

AT-HOME ACTIVITY GUIDE

WEEK OF MAY 16TH

BIG IDEA

The Holy Spirit helps us do God's Work.

THE BIBLE

A New Apostle is Chosen: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 8:14 (NIV)

FAMILY TABLE TALK

Keep the conversations going around the dinner table this week!

Use our Family Table Talk guide to help review the lesson and connect with your kids over one meal this week. Find the guide at www.loopkids.org/legacy.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Visit www.loopkids.org/legacy to find the link to this week's video, Family Table Talk and coloring page. And be sure to check out additional activities below!

YOUNGER & OLDER KIDS ACTIVITY | Gears of Service

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each kid one or two of the pages in the <u>Gears of Service printable</u> and have them color in the people inside their gears. Have them use safety scissors to cut out their gears and bring them to you. Put up all the gears on a wall, making sure you interlock them with neighboring gears (<u>like this</u>).

ASK:

What are some things that these people do for God?

- Care for people who are sick (Doctor, nurse)
- Help kids learn (Teacher)
- Rescue people in trouble (Firefighter)
- Create a family that loves God (Mom, dad)
- Invent a solution for a big problem (Scientist)
- Tell people about Jesus (Pastor)

Would you like to do any of these when you're older? Or something else?

SAY: But wait – we don't have to wait until the future to do God's work. To do something big for God, we don't have to be a pastor or have the entire Bible memorized. We can do God's work in whatever we do, especially since the Holy Spirit helps us every step of the way!

ASK: What is one thing you can do for God right now?

YOUNGER & OLDER KIDS ACTIVITY | Bracket of Best Things

INSTRUCTIONS: Print off the <u>Bracket of the Best Things Printable</u>. On the eight outermost boxes of your bracket, write or put up pictures of things your kids love (e.g., ice cream, trucks, playground, a specific TV show, etc.) Then have kids vote between each of the connected pairs, and write the winning answer in the space provided. Then compare the next tier of responses, and keep working towards the middle until only one item is declared the "best thing ever!"

SAY: It can be really hard to choose the best thing ever, right? Maybe your suggestion made it in the top ten, but didn't make it to the final two. So, you had to choose between two other things. Today's Bible story is about a time when a team had to make a hard choice.

OLDER & YOUNGER ACTIVITY | Letters of Service

SAY: As part of God's team, we all have the chance to do God's work with the help of the Holy Spirit. How will you do God's work? Let's show our local heroes how much their service to the community means to us.

INSTRUCTIONS: Download the Community Helpers thank you coloring pages and notes from this site, or create your own cards. Help kids write their names and fill out the cards. Send out the group of letters together with a photo of the group.

SAY: Do you want to share the message of Jesus with someone this week? What can you do this week to serve others? Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us do God's work this week.

OLDER ACTIVITY | My Testimony

INSTRUCTIONS: Parents - share your testimony of how you came to know Jesus and started serving in ministry. Or share a story about how you led someone else to Christ. Then, help your kids craft their own one-sentence testimony after you share your story. If they don't yet have a story of how they came to know Jesus, take this opportunity to tell them the Gospel and invite them to place their trust in Christ!

SAY: The one thing everyone can do for God is to share our testimony about God with others. When you share about Jesus and people can see Jesus through you, you might make people wonder about what makes you different and maybe make the choice to follow Jesus, too!

SNACK ACTIVITY | Apples and Oranges

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each kid a small bowl of apple and orange slices. Ask kids to describe each – their color, shape, taste, texture, etc.

SAY: Apples and oranges are very different. What makes them different?

But you know what? Apples and oranges are also very similar. Can you think of ways they are the same?

The work everyone does for God looks very different. But because we are all doing it for God, we are on the same team! And the best part is, the Holy Spirit helps us do God's work!