

# HEART CONNEX

*Truth Flowing from One Generation to the Next— Through Strong Heart Connections*

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*Dabbling with Darkness*—Richard Ross, Ph.D.

**1. Heart Surprise (Today a parent goes first):** When it's your turn, say: **I'm still learning to overcome some of the things that scare me. But one fear I have gotten past recently is . . .**

Something from the *Heart Surprise* I want to remember:

**2. Read Scripture:** Acts 19:11-16

### **Truth**

- God intends for us to serve Him, not evil spirits.

### **Untruths**

- Evil spirits really don't exist.
- If spirits do exist, they're either friendly or harmless.
- It's OK to experiment with "dark" things as long as it doesn't get out of hand.

**3. Explore Scripture:** Write what you want to remember about the Scriptures.

**4. Think It Through:** Share that you are going to identify some actions that might lead us to dabble with evil things. Ask family members to say "Dabbling" or "Not Dabbling" after you read each item:

- *Playing with a Ouija board.*
- *Making decisions about the future based on your horoscope.*
- *Praying to anyone or anything but God.*
- *Experimenting with magic formulas and spells.*
- *Supporting superstitious ideas and beliefs.*

Say: **Experimenting with evil and dark things can be very tempting if we are not focused on honoring God with all of our actions.**

**5. Nail It Down:** A parent will lead this step.

**6. Pray:** Include the following in your prayer: Dear God, help us trust Your Word and keep us from experimenting with evil.

**7. Blessing:** Listen as your parent blesses the family.

**Teen Tip:** Go to your parents and ask if they think time passes faster than it did when they were kids. Ask them to explain their answer to the question. Tell them you appreciate their help and the fact that they listen to and care for you.