



**On Fire for God (Jeremiah 20:7-9, Revelation 3:15)  
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**Are you on fire for God?**

Now Pashhur the son of Immer, the priest who *was* also chief governor in the house of the Lord, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things. **Jeremiah 20:1 NKJV**

Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that *were* in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord. **Jeremiah 20:2 NKJV**

O Lord, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me. **Jeremiah 20:7 NKJV**

For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted, "Violence and plunder!" Because the word of the Lord was made to me A reproach and a derision daily. **Jeremiah 20:8 NKJV**

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## God draws us close to set us on fire for Him

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For our God is a consuming fire. **Hebrews 12:29 NKJV**

And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" **Luke 24:32 NKJV**

## People on fire for God will receive criticism

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Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets. **Luke 6:26 NKJV**

## People on fire for God cannot remain silent

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Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV**

## Are you on fire for God?

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. **Revelation 3:15 NKJV**

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. **Revelation 3:18 NKJV**

## This Week's [New Testament + Reading Plan](#):

1. *Acts 24*
2. *Acts 25*
3. *Acts 26*
4. *Acts 27*
5. *Acts 28*
6. *Isaiah 26*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

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In this series, we will learn the story of Abraham and Sarah, plus all of their kids, and their grandkids! God had blessed Abraham with a huge family! We will learn of how special God made families.

**Memory Verse:** “God made families.” Genesis 1:26a (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Made Families, and He Made My Family, Too.

**Parent Connect:** Tell your toddler that they used to be a baby too when God made them and added them to your family. Show them pictures of when they were a baby. Using the craft they made or a favorite baby doll show them how to care for their baby and help them practice. Ask them “Who made you?” and “Who made our family?” (God).



In this series, we will learn how trusting in the Lord will lead us on the right path. We will see how Joseph went through many trials that God turned from bad into good!

**Memory Verse:** “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all ways, submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

**Heart of the Lesson:** Joseph’s Coat and Slavery – Genesis 37

**Parent Connect:** Today in our story we learned of Joseph and his brothers. We learned about the bad things that happened to Joseph when his brothers felt jealous of him. Play a game with kid all about different emotions; happy, sad, jealous, confusion, etc. Each person takes a turn acting out an emotion and the other person guesses what it is.



When Jesus comes to live in your heart, it changes you. His love lights a fire inside that we can’t contain. His fire is contagious. It wants to grow and burn brighter and brighter. In this series, we will discover what it looks like to be on fire for God and how we can share this powerful love in our neighborhoods to the ends of the earth.

**Memory Verse:** His word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it!" Jeremiah 20:9b

**Heart of the Lesson:** On Fire For God - Luke 24:13-49

**Parent Connect:** When we talk about being on fire for God, we are talking about an invisible spiritual fire burning inside of us. This fire is the presence of God in us. The fire gives us our love for Jesus, our desire to follow Him, and our love and care for others because of Him. Talk to your kids about different ways we can feed the fire in us.



During our You Asked For It series, we will be answering questions that YOU, the students of G56, have asked! In small groups, you will discover what the Bible says about the question, and then discuss with the whole group what you found out!

**Memory Verse:** “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

**Heart of the Lesson:** Why did Jesus die for us, imperfect people? Revelation 4:8, Psalm 99:9, Psalm 18:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:23-28, 1 John 5:11-13, Titus 1:2

**Parent Connect:** Write a verse that reminds you of God’s gift of salvation with an expo marker on your mirror. Every time you see it, thank God for sending Jesus to save us.

## SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

# ON FIRE

Sharing the Good News with our neighbors, city, & world



You might hear people say they are “on fire” when they are really passionate about something. If you were literally on fire, you would respond immediately! Being figuratively “on fire” is similar. When we are “on fire” for Jesus, we respond immediately by sharing His love with others! This series, we’re looking at what it means to be “on fire” for Jesus, and what that means for our neighbors, our city, and our world!

**Memory Verse:** “But then your message burns in my heart. It’s like a fire deep inside my bones. I’m tired of holding it in. In fact, I can’t.” Jeremiah 20:9b (NIRV)

**Heart of the Lesson:** If you’re on fire for God, you’ll be on fire for people (Jeremiah 20)

### Parents/Caregivers:

- Did Jeremiah stop sharing God’s message when it got hard? Why not?
- What is the message we must share with others?
- Is it easy or hard for you to want to share Jesus with others?
- What things has God done for you that you can share with others?