



THE THEME

The Church is Essential.

MEMORY VERSE

“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - **Matthew 16:18**

CHALLENGE VERSE

“May you have power together with all the Lord’s holy people to understand Christ’s love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is.” - **Ephesians 3:18**

AUGUST 13 - LIFE APPLICATION

Know the power God gave to the church.

Note to Parents

This month, we are learning that **“The Church is Essential.”** Last week, we learned that Jesus is the cornerstone of the church, the most essential part of the church. This week, we learn that we need to **“Know the Power That God Gave To the Church.”** Before talking with your kids, read through this week’s scripture passages and review what we have already learned.

Review:

Do you remember what the word “essential” means? (*Something that is absolutely necessary.*) **Who is the cornerstone of the church, the most important part?** (*Jesus.*) This week, we will learn that, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, **God gave great power to the church.** And when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He also gives us great power to serve Him in this world.

Discuss:

1. Read **Acts 1:8** (Scriptures are below). **What does the Holy Spirit bring to us?** (*Great power.*) **To do what?** (*To be the witnesses of Jesus everywhere.*) **Who was saying this to His followers?** (*Jesus.*)
2. In **Ephesians 1:18-21**, Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, telling them he is praying for them. Read through the passage and the list together. **What did Paul pray that the church would know?**
3. In **Ephesians 3:20-21**, **what can Jesus do with His power, through us?** (*Far more than we could ever ask or think we could do.*) We can’t even imagine the things we can do for God! But it’s not our power, it’s His power, given to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit! In **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**, we learn of the powers or gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit (as He determines to each person to serve God) in many different ways.
4. **What is one way our church exhibits God’s power? Can you think of anything we do every week?** (*Praying for people and placing our hands on people as we pray for physical, spiritual, and emotional healing.*) Many times, kids are the first ones to come up to pray for those who need prayer! **Can you tell of a time where God gave you a miracle? A time where there’s no other explanation but God did it for you?**
5. **How can our home be like the church?** (*Dads, lead your families. Parents, pray with your kids. Kids, pray for your parents and siblings. Have communion*)

together. Have Sabbath together. Serve each other. Tell others about Jesus.)

FAMILY CHALLENGE

- Choose a day to **have Sabbath together** as we discussed at Hope U Families this week. Rest, get off devices, eat together, pray together, play together, watch a family friendly movie together, take a walk and enjoy all God gave us, etc.
- Talk about how God may have wired each of you with gifts specifically to serve him. You know each other so well! **What do you see in your family members that is special to God?**
- For younger kids, watch “God’s Wonderful Gift” on The Bible App for Kids. www.bible.com/kids

PRAYER

“Dear God, We know that You gave the Church to do mighty things in this world. You also gave us families, and our families can be like the church. Help us to know the power You can give the church, and our family, to serve You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen”

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Ephesians 1:18-21

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”

Ephesians 3:20-21

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”