

# Family Worship Devotion

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I grew up in central Texas, and one of the things I miss about living there is the crazy thunderstorms we would get every summer. My siblings would often get scared by the lightning and thunder, but I found them to be absolutely awe-inspiring. The pouring rain, the lightning that turned the nighttime as bright as day, the thunder that rattled our windows - all of it was such an awesome display of power that I didn't have any room to be scared.

Have you ever witnessed something that you found so amazing and awe-inspiring like I did the thunderstorms growing up? Was it so amazing that you felt you just had to tell others about it? Maybe for you it was falling in love for the first time or the breathtaking beauty of seeing the Grand Canyon.

Peter and the other disciples had that same awe-inspiring, I-have-to-tell-someone-about-this feeling when it came to Jesus. The things they witnessed Jesus say and do (including dying and coming back to life!) were so amazing that they had to tell the whole world about it!

May we all be like Peter and the other disciples, so amazed by Jesus that we can't stop telling everyone about how wonderful Jesus is.

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### Story and Questions

Read Acts 2:22-36. You can also [watch this video](#). Then, reflect on these questions:

1. In this passage, Peter is preaching to the new believers. He lists off all kinds of wonderful things about Jesus. Let's try to do the same. Set a timer for one minute, then work together as a family to list as many wonderful things about Jesus as you can - consider his miracles, his character, his life on Earth, and more!
2. It seems like Peter can't stop sharing the good news about Jesus. What's something you get really excited to talk about?

3. Are there ways you can grow in faith and learn to be as excited as Peter to tell others about Jesus?
4. What's so special about Jesus that makes him different from any other person we could talk about?

## Prayer

*Have each family member draw, share an item, or talk about something that reminds them of God. Then, pray:*

God, we are thankful to You for these ways that You remind us of Your power and love. Help us to remember Your joy, peace, and comfort, even in times of darkness or when we don't know what will happen. Thank you for always being with us, and helping us to spread your love and care to those around us who need it most. Amen.

## Activities

Here are some fun activities to do while social distancing at home. Then we can make tasty snacks afterwards for even more fun! Because lessons about God's power can and should be celebrated!



As kids can't help but be fascinated by extreme weather, well, so are adults. It's kind of like Jordan's story about thunderstorms she saw in Texas! Imagine Jesus quieting a storm as big as a tornado. Let's make our own [tornado in a jar](#) and practice imagining Jesus quieting the storm.



[Color this picture](#) of Psalm 16:11. Peter quotes this verse when he is talking about Jesus in our story today! Peter is sharing how Jesus came to fulfill all the promises God made to us in the Old Testament. That's amazing!



We all probably enjoy eating Jell-O... and we all probably enjoy building with blocks. But what if we could build with Jell-O blocks? That would be pretty amazing! Follow this [tasty block recipe](#) to create stable Jell-o blocks that you can build with. Stack the blocks high, stating one wonderful quality of Jesus for each block you add. See how tall you can build! This sensory play is a great way to connect what we are learning with our senses of touch and taste.