

Peter Continued to Preach (Acts 3)



Dear families,

In Acts 4, we encounter Peter's Spirit-led boldness and the religious leaders' inability to stop the gospel's power at work. Despite the danger they faced, the church remained steadfast in their prayers and proclamations, being filled with the courage and conviction that would become their legacy.

What truths did the early church cling to amidst such great persecution and peril? How were their prayer lives shaped by this encounter with the Holy Spirit?

Standing before these members of the religious elite, Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and couldn't stop declaring Jesus as Lord. Though he had spent the night in jail, he was resolved in his mission to make no name for himself apart from Christ. As he addressed these powerful men, he testified to Scripture's truth, how Christ's rejection had been prophesied in Psalm 118. In doing so, he offered an opportunity for his persecutors to place their faith in Jesus, too. In response to Peter's boldness, they were at a loss for words. The disciples' time with Jesus offered more insight into God's truth than the Jewish leaders possessed from all their years in rabbi school, and the power of the Holy Spirit within them illuminated their minds to recall this truth.

When the church heard news of Peter and John's time spent before the Sanhedrin, they responded the only way they knew how: altogether, voices raised to heaven, in prayer before God. They reminded one another—and God Himself—of His truths declared so long ago in Psalm 2. Their course of action became one of boldness through the filling of the Holy Spirit as these men and women continued to show and tell the world about the Savior in whom they placed their hope. In answer to their faithful prayers, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, being sent out to keep doing His will.

As you lead your kids this week, remind them—and yourself—that even in our stickiest situations and circumstances, God’s Word remains the rock where we find truth. We are invited to pray bold prayers and to ask for His Spirit to lead us in the places we don’t have strength to go; our faith is revealed through our boldness in action.

Check out *The Gospel Project At Home* for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week’s Bible story points to Jesus.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** The good news about Jesus must be shared with others.
- **Younger Preschool:** Peter told people about Jesus even when it was hard. The good news about Jesus is so great that everyone who trusts in Jesus must share it with others.
- **Older Preschool:** Peter kept preaching about Jesus even when it was hard. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus’ followers from sharing the good news about Jesus. The gospel is great news that we must share if we believe in Jesus.
- **Kids:** Peter continued to preach about Jesus even when it was difficult. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus’ followers from sharing the good news about Jesus. The gospel is great news that we must share if we believe in Jesus Christ.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Younger Preschool:** Why does God want Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they can know Him and love Him.
- **Older Preschool:** Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe in Him.
- **Kids:** Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.

KEY PASSAGE

This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** Tell others about Jesus. Romans 10:14
- **Younger Preschool:** We need to tell others about Jesus so they can believe in Him. Romans 10:14
- **Older Preschool:** How can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14
- **Kids:** How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

**** Next week:** Peter Confronted Sin (Acts 4–5)