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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 it at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app on your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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God Is Powerful

Part of The Big God Story

Acts 1—2; Luke 24:52—53
Ascension

Just for Fun

One night this week, before bedtime, gather your family in a comfortable room. If you'd like, provide a hot beverage for everyone to enjoy. Light a candle, or a few candles, and turn down the lights to provide a relaxed atmosphere. Talk with your children about how many different languages exist in the world. (Some estimates go as high as 6,700!) Discuss how difficult it would be to communicate with someone if you couldn't understand her language. Then read **Acts 2:1–12** together. Discuss how it might have felt for so many people to hear "the wonders of God" in their own languages. Talk about how the Holy Spirit can empower us to tell others about Jesus. God is powerful!

Did You Know?

- Jesus' ascension into the clouds surely eliminated any doubts in the minds of the disciples about His deity. Jesus was both fully man and fully God—and He remains this way today.
- The theological term for God becoming man is *incarnation*, which literally means "taking on flesh." Jesus became the "God-man," a being with two natures.
- Only the power of God could forge such an incredible union!
- When Jesus returned to be with His Father, He did not cease to be a man. As a man, He intercedes for us before God.

Remember Verse

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

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 your life overflow with the power of the Holy Spirit. May God's amazing power fill you with joy, comfort, and guidance as you share Him with the world.**

Younger Kids

At this age, your child probably enjoys doing physical activities, such as gymnastics, dancing, or riding a bike or scooter. Your child will appreciate your genuine interest in watching and encouraging him as he develops these new skills.

Older Kids

Children this age often need lots of help with organization. Instead of stepping in and organizing everything for your child, teach her the skills and give her the tools she needs in order to organize things on her own.

Teachable Moments

After reading Acts 2:1–12, discuss the following together:

- How did you see God's power displayed in this passage?
- Why do you think it was important for the Holy Spirit to cause people to speak in different languages?
- In what ways have you seen God's power in your own life?