



SECTION 1

LESSON 1:

Can I Get a Witness?

Unit 3 | Go and Tell | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR
QUEST PARENTS

UNIT VERSE:

MATT 28:19-20a

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

SECTION VERSE:

ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere— in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (NLT)



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ACTIVITIES

Ask God to show you how you can be a good witness to your friends and family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is the one thing you learned from today's message?
- What is a witness? What do they do or talk about?
- ★ What makes a good witness?
- ★ What makes a bad witness?



PARENT DEVOTIONAL

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Can I Get a Witness?

What makes for an effective witness in a court of law? Honesty, consistency, clarity, genuineness and the power to convince. Before you testify to what the Lord has done for all who would believe and for you personally, ask yourself the following questions - Am I honest about what my condition was before Christ and the struggles with sin and trials that I still experience? Is there a consistency between my words and the testimony of my life? Do I speak the truth of Christ clearly, not with fancy words but as one who has first hand knowledge of the gospel? Do I speak the truth like a real person would or am I stilted and canned like I'm reading from a tract? If you answered yes to these questions you may think you've got everything it takes to be an effective witness. Think again! The apostle Paul nails this one in his first letter to the church in Corinth when he said,

"I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power."

The power to convince. In a court of law persuasive words, just the right clothes, an angelic face, or personal charisma might be enough power to convince a jury. Not so the gospel. The ability of a Christian witness to convince the unsaved is not found in the flesh but rather in the power of God Himself, "because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction...you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 1:5 & 6b). Absent the power of God, our witness falls on deaf ears. Let us do our part with excellence and also implore God to unleash His power through our testimony.

Remember Jesus doesn't ask us to be his witnesses. It isn't a request, it's a command, and we'd do well to remember that. Jesus said, "and you *WILL* be my witnesses..."
(Acts 1:8)

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Matt 10:17-19 | John 1:6-8
Acts 22:14-16 | Acts 5:31-33 |
Prov 14:5 | John 3:10-12
Acts 20:24 | 1 Jn 4:14 | 2 Tim 1:8