## Kidz World's Church at Home '30 DAYS OF PRAYER' – The Power House!

## FUN TIME: "Where's the Power?"

What You Will Need: A remote control toy or a TV remote

What You Will Do: Take the batteries out of the remote control. Encourage your children to play with the toy without telling them you've removed the batteries. Of course, they will have something to say about how the toy is not working. Encourage them to try & play with it anyway, move it by hand or actually get up and change the station on the TV. Let them grumble a little and then tell them to (or you) check the remote. All it needed was some batteries in order to function the way it was designed to function. It needed power!

Begin to compare how hard it was to work & enjoy the toy because it didn't have any batteries with how hard our lives are without the power God gives us through His Spirit. Holy Spirit is the Power House for us!

## **BIBLE TIME:**

Today we're going to talk about 'Praying in the Spirit. When we first receive Jesus as our Savior, we all receive Holy Spirit living on the inside of us. That's awesome, but we need His power to be on us too. This gives us the power to really get things done. Like the toy, you can have power (batteries) on the inside and do a little something but it will be harder. But when you get the power in the remote control, you really get to see what can be done. When we receive Holy Spirit upon us and begin praying in the Spirit, we will really get to see what God can do through us! He'll give us direction and the power to do what God needs us to do. Let's look at our Bible story where we see this power in action.

READ: Acts 2:1-40; Romans 8:25-26

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them



- 1. What happened to the people after they were filled with Holy Spirit?
- 2. Who did God say He was going to pour His Spirit on? Does that include you?
- 3. Who gave Peter the power to speak such powerful words to the crowd?
- 4. How many people received Jesus that day?
- 5. What does Holy Spirit do for us when we pray?

<u>REAL TIME:</u> Praying in the Spirit is simply allowing Holy Spirit to give you direction when you pray. This may include praying in other tongues (Heavenly language) like they did in our Bible story or praying with your understanding. That means praying in English or another language you already know. **Read 1 Corinthians 14:15 (NIV).** According to this verse, we are to do both.

While you're praying, Holy Spirit may tell you to stop and pray for something else. He may give you a Scripture to speak over a person while you're praying for them in other tongues (your heavenly language). Then you pray with your understanding. You can pray at all times and should pray all the time. But you need to take time to slow down too and allow Holy Spirit to direct you more effectively. From what we read in Romans 8, Holy Spirit knows exactly what needs to be done and what needs to be said. So, let's allow Him to direct our prayers now.

<u>PRAYER TIME:</u> "Father God, thank You for the power You give us through Your Spirit. Holy Spirit, pray through us now and we receive Your direction for who, what and how to pray. Thank You for helping us! In Jesus' Name, amen!"

"...I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding..."

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