God’s plan is for you to be the primary spiritual nurturer of your child’s faith. This resource is designed to allow your family to share time in God’s Word.. **At Home Weekly** is meant to inspire you toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, equip you to be the primary person to present these biblical concepts to your child, and support you as you connect and grow alongside your son or daughter.

WE’RE STARTING A NEW SERIES IN ACTS

The book of Acts tells the story of how the early church did life together, figured out how to function as the body of Christ, and began to live as witnesses empowered by the Holy Spirit. We live with the same opportunities and challenges today. Journeying through Acts together as a family will ground you in God’s truth and clarify your role in His grand redemptive narrative. Here are some questions to discuss with your family:

* **What does it mean to live as witnesses to the truth of Jesus?** Jesus’ followers witnessed His love and power and couldn’t keep silent! When Jesus ascended to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to share the good news everywhere they went. How have we seen Jesus’ love and power in our lives? How can we bear witness to God’s greatness as individuals and as a family?
* **What does doing life together as the body of Christ look like for our family?** What are my strengths? What are your strengths? What different gifts did God give each of us to complement one another and to serve each other, building one another up in love? Explore ways you can begin to use those gifts in your family and as part of a faith community.

FAMILY CHALLENGES

Following are several challenges that can spur your child on toward deepening their faith at home with their family. Select two (or more) of the following challenges to help you grow your faith together.

**Preview and prepare for each week with your child.** God has given you the privilege of being the most important nurturer of your child’s faith. Take the lead by reading the passages on the bookmark with them.

**Make a connection.** Invite your child’s leader(s) out for a meal or coffee sometime in the course of the series. Not only is this a great chance to pour into someone who is loving your child, it will also build relationship. See that leader as your ally in leading your child to a deeper love of Jesus.

Memorize these Series Focus Verses as a family.

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. (Acts 1:8)

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

WHERE WE STARTED THE FIRST WEEK

His Story Continues (Context for the Book of Acts)

Luke introduced the book of Acts as a continuation of the gospel narrative. Jesus commissioned the disciples to continue His work by the power of the Holy Spirit. The movement that began in Galilee—according to the sovereign will of God—spread across the known regions and around the world, sweeping us all into the greatest story ever told.

DID YOU KNOW …

* The Greek word for *witness* in Acts 1:8 can also be translated *martyr*. God calls us to give our lives for the sake of the gospel … not necessarily to physically die for our faith, but certainly to die to our own wills and live for Christ.
* In the same verse Jesus told His disciples they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. These locations are similar to our present-day neighborhoods, counties, and states. Our witness will grow and expand its reach!

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

(Child’s name), may you feel the power and joy God has given you through His Holy Spirit dwelling in you. May you be bold to share, knowing He has given you a purpose … to be His witness to the world.