

FAMILY RESOURCE FOR THIS WEEK:

BIG IDEA: Loving God is obeying God

READ ACTS 4:1-4

Why did the priests put Peter & John in jail?
Who wants you to be quiet about Jesus?
Spend an hour with a tape/bandaid over your mouth.

READ ACTS 4:5-12

Make up a skit about what Peter & John had done.
(see Acts 3:1-12)

READ ACTS 4:13-17

What problem do the priests have?
Draw a picture with an elephant hidden in it.

READ ACTS 4:18-20

What would you have said?
Make up a cheer about listening and obeying God.

READ ACTS 4:21-22 & 29-31

What happened because Peter and John
said "yes" to God?
Draw a picture of something you do each day.
When you put yourself in the picture,
put a star on your chest.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Go, stand in the _____ courts," he said,
"and tell the _____ the full _____ of this _____ life."
Acts 5:20

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE FOR THIS WEEK:

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 4
John 14:21
John 15:10-14
Matthew 28:18-20
Mark 12:28-31
Galatians 5:14
1 John 4:19-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What did Peter and John believe that gave them the courage to stand up against the religious authorities? What impresses the religious authorities the most? What do all the followers of Jesus pray for? How do they begin their prayer? How does that change the attitude and content of their prayer?

Share a time when you were commanded to do something. How do you normally react when you are commanded to do something? When are you most likely to do what you have been commanded to do? When are you least likely to do what you have been commanded to do? What would you do if you were told that you could not speak the name of Jesus outside of the church building or your own home? Why would you do that?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for the purpose He gives to your life.
Ask God to help you see opportunities around you to share His love.
Thank Him for second chances.
Put your fear in His hands.