

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

The Church's Ministry

WHAT YOU NEED

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- Bible
- "DEVOTED" printed/written onto pieces of paper
- Scissors

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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Take turns or have someone in your family read the following passages:

- Acts 5:14-26
- Acts 5:40-42

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What are some characteristics of a believer filled with the Holy Spirit? In our Bible story today we saw that the believers had courage and boldness to speak God's Word. The believers were devoted to following Jesus and they had a sincere desire to live a life that pleased God.

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While God was working and people were being saved, once again the religious leaders did not like it. They were jealous. So they had the apostles arrested and thrown into jail but this did not stop them.

The Holy Spirit living in the hearts of believers gave them courage to trust God, even when they were thrown in jail and beaten up for sharing the Good News.

Although it is highly doubtful that we will be beaten and thrown into jail for following Jesus, it is sometimes still difficult to stand up for Jesus. People might get angry at us or tease us for following Jesus. But as we learn from this story, the Holy Spirit gives us courage and boldness to keep following Jesus, even when it's hard.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Why do you think the Religious Leaders became jealous?
- How did the apostles get out of jail?
- Why did the apostles rejoice after they were beaten?
- What new thing did you learn from our study today?

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Print out the "DEVOTED" sheet and then cut on the dotted lines (alternatively you can write out the sheet onto smaller pieces of paper)
- Put the pieces of paper face down onto a flat surface.
- Family members will take turns to turn over one of the pieces of paper, read the letter on it and then answer the question.
- Continue taking turns until all of the pieces of paper have been turned over.
- Now your family has to race to see who can figure out what the word is that all of the letters spell (*DEVOTED*)
- Talk to your family about all of the ways the apostles remained devoted to God and then talk/brainstorm as a family about how you can make sure you stay devoted to God no matter what.

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NOW WHAT?

What changes do you need to ask God to make in your life so you can be a devoted follower of Jesus? Pray about it as a family.

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