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TODAY IN BKIDS OUR ...

PONDER POINT: GOD'S SPIRIT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Day of Pentecost

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1-2

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His followers two commands. The first is the Great Commission: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). It is the mission statement of the church. Jesus' second command was "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the ... Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5). Why wait? Jesus explained, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Jesus' commands are for believers today. We are to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit and then go and make disciples.

CONVERSATION STARTERS WITH YOUR KIDDOS AT HOME

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The Israelites celebrated seven annual festivals: Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of First Fruits, Feast of Pentecost (or Harvest), Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths).
- During the feasts, the Israelites ate, danced, sang, played instruments, prayed, and offered sacrifices to God.
- On the Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur, the ancient Israelites rededicated the temple to the Lord and repented of their sins. Modern Jewish people still observe the holiday through fasting and attending synagogue services.

FAMILY CONNECTION SUGGESTION

Set aside an evening to remember and celebrate with a fun family dinner. Choose a favorite meal (pizza, tacos, or another family favorite) and enlist everyone to help prepare it. When you sit down to eat, spend time remembering what God has done in your lives and how you have seen God work in the lives of your friends and family members. Focus the conversation on how God has helped His people.

Read Psalm 16 together (*Fire Bible, pp. 661-662). Also read the Power-Packed Words note on page 661. Talk with your children about God revealing to David the wonder of Jesus' resurrection power thousands of years before Jesus was born.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- Are there areas of your life where you need to ask for God's forgiveness?
 - Who paid the price so our sins could be forgiven?
 - How can we show our thankfulness to God for sending Jesus?
- What are some things we can remember and celebrate this week?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about God's righteousness into your everyday life as a family.

MEMORY VERSE

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

John 17:3

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