

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

HomeFront Magazine: A Spiritual Parenting Resource is a monthly magazine that gives your family ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in your home—setting aside sacred space in the midst of your active, everyday lives. Visit www.HomeFrontMag.com to subscribe to the print edition or to have a digital copy sent directly to your inbox.

GOD IS STRENGTH

Peter and John before Sanhedrin

Acts 4

Because Peter and John were preaching about Jesus' resurrection, the religious leaders put them in jail. God gave His apostles strength to speak boldly and the gospel spread even further after Peter and John were released.

JUST FOR FUN

Gather together in a room of your house. You might want to sit together on the floor or all in one area instead of spread out among the furniture. Read **Acts 4:31–35** aloud. Spend some time praying for God to give you strength this week to tell others about Him and to share with others in need. When the apostles went out filled with God's power, amazing things happened in the Church and many new people believed!

REMEMBER VERSE

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
Romans 10:13

DID YOU KNOW?

- Acts 4 begins a series of confrontations between the apostles and Jewish religious leaders.
- The religious group called the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection and that is why they were upset about Peter and John's teaching.
- The Holy Spirit gave Peter strength to speak boldly about Jesus.

DEVELOPMENT

Sharing is a big deal to young children, especially when welcoming others into their own home and space. The next time you have company, prepare your children by asking God together to give them strength to love others by sharing what they have.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **What's your favorite thing about this part of The Big God Story?**
- **Who do we know that's in need right now?**
- **What do you need strength to do this week?**

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you remember that God is with you always and He will give you strength.**