His work on Earth, but He also helps them accomplish His plan.

Discussion Questions

1. Who is in our community? (Ideas: neighborhood, school, friends, family)
2. How might God work through us in our community? (Ideas: helping a neighbor clean their yard, giving food to a needy person, sharing about Jesus)
3. How might God help you do this work? (Ideas: helping you notice a need, giving you ideas about how to help others, giving you the courage to share about what Jesus is doing in your life)

Play

Put your hand on a table with your middle finger bent underneath your palm and all the other fingers extended. Raise your pinky finger. Raise index finger. Those are jobs you can do. Now raise your ring finger. It’s impossible without help. Use your other hand to help you raise your ring finger. In the same way, God will help us to work for Him in our community and the world.

Sing

[“Tell the World”](#)

Live it Out

This week, ask God to show you how you can impact your community for Him. Look for needs in your neighborhood and listen for needs when you talk to friends and family.

Closing Prayer

God, thank You for Your plan for the world. Thank You for using us to help others. Help us this week to recognize where You want us to help others and share about You. Amen.