

THE CHURCH ON FIRE

Sabbath Sunday — Church at Home

A Family Conversation Through Acts 1–10

Scripture: Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere...”

Today isn’t about rushing through another lesson.

It’s Sabbath.

Slow down. Rest. Spend time with God. Spend time with your family. Talk about what the Lord has been teaching you.

You don’t have to answer every question. Choose the ones that create the best conversation for your family.

Before beginning, have someone pray:

“Holy Spirit, remind us of what You have been teaching us. Help us hear Your voice, grow closer to Jesus, and become the Church You have called us to be. In Jesus name, Amen.”

LOOKING BACK

1. “The Promise of Power” — Acts 1:1–11

Jesus told His disciples they would receive power from the Holy Spirit and become His witnesses.

Talk About It:

- Why do we need the Holy Spirit instead of trying to follow Jesus in our own strength?
- Where do you need God’s power in your life right now?
- Who has God placed around you that you can be a witness to?

Remember:

God's mission requires God's power.

2. “When The Fire Fell” — Acts 2:1–21

The disciples waited, prayed, and then the Holy Spirit filled them at Pentecost.

Talk About It:

- What does being filled with the Holy Spirit mean to you?
- Are you still hungry for more of God's presence?
- What could be keeping you from making room for God in your everyday life?

Remember:

The fire wasn't meant to stay in the room—it was meant to reach the world.

3. “This Changes Everything” — Acts 2:36–47

People heard the Gospel, repented, were baptized, and became devoted followers of Jesus.

Talk About It:

- What has Jesus genuinely changed about your life?
- Acts 2:42 says the believers were *devoted*. What is the difference between being interested in Jesus and being devoted to Jesus?
- Is there an area where God has been asking you to take a next step of obedience?

Remember:

When Jesus changes your heart, everything changes.

4. “Silver and Gold” — Acts 3

Peter and John stopped for a man everyone else had learned to walk past.

Talk About It:

- Who might God be asking you to notice?
- What can Jesus give someone that money and possessions cannot?
- How can our family intentionally notice and serve someone who is hurting?

Remember:

Silver can change a day. Jesus changes a destiny.

5. “Boldness Under Pressure” — Acts 4

Peter and John experienced opposition, but instead of asking God to make everything easier, the believers prayed for greater boldness.

Talk About It:

- What kind of pressure are you facing right now?
- Is that pressure pushing you away from God or closer to Him?
- What would bold obedience look like in your current situation?

Remember:

Prayer doesn’t always remove pressure—but it releases power in the middle of it.

6. “Pure Fire” — Acts 5:1–16

Ananias and Sapphira wanted the appearance of surrender without actually surrendering everything to God.

Talk About It:

- Why does integrity matter to God?
- Is who you are privately matching who you appear to be publicly?
- Is there anything God has been asking you to surrender?

Remember:

God doesn’t just desire a powerful Church—He desires a pure Church.

7. “Built to Serve” — Acts 6:1–7

As the Church grew, more people stepped forward to serve.

Talk About It:

- What gifts has God given you that could help someone else?
- Where are you currently serving?
- Is there somewhere God may be asking you to stop watching and start serving?

Remember:

God didn't call all of us to do everything, but He called every one of us to do something.

8. "A Church That Can't Be Stopped" — Acts 7–8

Stephen was killed for his faith, persecution scattered the Church, and yet the Gospel spread even farther.

Talk About It:

- Have you ever watched God use something difficult for something good?
- What does this story teach us about quitting when things get difficult?
- Where might God be sending you to carry the Gospel?

Remember:

Pressure didn't put out the fire—it spread the fire.

9. "From the Water to the World" — Acts 8:26–40

Philip shared Jesus with the Ethiopian official, and when the man believed, he immediately wanted to be baptized.

Talk About It:

- Why is baptism important?
- Why shouldn't following Jesus stop at baptism?
- What would it look like for our family to live "from the water to the world"?

Remember:

We haven't just been saved—we've been sent.

10. "Nobody Is Too Far Gone" — Acts 9:1–31

Saul was persecuting Christians when Jesus met him on the Damascus Road and completely transformed his life.

Talk About It:

- Is there somebody you've almost stopped believing can change?
- What does Saul's story teach you about God's grace?
- Who is one person your family can begin consistently praying will encounter Jesus?

Remember:

Never label somebody by a chapter God hasn't finished writing.

And most importantly:

NOBODY IS TOO FAR GONE.

11. "The Gospel For Everyone" — Acts 10

God sent Peter to Cornelius and taught Peter that the Gospel wasn't just for people like him.

Talk About It:

- Are there people who are easy for you to overlook because they're different from you?
- What did God have to change in Peter before He could use Peter to reach Cornelius?
- Who could your family intentionally welcome, invite, encourage, or show the love of Jesus to?

Remember:

If Jesus opened the door, the Church doesn't get to close it.

THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE.

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

Now look back over the entire journey.

Family Conversation

1. Which sermon has impacted you the most so far, and why?
2. What is one thing you've learned about the Holy Spirit during this series?
3. What is one thing you've learned about what it means to **be the Church**, not simply attend church?
4. Where have you noticed God changing you during this series?

5. Which area do you believe God wants you to grow in most right now: **prayer, purity, boldness, serving, evangelism, community, or surrender?**
6. If someone asked, **“What is The Church on Fire supposed to look like?”** what would you tell them?
7. What could our family do differently because of what we’ve learned through Acts?

KIDS: THE CHURCH ON FIRE! 🔥

Parents, let the kids answer first! Use these questions to help them talk about Jesus in their own words.

The Holy Spirit

Acts 1–2

- Jesus promised His friends a Helper. Who was the Helper?
The Holy Spirit!
- Why do you think we need God’s help?
- What’s something you’d like the Holy Spirit to help you be brave enough to do?

Jesus Changes Us

Acts 2

- What’s one way Jesus helps us become different?
- What is one way you can act more like Jesus this week?
- If someone at school asked you why you love Jesus, what would you say?

Notice People

Acts 3

Peter and John stopped to help a man other people walked past.

- Who do you know who might feel lonely or left out?
- What could you do to make them feel loved?
- What’s something kind you could do this week without being asked?

Be Bold

Acts 4

Peter and John weren’t afraid to tell people about Jesus.

- Have you ever been nervous to tell someone you believe in Jesus?
- What do you think being brave for Jesus looks like?
- Who could you invite to church or tell about Jesus?

Keep Your Heart Clean

Acts 5

- Why is telling the truth important?
- Does God still know what happened even when nobody else sees it?
- When we do something wrong, what should we do?

Parent reminder: Help children understand that we don't hide from God when we mess up. We tell the truth, ask forgiveness, and receive His grace.

Built to Serve

Acts 6

- What does it mean to serve someone?
- What is one job you could do around the house today without Mom or Dad asking?
- How can kids serve Jesus too?

Remember:

You don't have to be a grown-up for God to use you!

You Can't Stop the Gospel!

Acts 7–8

- When things became difficult, did Jesus' followers stop telling people about Him?
No!
- What should we do when following Jesus gets hard?
- Can God use something difficult and turn it into something good?

Baptism

Acts 8

- What does baptism tell other people?
- If you've been baptized, what do you remember about that day?
- If you haven't been baptized yet, what questions do you have about it?

Nobody Is Too Far Gone

Acts 9

- Was Saul nice to Christians before he met Jesus?
No.
- Did Jesus still love Saul?
Yes!
- Can Jesus change anybody?
YES!
- Who is someone we could pray for together who needs Jesus?

The Gospel Is For Everyone

Acts 10

- Does Jesus only love people who look like us?
No!
 - Does Jesus love people from every country and every kind of family?
YES!
 - How can we show Jesus' love to somebody who is different from us?
- Have the kids say it loudly:

“JESUS LOVES EVERYBODY!”

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Build Your Own “Church on Fire” Statement

Go around the room and have every family member finish this sentence:

“Because I follow Jesus, this week I will _____.”

Let the kids participate too.

Examples:

“...pray for my friend.”

“...help someone.”

“...forgive somebody.”

“...serve without being asked.”

“...tell someone about Jesus.”

“...spend more time praying.”

Then choose **one thing your whole family will do together** this week to show someone the love of Jesus.

FAMILY PRAYER

Have everyone join hands.

Parents, don't do all the praying.

Let the children pray too—even if their prayer is only one sentence.

Pray for:

- Your family
- Your church family
- Someone who doesn't know Jesus
- Your neighborhood
- Your city
- Anyone who is hurting
- Boldness to live for Jesus this week

ONE LAST THING...

Church..., today I want you to **REST**.

Enjoy your family.

Eat together.

Laugh together.

Take a walk.

Put the phones down for a while.

Talk.

Pray.

Enjoy God's creation.

Sabbath isn't a day to feel guilty because you aren't producing.

Rest is an act of trust.

We're declaring:

"God is still God even when I stop working."

The Church isn't on fire because we're constantly busy.

The Church is on fire because we're continually dependent on the Holy Spirit.

So today...

Rest. Receive. Remember.

And when we gather again on September 6th...

Let's come back refreshed, hungry, and ready for whatever God wants to do next through this series **"The Church on Fire. 🔥"**