

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

I’m a Witness

After the resurrection of Jesus, He was seen by many people for forty days. Then one day He met with His followers on Mount Olivet to give them final instructions. “You shall be witnesses,” He said. Jesus had always demonstrated a heart of compassion for people. This did not stop when He ascended into heaven as His disciples stood watching. Now His disciples are to carry on the work He commissioned them to do.

As they left the mountain, they trudged back into the city of Jerusalem and entered into the upper room to be filled with the power of the Holy Ghost. Their first assignment as witnesses began as they shared what happened on the day of Pentecost. That very day 3,000 were added to the church!

How does Acts 1:8 apply to believers today? Jerusalem would be like witnessing in your own neighborhood. Judaea compares to your town and its surrounding areas. Samaria represents reaching beyond the boundaries of your hometown. And, of course, witnessing never stops, but extends to the far reaches of the world.

Whether God has given you a burden for a foreign country or plans to use you right where you are, remember that you are a witness. Everyone needs God, including the people who live on your street!

Family Prayer: Lord, I want to follow wherever You may lead. I will say yes to Your will and way. I want everyone to know of Your great mercy and grace that is so abundant in my life. I want to be Your hands and feet in this world today. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Includes
Family
Activities



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Looking



Inward

Play a classic game of Charades. A player draws a piece of paper from the bowl, silently reads the word, and acts it out to their teammates without using words. This activity will sharpen your social skills. After playing the game, sit down as a family and discuss what gestures worked and which ones did not work in the game.

Just like when we are trying to reach people, the same method may not work for every person. With each person we will have to assess our approach and maybe use a different method.

Let's talk!

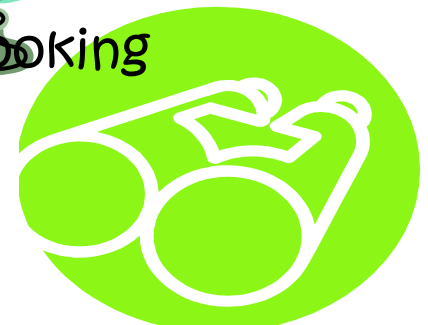
Is witnessing limited to a special event such as an organized visitation at church? How does Acts 1:8 apply to you as an individual and as a family?

You're Invited!

Find out how your family can get involved in a visitation program at your local church. As a family, choose a neighborhood in your area, and hand out personal invitations to your church. As you have the opportunity, share your testimony with others.



Looking



Outward

Additional Challenges

Sometimes we are given unexpected opportunities to be witnesses for God. Will you be ready if a door opens for you? Be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit.

Read Acts 3:1-10

- Where were Peter and John going when they encountered this man? _____
- How long had he been lame? _____
- Did he ask for his healing? _____ What did he ask for? _____
- How does verse 8 describe what happened next? _____

The man was expecting something to help him temporarily, but because Peter and John were sensitive, he received something much more!

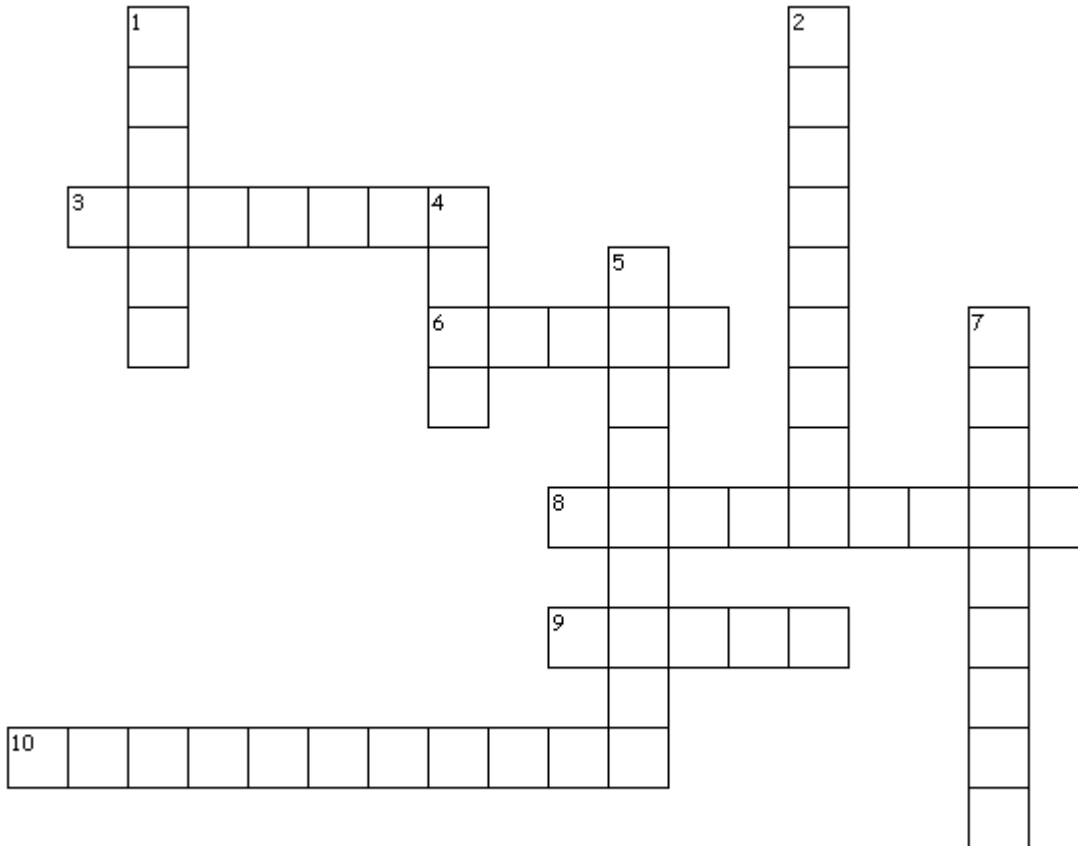
Read Acts 8:26-39

- Philip left a great revival in the city of Samaria to go where? _____
- Who did he find when he got there? _____
- What question did Philip ask the man? (verse 30) _____
- What was the man's response? (verse 31) _____
- Because Philip was sensitive to God's leading, what took place in this man's life? _____

We are all witnesses! Will you be sensitive when God lays someone on your heart?

Crossword

Be a witness



Across

3. Refers to going beyond the boundaries of our hometown
6. How many thousand were added to the church that day?
8. City where they were filled with the Holy Ghost
9. The number of days Jesus was seen after His resurrection
10. Where Jesus met His followers to give them final instructions

Down

1. Compares to our hometown and surrounding areas
2. Jesus told them "You shall be ____"
4. Bible book where the plan of salvation is given
5. They were filled with the Holy Ghost on the Day of ____
7. Place His disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost is for everyone!

