

POWER TO BE THE CHURCH

Weekly Family Reading & Discussion Plan
Based on Part 1 - Sept. 6, 2026 - Pastor T. Wayne Daniels

Family Focus

Jesus did not intend His Church to fulfill its mission through human strength alone. He promised the Holy Spirit, who gives believers power to witness, boldness to proclaim Christ, and grace to live as a Spirit-filled community. This week, your family will walk through Acts and consider what it means not merely to attend church, but to **be the Church**.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..." (ESV)

DAY 1 - WAIT FOR THE PROMISE

READ: Acts 1:4-5; Luke 24:49

Before Jesus sent His disciples into the world, He told them to wait for the promise of the Father. Their assignment was too great to attempt without the Holy Spirit.

Talk About It

- Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to wait instead of immediately beginning their mission?
- What happens when we try to do God's work only in our own strength?

Family Response: Pray together: "Holy Spirit, teach our family to depend on Your presence and power."

DAY 2 - POWER TO WITNESS

READ: Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit gives believers power for a purpose: to become witnesses of Jesus. His power is not merely for personal experiences; it equips us to represent Christ wherever He sends us.

Talk About It

- What does it mean to be a witness for Jesus?
- Who is one person in your life who needs to see or hear about Jesus through you?

Family Response: As a family, choose one practical way to demonstrate the love of Jesus to someone this week.

DAY 3 - FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

READ: Acts 2:1-4

At Pentecost, ordinary disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's presence transformed a waiting group of believers into an empowered people prepared to proclaim the gospel.

Talk About It

- What changed when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples?
- What characteristics should be visible in a life that is surrendered to the Holy Spirit?

Family Response: Spend several minutes worshiping and asking God to fill your home and your lives with His Spirit.

DAY 4 - ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY GOD

READ: Acts 2:41; Acts 4:13

Peter and John were recognized as ordinary men, yet their boldness astonished people. Their distinction was not status or education - people recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Talk About It

- According to Acts 4:13, what made Peter and John stand out?
- How should spending time with Jesus change the way others experience us?

Family Response: Each family member names one area where they need greater boldness to live for Jesus.

DAY 5 - A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH

READ: Acts 2:42-47

The early Church was devoted to truth, fellowship, shared meals, prayer, generosity, worship, and mission. The Spirit's activity shaped both their gatherings and their everyday relationships.

Talk About It

- Which qualities of the early Church do you see in these verses?
- Which one could your family practice more intentionally?

Family Response: Choose one action: pray together, share a meal intentionally, encourage someone, give generously, or serve someone.

DAY 6 - BOLDNESS THROUGH PRAYER

READ: Acts 4:31

When opposition came, the believers prayed. God responded by filling them again with the Holy Spirit, and they continued speaking His Word with boldness.

Talk About It

- What did the believers do when they needed courage?
- What situation does your family need to approach with Spirit-given boldness?

Family Response: Pray specifically for courage to obey God even when obedience feels uncomfortable.

DAY 7 - BE THE CHURCH

READ: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:31

The book of Acts is more than a record of what the Church once was. It shows a people dependent on the Holy Spirit, devoted to Jesus, committed to one another, and empowered to carry the gospel outward.

Talk About It

- What has God shown our family this week?
- How can we move from simply 'going to church' toward actively 'being the Church'?
- What is one commitment our family will carry into next week?

Family Response: Close by praying for Kingdom Life, its pastors and leaders, and for your family to live as Spirit-filled witnesses.

WEEKLY FAMILY REVIEW

Main Truth: Jesus never intended His Church to operate without the Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowers ordinary believers to become bold witnesses and forms them into a community whose life visibly demonstrates the presence and mission of Jesus.

Ask	Discuss
What does the Holy Spirit empower believers to do?	Talk about the difference between attending church and being the Church.
What marked the believers in Acts 2?	Which mark of a Spirit-filled church should become stronger in our family?
What gave Peter and John unusual boldness?	Where is Jesus asking us to represent Him this week?

Closing Prayer

"Father, thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit. Teach us not to rely on our own strength. Fill us with Your Spirit, give us boldness to represent Jesus, deepen our love for one another, and empower our family to be the Church everywhere You send us. In Jesus' name, amen."