



# EMPOWERED- PART 1

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** The Holy Spirit works with us to empower us, but we as Christians often get the wrong idea about why. That power is meant to make us more effective witnesses, representing Jesus to a world that needs to see and hear the gospel.

## 2. BIBLE VERSE:

Acts 1:8 [ESV]

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses...”*



Jesus explained that the disciples would become something new - something they had never been before. The work of the Holy Spirit produces a new you, by coming beside you to strengthen, direct and instruct you.

Q . Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? When did that happen?

What was that experience like for you?

Q . If so, did you notice a change in how you lived for God and reached out to the lost from before you were baptized?

## 3. DISCUSSION:

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The empowerment of the Holy Spirit isn't primarily about gifts, or speaking in tongues- it's about being an effective witness of Jesus. The more accurately we represent Jesus with our actions and our words, the more effective we are at bringing His good news to a lost world.

Q . Which actions in your life best represent Jesus? Which ones least represent Him? How about words that best or least represent Him?

Q . Which areas in your community or your personal life need an accurate witness of Jesus the most?



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to empower believers. If you haven't been baptized in the Holy Spirit - ask Him to fill you! Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight for you where and how He needs you to represent Jesus to your world.



# SATAN'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

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### 1. POWER VERSE: John 10:10 [NIV] *"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy..."*

#### What's Up: "With God's Help, I Know I Can Stomp All Over Satan's Plan!"

This week, we start a brand new series called, "The Garden". In this series, we will look at the four characters involved in the first sin in the Garden of Eden: Satan, Adam, Eve, and God. In this lesson, we learn how to recognize the tricks of their enemy, Satan.

### 2. READ:

**Genesis 3:2-6** *"The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden. But God did say, 'You must not eat the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden. Do not even touch it. If you do, you will die.'"*

*"You will certainly not die," the serpent said to the woman. "God knows that when you eat fruit from that tree, you will know things you have never known before. Like God, you will be able to tell the difference between good and evil."*

*The woman saw that the tree's fruit was good to eat and pleasing to look at. She also saw that it would make a person wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. And he ate it. Then both of them knew things they had never known before."*



**Q.** Have you ever wanted to do something that you knew was wrong? (steal from the store, cheat on a test, etc.)

Satan has a plan to trap us into temptation and draw us into sin. Each day he sets traps to lure us into disobeying God. Sadly, many people do not realize this.



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

### 3. DISCUSSION:

**Q.** What are some temptations that people struggle with in this world?

**Q.** What are some temptations that you struggle with in your life?



We all face temptation. Some are tempted to lie. Others are tempted to disobey. Still others are tempted to cheat, steal, and hurt others.

If we are going to avoid temptation, we must be aware that Satan is out there. We must be constantly aware of the traps he's laid out for us. If we ever think "it could never happen to me, there's nothing to worry about," then we will likely fall into his trap.

Pray with your child that God will enable them to always be on guard and watching so that they do not fall into the devil's trap.