

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Is the Way, Part I

Part of The Big God Story

Acts 1—2

The Ascension and Peter Proclaims
the Gospel

JUST FOR FUN

Read together **Acts 2:1–7**. Imagine what it would've been like to be there that day: What would you see, smell, hear? Can you imagine people talking in so many different languages all at one time? Share with your child that the Holy Spirit gave Peter boldness. When he began telling the good news that God wants everyone to know Him, the people were really moved. Then read **Acts 2:36–47** and have a conversation about the Holy Spirit—who He is, what He does, etc.

Did You Know?

- The book of Acts begins with a recap of Jesus' post-resurrection ministry to His followers. The fact that Jesus tarried on earth for 40 days to comfort and teach proves how much God wants everyone to know Him.

- Acts 1 and 2 also show us the fulfillment of God's promise to send a helper. Only in the power of the Holy Spirit does God intend for us to fulfill the Great Commission. The Holy Spirit prepares hearts to know God and draws them to Himself.

- As the disciples were praying on the day of Pentecost, three signs occurred: A sound like a rushing wind filled the room, what looked like flames of fire appeared above their heads, and they spoke in other languages.

Remember Verse

The Lord is near to all
who call on him, to all
who call on him in truth.
Psalm 145:18

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you know more of God's love each day. May you be a witness this week as you tell others that Jesus is the way to be with God forever.

Give your child opportunities to do things independently, but be sure to not redo what he has done. Children watch us closely. If they see us "fixing" the work they've done, they'll be easily discouraged and not as likely to try again next time.

Teachable Moments

After reading **Acts 2:1–7**
and **36–47**, discuss the
following together:

- Who is the Holy Spirit and how can He help us?
- Who can accept Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of their life?
- Who can we share the good news of Jesus with?