

Bringing The Story Home-Ch. 28- Week of August 20th

New Beginnings

Bringing The Story Home is a tool for you to use with your family to connect with the weekly lessons taught in "The Story" curriculum. Feel free to use these activities in a way that fits your family life. Do what works with the time you have each week.



Big Idea: The Holy Spirit Can Live In Me!

Bible Basis: Acts 1:2–11; 2:1–6, 23–24, 32–33, 42–47; 8:4–8; 9:1–9, 17–19

Key Verse: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this. —Acts 2:4

Parent Tips: Read and discuss the Big Idea from TrueKidz. Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table or at some point this week. The Living Faith activity encourages your family to plan a garage sale to benefit people who are struggling in your church. The Extra Mile introduces your family to Team Hoyt who epitomize sacrifice and love.

Table Talk:

Younger Elementary

- **When the disciples preached about Jesus and people saw the truth, the believers started eating and praying together. The Bible says they shared everything. Do you think this was hard for Jesus' followers?**
- **What would be the hardest thing for you to share?**
- **Why did the early Christians help each other out so much?**
- **Do you think Christians still look for ways to share with each other?**
- **This chapter of The Story says Jesus' followers had hearts that were glad and honest and true. How do you think they showed that?**
- **Talk a little about being glad, honest, and true. If you could always live that way, how do you think people would look at you?**

Older Elementary

- **This chapter contains a powerful verse that says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved." What does that mean?**
- **People try to earn salvation in many other ways. What are some ways that people try to save themselves?**
- **As faith grew in the early church, so did persecution. Peter and John were beaten and arrested. Stephen was stoned to death. Why didn't Christ's followers just give up and hide?**
- **Why do you think faith thrives when there is persecution?**
- **Saul led the persecution against the Christians until he met (and was blinded by) Jesus Christ. Would you have trusted Saul after he said he was a believer?**
- **Why do you think Jesus chose to save Saul instead of having him walk off a cliff?**

Living Faith: The early church cared and provided for each other. That's an example we can follow today. All churches have families that need a hand. To help your church body, have family members go through their rooms to find items to sell.

Once you've gathered items, figure out a date for the sale. An ad in the local newspapers, signs on the road, or a mention on craigslist can get the word out. Make sure the people buying the goods know that all the money is going to help less fortunate families. Encourage your family to get involved by organizing items and manning tables. Coordinate with other families at church. Many hands make light work, so get as many people involved as possible. With some planning and a lot of effort, your family can reach out in a tangible way to your church. You can make a difference!

Extra Mile: Believers in the early church sacrificed for each other. Rich people sold their land and helped the poor. Strong people defended and protected the weak. The Hoyt family can teach everybody something about sacrifice. Watch these videos about Team Hoyt.

- On YouTube, search for "Dick & Rick Hoyt" or go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDnrLv6z-mM
- On Tangle, search for "The Story of Team Hoyt" or go to: www.tangle.com/view_video.php?viewkey=4e7679f8a731d6cce58a
- On Tangle, search for "My Redeemer Lives—Team Hoyt" or go to: www.tangle.com/view_video.php?viewkey=8cf08faca5dd9ea45513

Answer these questions. **Is Dick Hoyt a hero? Who benefits more, Dick or Rick? What one lesson do you want to take away and apply to your own life? What does their story teach you about unconditional love? What does their story teach you about sacrifice?**

Prayer Time: Dear God, Thank you for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have given to me, the gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Amen