

## Can't Help but Speak

**Parents:** I'm sure there have been times in your life when you have been particularly amazed at God. God is with us all the time and always provides for us, but there can be times when we really notice and can't help but tell people about it! After Jesus left the earth and went back into heaven, the disciples were filled by the power of the Holy Spirit, and even in the face of opposition, they couldn't help but talk about all the amazing things they had seen and heard.

**Read:** Acts 4:13-20 *"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name." Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.""*

**Discuss:** What amazing thing happened to you that made you want to tell everyone about it? *Ex: Got to have a big birthday party, parents built you a playhouse, or you play with a friend.*

Who was the first person you wanted to tell? *Ex: Dad, mom, grandpa, grandma, sibling, friend.*

What amazing story do you have to share about God? *Ex: Personal story about God, or Jesus died on the cross and rose again so we can go to heaven.*

With whom do you want to share this story? *Ex: Friends, Family, Neighbors, Everyone* 🧡

### Key Point: God Gives us Courage to Speak about Him.

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To Speak About Him

(Point up to heaven)  
(Cup hands together by your mouth)

**Family Activity:** The disciples couldn't help but speak about all the things they had seen Jesus do and say! We all have that great story to share. How can you share this good news with others this week? Why not paint a rock to hide in your neighborhood? You can put a cross on it, a heart, or write God loves you. Let's share the news of Jesus with others.

**Prayer:** Thank you God for filling us up with the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to be like the disciples who couldn't help but speak about God's love and all the things they had seen and heard.

**Next Steps:** Color the passage picture below and say it out loud as you color it.

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