

Today's Promise (#31) — KJV

Isaiah 50:4–5, 7 "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back... For the Lord God will help me..."

♥ Apply the Promise!

God promises to give us the right words to say to people who are tired or sad. If we listen to Him every morning, He will help us be brave and unashamed as we witness!

Bible Story (Acts 8)

Philip was busy teaching people about Jesus in a large city. But one day, an angel of the Lord told him to leave the crowds and go down to a desert road. Philip did not argue or wait for a more important-looking job. He obeyed and started walking.

As he traveled along the quiet road, he saw an important man from Ethiopia riding in a chariot. This man had come to Jerusalem to worship God and was now returning home. As the chariot moved along, the man was reading from the book of Isaiah, but he did not understand what he was reading.

Then the Holy Spirit impressed Philip, "Go close to that chariot and stay near it." Philip ran to him and kindly asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man answered, "How can I understand unless someone explains it to me?" Then he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Philip began right where the man was reading. The verses spoke about Someone who would suffer like a lamb led to the slaughter. From that Scripture, Philip shared the good news about Jesus.

As the man listened, he understood that Jesus was the Saviour. Soon they came to water, and the Ethiopian asked, "Here is water. What would keep me from being baptized?" Afterward, he went on his way rejoicing.

Philip's story reminds us that witnessing often begins with simple obedience. We can ask God to guide us to people who are searching, listen carefully, speak kindly, and share Jesus from His Word. When we stay close to Christ, He can give us the right words at the right time.

True Story

In 2017, an eight-year-old boy named Noah was eating breakfast with his mother at a Denny's restaurant in Florida. Across the room, he noticed a police officer sitting alone.

The officer had just finished a very long, difficult shift and was feeling deeply tired. Noah admired the officer and felt a gentle nudge in his heart to do something kind for him.

He was only a child, but he did not need to preach a sermon to share encouragement. He simply used what he had.

Noah asked his mother if he could pay for the officer's breakfast using his own allowance money. Then, he took the restaurant receipt and carefully wrote a short, sweet message on the back.

He included the Bible verse Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Noah felt a little nervous, but he walked over and gently handed the receipt to the officer.

When the policeman read the note, his eyes filled with tears. He was so touched by the boy's kindness that he carried that small piece of paper with him every single day.

Noah's simple act reminds us that witnessing does not always begin with big, impressive words. Sometimes, it begins with just noticing someone who is weary, showing kindness, and sharing one sweet promise from God.

When we stay close to Jesus, He helps us see the people around us who need encouragement. He can teach us to speak kindly, give cheerfully, and share His wonderful love in very simple ways!

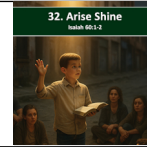
Discussion Questions:

- Why did God ask Philip to go to a lonely desert road instead of staying in the busy city?
- What did eight-year-old Noah write on the back of the receipt for the tired police officer?
- Is there someone in your neighborhood or at your classes who looks like they could use a kind word or a story about Jesus today?

Activity:

Write a "word in season" (a short Bible verse or "Jesus loves you") on several small pieces of paper. Have the children hide them in "secret" places around the room or house where someone who might be having a hard day (like a parent, a teacher, or a tired sibling) will find them later! Explain that just like Philip and Joe, we are God's messengers, and He will give us the perfect words to share at just the right time.

Witnessing — Day 2



 Listen to
Scripture Song:



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Isaiah 60:1–2 "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

Apply the Promise!

Even when the world feels very dark, Jesus has placed His beautiful light inside your heart! God promises that when you boldly shine His love, others will see it and want to follow Him too.

Bible Story (John 1)

John the Baptist was preaching near the river when he saw Jesus passing by. He pointed at Him and announced that Jesus was the promised Savior.

A young fisherman named Andrew heard this and immediately followed Jesus. Andrew spent the whole day talking with Him and listening to His wonderful words.

By the time the sun went down, Andrew's heart was filled with the beautiful light of God's truth. He felt certain that he had finally found the Messiah.

Instead of keeping this good news to himself, Andrew knew exactly what he had to do. He did not try to preach to a large crowd or stand on a street corner shouting.

He simply went to the one person he loved most—his brother, Simon. Andrew hurried away and searched until he found him.

He did not use complicated words; he just excitedly said, "We have found the Christ!" Andrew took his brother by the hand and personally led him to meet Jesus.

When Jesus looked at Simon, He gave him a new name, Peter, which means "rock." Peter would go on to be a courageous leader in the early church, helping thousands of people find God's light.

But it all started because his quiet brother, Andrew, was willing to share the truth with just one person. Andrew demonstrated that the brightest light often spreads by simply bringing one friend to Jesus.

True Story

In 1999, a high school student named Rachel Scott wanted her life to be a light for Jesus. She believed that sharing God's love did not have to be complicated. It could begin with noticing people who felt lonely and choosing to show them kindness.

At school, Rachel tried to care about people others might ignore. If she saw a new student sitting alone, she might sit with them. She wanted her words and actions to help people feel seen, loved, and encouraged. Sometimes those choices were small, but they mattered. A smile, a kind word, or a seat at the lunch table could remind someone that they were not invisible. Rachel wanted people to feel the love of Jesus through the way she treated them.

For a school assignment, Rachel wrote about compassion. She believed that if one person went out of the way to show kindness, it could begin a chain reaction. One kind act could lead to another, and then another.

Rachel's life ended during the Columbine tragedy, but her witness did not end. Afterward, her family shared her writings and her message of compassion with others. Many students were encouraged to look for lonely people, speak kindly, and begin their own chain reaction of kindness.

Rachel's story reminds us that witnessing is not only speaking in front of a crowd. It is letting the love of Jesus shine through everyday choices. When we stay close to Christ, He can help us notice people who are hurting and give us simple ways to share His love.

Discussion Questions:

- Instead of preaching to a large crowd, who was the very first person Andrew shared the light with?
- What was Rachel Scott's special theory about showing compassion to just one person?
- How did the light of the gospel spread from just one sailor to thousands of people across the ocean?

Activity:

Bring a box of dominoes to class. Have the children help set them up in a long, branching line. Explain that the first domino is like Dawson Trotman or Andrew. Ask a child to knock over just the very first domino and watch how it eventually knocks down all the others. Explain that when we share Jesus with just one friend, it creates a chain reaction that can reach people we haven't even met!



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Matthew 5:14–16 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

♥ Apply the Promise!

Jesus makes you a bright light in a dark world. When you use your special talents to do truly kind things for others, people will see your good works and want to praise God too!

Bible Story (Acts 9)

In the seaside town of Joppa, there lived a woman named Dorcas. She loved Jesus, and His love showed in the way she cared for people around her.

Dorcas was not known as a great preacher. She did not stand in front of crowds or travel far away to teach. But she used the gift God had given her. With her needle and thread, she made coats and clothing for poor widows who needed help.

Every stitch was a quiet act of love. Dorcas noticed people who were cold, lonely, or in need, and she did what she could to bless them. Her quiet kindness made the widows feel remembered, cared for, and loved. Her kind works helped others see what the love of Jesus looked like in everyday life.

One day, Dorcas became sick and died. Her friends were heartbroken. They sent for Peter, and when he arrived, the widows stood around him crying. They showed him the coats and garments Dorcas had made for them.

Peter asked everyone to leave the room. Then he knelt down and prayed. God answered, and Dorcas was brought back to life.

News of this miracle spread through Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Dorcas's story reminds us that witnessing can happen through simple acts of love. We may not all preach sermons, but we can notice needs, use the gifts God has given us, and let His kindness shine through our hands. When we stay close to Jesus, even ordinary work can help others see His love.

True Story

In 2015, a college student named Rodney Smith Jr. was walking home when he noticed an elderly man struggling to push a lawnmower.

Rodney could have just kept walking, but he felt a gentle nudge in his heart to help. He stepped into the yard and kindly mowed the grass for him.

That simple act of kindness sparked an idea. Rodney realized that he did not need to be a famous speaker to witness for God. He could use an everyday chore to show God's love!

He started a personal mission to mow fifty lawns for free to help the elderly, the disabled, and single mothers in his town.

Word of his kindness quickly spread. Soon, Rodney started a special program called the "50 Yard Challenge" to encourage kids all over the world to do the same thing.

Thousands of children and teenagers joined in, grabbing their lawnmowers and rakes to help their neighbors for free. Every time they mowed a lawn, they were letting their light shine brightly in their communities.

The people who received this free help felt so loved and cared for. They could clearly see Jesus shining through these hardworking young helpers!

Rodney's story reminds us that witnessing is not only telling people about God's love. It is also showing His love in practical ways. When we stay close to Jesus, He can help us notice needs around us and use simple things—even a lawnmower—to bless someone else.

Discussion Questions:

- What special talent did Dorcas use to help the poor widows in Joppa?
- What everyday chore did Rodney use to help his neighbors and shine his light?
- Matthew 5:16 says people will see our "good works." What is one helpful chore or kind thing you can do today to show God's love to someone else?

Activity:

Have the children sit together and brainstorm one special "secret mission" of kindness they can do as a team this week. They might choose to help a neighbor (like pulling weeds or carrying groceries), a family member (like secretly cleaning the kitchen), or a teacher (like making a giant thank-you poster). Once they agree on a mission, write it down, pray over it, and make a plan to accomplish it together!

Witnessing — Day 4



🎵 Listen to
Scripture Song:



Today's Promise (#34) — KJV

Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Jeremiah 1:7-9 "...for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee ...Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth."

💖 Apply the Promise!

God commands us to share the good news with the entire world. Even if you feel too young or unqualified, God promises to give you the exact words and bravery that you need to go!

📖 Bible Story (Jeremiah 1)

Long ago, God spoke to a young man named Jeremiah. God had chosen him for a special work. He told Jeremiah that he was to be a prophet and share God's message with many nations.

Jeremiah felt afraid and unqualified. He cried out to the Lord, saying, "I cannot speak: for I am a child." He knew that being a prophet meant standing in front of kings and older leaders who might not want to listen.

He may have wondered, "What if I say the wrong thing? What if people are angry with me?" But God did not ask Jeremiah to be strong by himself. He gently told him not to say, "I am a child."

God knew exactly what made the young man nervous. He knew Jeremiah was afraid of people's looks, words, and reactions. God gave him a beautiful promise, saying, "Be not afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you."

Then, the Lord did something wonderful. He reached out His hand, touched Jeremiah's mouth, and said, "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." Jeremiah did not have to invent a perfect message or depend on his own wisdom.

His part was simply to listen, trust, and speak what God gave him. Jeremiah's story reminds us that witnessing does not depend on how old, brave, or clever we are. We do not have to make ourselves fearless before God can use us. When we abide in Him, He can give us the right words, the right spirit, and the courage to speak for Him. Our part is to trust Him and obey when He gives us a chance to share His truth.

☀️ True Story

When Katie Davis was in high school, she had a very comfortable, normal life. She was class president, homecoming queen, and had big plans to go to college. But Katie had a deep love for Jesus, and she wanted her life to be a bright witness for Him. She knew that true witnessing isn't just about what you say; it is about what you do.

In 2007, when Katie was just eighteen years old, she made a big decision. Instead of going straight to college, she traveled all the way to Uganda, Africa to teach kindergarten.

She thought she was only going for a short trip. But when Katie arrived, she saw hundreds of children who were hungry, sick, and could not afford to go to school. Her heart broke for them. She realized that witnessing to these children meant showing them Jesus' love in a real, physical way. She started a ministry to make sure the children had warm food and uniforms so they could go to school.

But Katie didn't stop there. When she found little girls who had no moms or dads to care for them, she didn't just give them food—she gave them a home. By the time she was twenty-three years old, Katie had actually adopted thirteen little girls and became their mother!

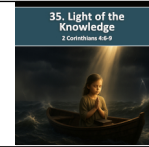
Katie didn't become a famous witness by standing on a giant stage with a microphone. She witnessed by feeding the hungry, hugging the lonely, and simply saying "yes" to whatever God asked her to do. Her incredible story reminds us that being a witness means letting Jesus use your hands and your heart to love the people right in front of you.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- What physical action did God take to prove He would give Jeremiah the exact words to say?
- How old was Katie Davis when she moved across the world to Uganda?
- Jeremiah used his age as an excuse. Have you ever felt too young or too ordinary to talk about Jesus? How does God's promise today help you feel braver?

🎨 Activity:

Give the children some finger paint and have them cover their palms. Have them press their hands firmly onto a piece of paper. When the paint dries, help them write "My hands can be a witness!" at the top. Talk about the many different ways our hands can share God's love without even saying a word—like making a meal, giving a hug, drawing a picture, or cleaning up a mess!



Today's Promise (#35) — KJV

2 Corinthians 4:6–9 "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;"

💖 Apply the Promise!

God puts His powerful light inside our ordinary hearts. Even when you feel weak or broken, He promises to shine through you so others can see His amazing power!

📖 Bible Story (2 Kings 5)

Far from her home in Israel, a little girl lived as a servant in the house of Naaman, the captain of the Syrian army. She had not chosen to be there. She had been taken away from her family and brought to a strange land.

It would have been easy for her heart to become bitter. She could have stayed silent and thought, These people are my enemies. Why should I help them? But this little maid still remembered the God of Israel. Even in a hard place, her faith had not died.

One day, she saw sorrow in Naaman's home. Naaman was an important man, but he had a terrible disease called leprosy. No one in Syria could heal him.

The little maid was only a child, but she knew something Naaman's family did not know. She knew there was a prophet of God in Israel. She believed the Lord was able to help. So she spoke a simple word of witness to Naaman's wife: "I wish my master could go to the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."

She did not preach a long sermon. She did not have power, money, or an important position. She simply shared the light God had given her.

Because of her witness, Naaman went to Israel, listened to God's prophet, and was healed. Her small words helped lead a suffering man to the true God.

The little girl reminds us that children can be witnesses too. When we stay close to God, He can help us speak kind, brave words of hope, even in places that feel difficult.

☀️ True Story

In the 1800s, a Sunday School teacher named Edward Kimball had a teenage student named Dwight Moody. Dwight worked in a shoe store in Boston. He was rough, uneducated, and did not seem like someone who would one day become a great preacher.

But Edward Kimball cared about him. He wanted Dwight to know Jesus personally, not just hear Bible lessons in class. One day, Edward felt impressed that he should go to the shoe store and talk with Dwight about giving his heart to Christ.

At first, Edward felt nervous. He wondered if he would say the wrong thing or if the moment would feel awkward. But he did not wait until he felt perfectly brave. He obeyed God's prompting and went to the store. He chose to care more about Dwight's soul than about his own nervous feelings.

Edward found Dwight in the back room, putting away shoes. There, in that ordinary place, Edward spoke kindly to him about Jesus and His love. His words were simple, but they came from a heart that cared.

That day, Dwight Moody gave his heart to Christ. Later, he became one of the most famous evangelists in the world, preaching to thousands of people and leading many to Jesus.

Edward Kimball's story reminds us that witnessing does not have to be loud or impressive. Sometimes it is one teacher, one student, one quiet conversation, and one step of obedience. When we stay close to Christ, He can help us notice one person who needs encouragement and give us courage to speak about His love.

💬 Discussion Questions:

- Who did God use to reach Naaman?
- Where did Edward Kimball go to talk to the teenage boy named Dwight?
- 2 Corinthians 4:7 says we are like "earthen vessels" (clay jars) holding a beautiful treasure. Why does God use ordinary, weak people like us to share His love?

🎬 Activity:

Bring a small, plain clay pot or an ordinary cardboard box to class. Put a bright flashlight or battery-operated candle inside. Explain that the pot is just ordinary dirt and not very special on the outside. But when the bright light shines from inside it, it becomes beautiful! Explain that we are just ordinary people (earthen vessels), but Jesus puts His amazing treasure of light inside our hearts so the whole world can see His power.