

## Family Ministry Home Element



**Pentecost: Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19)** Here are some things you can talk about as a family when you "sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down, when you get up, and when you go out into the world." (adapted from Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

**Truth about God:** The Spirit of God worked powerfully through Paul, just as he did through Jesus.

**Truth about Us:** We must reject superstition and false religion, and trust in the name of the Lord.

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### Discussion Starters

As a family, ask each person what stood out to them in this week's lesson.

### Younger Children

What story did you learn about this week? What was your favorite part?

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## Memory Verse

The memory verse for the Mighty Act, "Pentecost", is **Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** As a family work on memorizing this verse. You can come up with a game, motions, or a song to help you remember it, make it fun.

## The Ten Mighty Acts

Driving down the road, at a table, or before bed at night is a great time to review the "Ten Mighty Acts" of God.

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### As a family read and reflect on these verses.

(For younger children read from a Children's Bible. The *Jesus Calling Bible Storybook* by Sarah Young and *The Jesus Storybook Bible* By Sally Lloyd-Jones follow along well with the curriculum. The children's ministry rotates between these Bibles each week.)

**1. Take one night this week as a family and just read the story of Paul in Ephesus in Acts 19.**

**2. Here are some family discussion questions for this week's lesson. Just divide them up throughout the week, dinner time, bed time, riding in the car, etc...**

**Acts 19:1-7 - What is the difference in John's baptism and being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus?**

*(John's baptism only involved repentance, or turning away from sin. Being baptized in the name of Jesus also involves living for Him within the power of the Holy Spirit.)*

**Acts 19:8-10 - What can prevent the Holy Spirit from working someone's life?**

*(People can refuse to believe even after hearing persuasive teaching about God's Kingdom.)*

**Acts 19:11-12 - What do we learn in these verses?**

*(The Spirit of God worked powerfully through Paul, just as he did through Jesus. Read Luke 8:43-44.)*

**Acts 19:13-16 - What do these verses teach us about the Spirit of God?**

*(The Spirit of God has authority over evil spirits and cannot be tricked or manipulated.)*

**Acts 19:17-20 - When it became known that the power of the Holy Spirit could not be faked or manipulated, what was the result?**

*(People had a new respect for the name of the Lord Jesus, confessing their sins and burning their occult material.)*

**Talk about it.**

**Prayer Time**

***Father, may we live our lives in the power of Your Holy Spirit that others may come to know You.***

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