

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: Read Acts 4:1-14 and discuss it with your student. Ask him or her what verse 11 means. Specifically, what is a cornerstone and why is it such a crucial piece in a structure or building? Then ask, where is salvation found? (v. 12)

Read verse 13 aloud and let it be a challenge, for both you and your son or daughter. Sometimes we may feel untrained and uneducated, like Peter and John, but we need to remember that, as Christians we have the power of the Holy Spirit. If we seek and ask Him, He will give us the boldness to share the gospel with others. Pray with your student, asking God to embolden him or her and for the Holy Spirit to give him or her the words to share the gospel.

CENTRAL TRUTH

Believers can depend upon the Holy Spirit to speak through them when they are challenged by those who deny that salvation comes through Jesus alone.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** The council of the Sanhedrin included some of those who had Jesus crucified had Peter and John thrown in jail for proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. Game over, right? No, in fact, thousands more people were reached by the gospel even as they hauled Peter and John away. It is never a failure to share your faith. Rather, it is a failure to never share your faith. Just as the Holy Spirit filled Peter and John and allowed them to speak words that were beyond their education level and training, the Holy Spirit can fill you today. Just as the man standing by Peter and John was living proof of the healing power of Jesus' name, let your testimony stand as indisputable proof of the gospel. Be bold!
- › **Memorize:** Acts 4:12
- › **Pray:** Praise the name of Jesus. Give Him glory for the way He empowered Peter and John beyond their years, and ask Him to do the same in your speech. Ask Him to have His kingdom come and His will done on earth as it is in heaven when you stand for the gospel. Pray in faith, believing that God will provide you with the boldness you need if you should stand alone. Thank God for His forgiveness and extend the same grace to every person who has ever wronged you.