

# Family Battle Plan

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

# Week 8: Community and World

## Middle School

#### **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 continues to work in the world, and people are invited to join Him in His work.

#### Teach

Studies show this generation of students is the most information-overloaded in the history of man. They are the most targeted through marketing and media-centered generation—which is not necessarily a bad thing! There is a message behind almost every word students hear and see daily, and they are constantly filtering through what voices and information to either occupy their mind or release. With all of this busyness, it is easy for our students to be sidetracked from what the Lord has in store for them and us!

Many voices are speaking into our every interaction with people and media, and oftentimes the world sees the Lord's voice is thrown in as just another voice that speaks. When in reality, His voice has authority over all the others! God desires to lead and guide us through our daily lives, away from the voices of the world. Then, we can show His love through His plan to His creation around us. He calls us to live a life on mission for Him as a testimony to the community around us. With the growth and progress of media and technology, not only do we have the ability to live a life on mission in our community, but now it is at our fingertips to be His witnesses around the world with the resources God has provided for us!

#### **Discussion Questions**

Let this be a time of family discussion.

- What voices are the hardest to tune out?
- How can you be God's witness in your community?
- Do you feel like people around you know that you are a follower of Christ? Are they followers of Christ?

### Play

Think of all your favorite funny advertisements you've seen on billboards, television, or any media! Share a few and maybe watch a few that'll make you sing or laugh!

## Sing

"Nobody"

#### Live it Out

Find a place in Memphis your family can go and serve the community as you seek to live life on mission even here in your "Jerusalem." Or you could make a list of all of the voices or things that are trying to be heard and realize just how many voices there are!

## **Closing Prayer**

Lord, help us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, sharing Christ with those in our family, neighborhood, and all around the world. Amen.