



WEEK OF AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

“Leverage Your Influence for the Glory of Jesus!”

A Guide for Talking to Your Kids About Being a Godly Influence

DAY 1:

-  **Read** – Acts 6:5, Ephesians 5:18-20
-  **Do** – The Bible says that Stephen was “full of faith and of the Holy Spirit”. In this case, “full” means full to the brim! Fill a cup with water from the kitchen sink. Fill it to the very top! Now, hold the cup and let your kids bump into you. What happens? The water spills out on everything around you!
In the same way, when we are full of the Holy Spirit, that naturally “spills out” onto everything around us. Being filled with the Spirit means being more like Jesus, like by “speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:19). Discuss how each member of your family can encourage someone in Christ this week.
-  **Pray** – Thank God for His gift of salvation, and ask Him to fill you with His Spirit.

DAY 2:

-  **Read** – 1 Timothy 4:12
-  **Do** – Acts 7:1-53 shows that Stephen knew God’s Word—even better than the Jewish High Priest! To be a godly influence, we must know the Bible and share the truth. As a family, memorize 1 Timothy 4:12 and commit to sharing it with someone this week.
-  **Pray** – Pray that your family will grow to know and love God’s Word more and more.

DAY 3:

-  **Read** – Acts
-  **Do** – No one will be positively influenced for Jesus if we don’t have the courage to stand for Him, even when it costs us. Parents, talk to your kids about specific situations they might face this week or this school year when they will need to stand firm on the truth of God’s Word. Pray over your kids to stand firm in every situation. Consider setting a landmark on your way to school (or somewhere else you go regularly) to remind you to pray out loud for them every day.
-  **Pray** – Pray for your family to be full of the Holy Spirit, to know God’s Word, and to have the courage to stand firm. Pray for your family and our church to make a difference in Collierville for God’s Kingdom!

