

Days 225-231 - Readings: New Testament +

Day	Reading	Family Focus
225	Acts 4	Acts 4:7-12
226	Acts 5	Acts 5:17-32
227	Acts 6	Acts 6:1-7
228	Acts 7	Acts 7:30-42
229	Acts 8	Acts 8:26-40
230	Deuteronomy 18	Deuteronomy 18:14-18
231	day off	

Look for this:

- **Acts 4:** How the church prayed for boldness when threatened
- **Acts 5:** How Peter obeyed God over the commands of men
- **Acts 6:** How the church ensured all widows were cared for
- **Acts 7:** How the Jewish leaders responded to Stephen
- **Acts 8:** What the Ethiopian was doing when Stephen met him
- **Deuteronomy 18:** Compare Deut 18:15-18 to Acts 7:37

Tips:

- Christ told the church in Jerusalem to take the gospel to Judea, neighboring Samaria, and to Gentiles around the world (Acts 1:8). Unfortunately, the church did not do this **willingly**. So God allowed **persecution** to arise (8:1-3) which caused them to flee Jerusalem and take the gospel to Samaria (8:4-5) and to the Gentiles (11:19-20) as Christ originally desired.
- The martyrdom of Stephen marks the official Jewish rejection of the renewed offer of the Kingdom of God.
- As the early church grows, notice the **growing pains** associated with such rapid growth.

- Notice the various times when people are “**filled with the Spirit**” that they then “**speak the word with boldness.**”