

GO DEEPER

BOTTOM LINE

**BEING A DISCIPLE MEANS
RELYING ON THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

MEMORY VERSE

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." **Luke 9:23 (NLT)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1: NOT ALONE

READ - Acts 1:6-11

The disciples learned from Jesus while He was still with them. But when the time came for Jesus to return to heaven, the disciples, and all other followers of Jesus, still had a lot to learn and needed to grow in their faith. Jesus explained that even though He was leaving the Earth, the Holy Spirit would come and continue to teach and guide them in really powerful ways! Then Jesus ascended, or rose up into the air, into Heaven and left them. **Remember: Being a Disciple Means Relying on the Holy Spirit**

DAY 2: THE WAITING

READ - Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4

The disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised would come. While they waited they prayed together. The disciples could have rushed out and started sharing the Gospel as soon as Jesus left, but they would not have had the Holy Spirit's power, and would have missed out on some amazing miracles! When following God's plan, do you slow down enough to pray and wait for His directions? **Remember: Being a Disciple Means Relying on the Holy Spirit**

DAY 3: THE CHURCH GROWS

READ - Acts 2:4, 14, 36-41

The moment when the Holy Spirit came was the very beginning of the church. And when I say church, I'm not talking about a building. The followers of Jesus are called the church. The entire book of Acts is all about how the church grew and spread all over to different countries, and how more and more people came to know Jesus and became His disciples. And it's the power of the Holy Spirit that made it all possible! And the power of the Holy Spirit still works today! **Remember: Being a Disciple Means Relying on the Holy Spirit**

DAY 4: RELYING

READ - Psalm 59:17, Psalm 86:11

God can be trusted. He is perfect, holy and true. There will be lots of things that happen in life that we simply won't understand. But that's okay, God doesn't expect us to have everything figured out. He wants us to trust Him. He wants us to look to Him and say, "God, I have no idea what I'm going to do, but I'm trusting You to take care of me." Ask God to help you to really rely on Him, for everything! **Remember: Being a Disciple Means Relying on the Holy Spirit**

DAY 5: POWER TO SHARE

READ - Acts 1:8

Receive power? Cool! But the Holy Spirit gives us power for what? That's in the verse also. God wants us to tell others about Him. That's what being a witness is. But who should we tell and where should we go? Jerusalem was their hometown. Judea and Samaraia were areas a little farther out. And the ends of the earth are... well... the whole world. So we are to share the truth of God's Word with people in our communities, our state, and anywhere in the world God leads us to go! **Remember: Being a Disciple Means Relying on the Holy Spirit**



HOLY SPIRIT REMINDER

Materials: red, yellow, and orange beads, string, "power" beads

Create a reminder that when you are a child of God you can rely on the Holy Spirit. The red, yellow and orange beads represent the flames that appeared over the disciples when the Holy Spirit came down to them. And the other beads spell out the word "Power." You can put all these beads onto the string to make a bracelet that you can wear all day to remind you of the Holy Spirit. Ask for a trusted adult to put on the song, "Holy Spirit" by Francesca Battistelli, (www.tinyurl.com/HSbyFB) while working on your bracelets.

When you're finished making your bracelet, put it on or hold it in your hand and take some time to pray. Pray for those who don't know about Jesus or the Holy Spirit. If you have made the decision to follow Jesus and have the power of the Holy Spirit within you, pray that you will be able to share the Good News with them with the power of the Holy Spirit.



DIG IN

Materials: Bible

Did you know there are times in the Old Testament where the Holy Spirit would come upon different people to give them the strength to do what God called them to do? Do you know of any of those times? Let's use our Bibles and see if we can discover some instances where God equipped people with His power.

Genesis 41:38 - Joseph
Numbers 24:2 - Balaam
Judges 11:29 - Jephthah
1 Samuel 16:13 - David

Daniel 6:3 - Daniel
Judges 3:10 - Othniel
Judges 13:25 - Samson
2 Chronicles 15:1 - Azariah

Numbers 27:18 - Joshua
Judges 6:34 - Gideon
1 Samuel 10:10 - Samuel
Exodus 35:31 - Bezalel



BE FILLED

Materials: funnel, balloon, pop rocks, soda, 13x9 inch pan

****This activity should be done with adult help****

Place the soda in a 13x9 inch pan to help make clean up easy. Use the funnel and pour the pop rocks into the balloon. Then carefully open the soda and attach the balloon around the mouth of the bottle. Tip up the balloon and watch!

Just like the pop rocks had the power to fill the balloon, the gospel is powerful! In fact, God's Word says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." When you choose to make Jesus the leader and forgiver of your life, He forgives your sin and fills you with the Holy Spirit. Not only that, but He gives you boldness to share the gospel with others. And when you step out in faith to share the gospel, the results will literally blow your mind!