



EMPOWERED- PART 4

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: The Holy Spirit has special abilities He gives to us, which help us to be better witnesses in our world. Two of those abilities, miracles and prophecy, are often misunderstood. The truth is, they're vital, real-world practical functions of God's work in our lives today.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

1 Corinthians 12:10a [NLT]

"He gives one person the power to perform miracles..."

When people think of "performing miracles," they often imagine parting the Red Sea or calling down fire from heaven. The truth is, a "miracle" is any time God's power intervenes to change how a situation plays out. Through the Holy Spirit's enablement, God wants to use us to pray situation-changing prayers that address real needs in the world around us.



Q . What is the most memorable or spectacular miracle you remember from the Bible?

Q . What's a need that you've encountered where you've asked God to get involved and change something?

Q . What are the differences between those 2 examples? What are the similarities?

3. DISCUSSION:

1 Corinthians 12:10 [NLT]

"He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy."

We often think of "prophecy" as telling the future, but this spiritual ability is much broader than that.

A "prophet" is anyone who speaks God's words under His inspiration.



Q . Has anyone ever come to you with a message they felt like God asked them to share? Was it relevant to your life at the time?

Q . What are some types of things God may want to say to people around you? How often is there a need in your world for the Spiritual ability to prophesy?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for answering prayers with His power, and for speaking to you through various sources. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to notice and obey when He prompts you to function in a special ability.



NO FEAR

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1. POWER VERSE: Isaiah 41:10 *"Don't be afraid, for I am with you..."*

What's Up: "I Don't Have To Be Afraid, I'll Put My Trust In God!"

With God on our side, we should never be afraid! Kids have a lot of things that they may fear. It's important at an early age, we help them learn that with God, there is nothing that is too big for us to face. With Him by our side, we can face anything!

2. READ:



Ask your children to list some of the things they are scared or afraid of together.

Q. What do you think Jesus says about fear?

Jesus has a lot to say about fear, and we are actually talking about that today! We are going to learn from a familiar story in the Bible of how Jesus reacts to our fears.

Matthew 8:23-27

"Jesus got into a boat. His disciples followed him. Suddenly a terrible storm came up on the lake. The waves crashed over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him up. They said, 'Lord! Save us! We're going to drown!' He replied, 'Your faith is so small! Why are you so afraid?' Then Jesus got up and ordered the winds and the waves to stop. It became completely calm. The disciples were amazed. They asked, 'What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!'"

3. DISCUSSION:



Q. What was Jesus' response to the storm?

Q. Why do you think the storm didn't scare Jesus?

Just like the storm didn't scare or intimidate Jesus, our fears and problems don't scare Him either. Jesus is never afraid. He can help us not be scared, too! We just have to trust Him!

Take time working with each of your children coming up with a plan of how they can face their fear they mentioned earlier in our devotion.

Q. What scriptures could they quote that would help them? What could they pray to help calm them?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray together after you have finished writing or drawing out your plan.