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Acts 1:1-11

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His followers two commands. The first is the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19). It is the mission statement of the church. Jesus' second command was "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the...Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5). Why wait? Jesus explained, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Jesus' commands are for believers today. We are to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit and then go and make disciples.

REMEMBER VERSE:

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

John 11:25-26a

Take turns seeing who can say the most words in this verse in one breath!

DISCUSS:

Why did Jesus tell His friends to wait for the Holy Spirit?

What did Jesus say the Holy Spirit would do for the disciples?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to start conversations about how "God's Spirit Changes Everything" in your everyday life as a family.

CONNECT:

Jesus gave His friends the important job of telling everyone about Him. Jesus knew His friends needed help so He sent the Holy Spirit to give His friends the power they needed. Today we are still supposed to tell everyone about Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and share the good news about Jesus with the whole world.

Spend time with your children making a list of all the people in your life that don't know Jesus. Then, make a list of all the countries you can think of by name. Take a few moments right now and throughout this week to pray for the people and countries you wrote down.

BLESSING:

Look your children in the eye, call them by name and speak these life-giving promises of God to them:

May you be filled with God's Spirit so you know how wide and long and high and deep Jesus' love is for you. May you see God's Spirit at work in you, in our church, and in your conversations with those who don't yet know Jesus, so they can hear your story and believe in Him.