

7.12.2010 – Little Pillars Family Guide



Scripture Passage:

Acts 4:23-31

Memory Verse for the Week:

Acts 4:29 – And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness.

Family Guide (5-day format):

1. Read 4:23
 - a. Use this verse to recap last week's passage (4:1-22).
 - b. What was it that the religious leaders had told them? (to stop talking about Jesus)
 - c. Do you think they're going to stop? (no)
 - d. Why is it that they are not going to stop talking about Jesus? (they can't help but talk about what they have seen and heard).
2. Read 4:24-28
 - a. What does it mean to "lift your voice?" (to sing, to praise God)
 - b. When do we "lift our voices" to God? (Sunday mornings, singing at home, etc)
 - c. Why were they singing to God? (they felt honored to be apart of what God was doing)
 - d. There were a lot of people hurt Jesus, but did that surprise God? (no, he knew it would happen; in fact, he intended for it to happen. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins).
3. Read 4:29
 - a. Have them repeat verse 12 after you. For older kids, work on this as a memory verse for the week.
 - b. What does it mean to speak the word with boldness? (to talk about Jesus and not be afraid)
 - c. What did they have to be afraid of? (the religious leaders who had told them to stop talking about Jesus)
 - d. If they're praying for boldness, do you think they're going to stop? (no)
4. Read 4:29-30
 - a. The Bible talks a lot about miracles. What is one that you remember (try to get them to retell the story of the lame man being healed in Acts 3).
 - b. Who is the one who does the healing? (Jesus, by his Spirit, through his people).
 - c. Act out the healing in Acts 3.
5. Read 4:31
 - a. Can you believe that the place was shaken? Can you imagine if our whole house started shaking? Who was shaking it?
 - b. What does it say they continued to do? (speak the word of God with boldness)
 - c. Do you think that's what God wanted them to do? (yes)
 - d. Who is someone we can talk to Jesus about? (help them identify one of their friends, name someone from your life that you too can be talking to about Jesus).



Prior Week: Jesus the Cornerstone

Acts 4:1-22

While Peter was talking to the people in the Temple, the Jewish rulers of Jerusalem came into the crowd. They were upset because Peter and John were teaching the people that they could rise from death through the power of Jesus. So the rulers arrested Peter and John and put them in jail for the night. Many of the people in the Temple that day believed what Peter and John taught them and the number of believers grew to about 5000.

The next day, the rulers met together and brought Peter and John in front of them. They asked, “How did you heal this man, who told you to do this?” The Holy Spirit gave Peter power and Peter said, “Rulers, are you asking about a good thing done to a man who couldn't walk? Do you want to know who made him well? We want you and all the people to know that he was made well by King Jesus' power. You rulers nailed Jesus to the cross, but God raised Jesus from death. This man couldn't walk, but know he can stand because of Jesus' power. God made Jesus the cornerstone in His building that you should have built and you rejected Jesus. Only Jesus can save people. No one else in the world can do it.

The rulers were amazed that Peter and John were so bold to speak this way to them because Peter and John never went to their schools. Then they remember that Peter and John had been taught by Jesus. They saw the man who couldn't walk was standing with Peter and John, so they couldn't say he wasn't made well. So they told Peter and John to leave the meeting. They asked each other, “What do we do with these men? Everyone knows Peter and John did this great thing, so we can't say it didn't happen! Let's tell them not teach about Jesus anymore.” They called Peter and John in front of them and told them to stop teaching people about Jesus. But Peter and John said, “Should we do what you want or what God wants? We must teach about Jesus because that's what God's wants us to do.

The rulers wanted to punish Peter and John but couldn't because the people were praising God for what had been done. The man that was healed was 40 years old, so this was proof from God that what Peter and John taught about Jesus was true. So all the rulers could do was warn Peter and John to stop teaching about Jesus again. Then they let them go.

We call this story . . . Jesus the Cornerstone.