

Family Battle Plan

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

Week 8: Community and World

1st and 2nd 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 helps people to do His work in their communities and world.

Teach

Who is your favorite superhero? Superheroes are fun to watch on TV and read about in books. Some have the power of super strength, and others have the power of super speed. Did you know God has given all Christians power that is greater than any superpower? Acts 1:8 tells us we will receive power, and it comes from the Holy Spirit. Once we are Christians, the Holy Spirit helps us do God's work in our community and the world around us.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus speaks to His disciples. The first place He mentions is Jerusalem, which is where they were living. He wants them to do God's work in the communities in which they live. Then, He wants them to go to other parts of the world. Where do we live right now? Do you think Jesus wants us to do God's work right where we live? There are so many opportunities for us to work and serve our community.

Beyond our communities, God wants us to serve people throughout the rest of our state, country, and world. As kids, it might be hard to travel to other countries and serve other people. However, you can still learn about Christians serving in other countries, known as missionaries, and how we can help them from our own community

Discussion Questions

- 1. What kind of power has God given us? (The Holy Spirit, to help us do His work)
- 2. Where does God want us to serve others? (In our community and around the world)

Play

Get a Bible and help your kids find the following verses. Have them read the verse and tell you ways that verse tells us to serve people: Isaiah 58:10, Mark 12:31, Luke 3:10–11, 1 Peter 4:10.

Sing

"Tell the World"

Live it Out

For your family to do God's work or engage in the Missionary Task in your community, you don't have to move homes, help plant a new church, move to a different country, or sell everything you own. Do you take opportunities to serve others as a family? How cool would it be to take time to participate in a local community service project as a family? Not only would this show obedience to God, but it would draw your family closer together.

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for giving us Your power to work and serve our community. Give us opportunities to serve our neighbors and help us be obedient when those opportunities are in front of us. We are thankful we can serve You and be obedient by serving others. Amen.