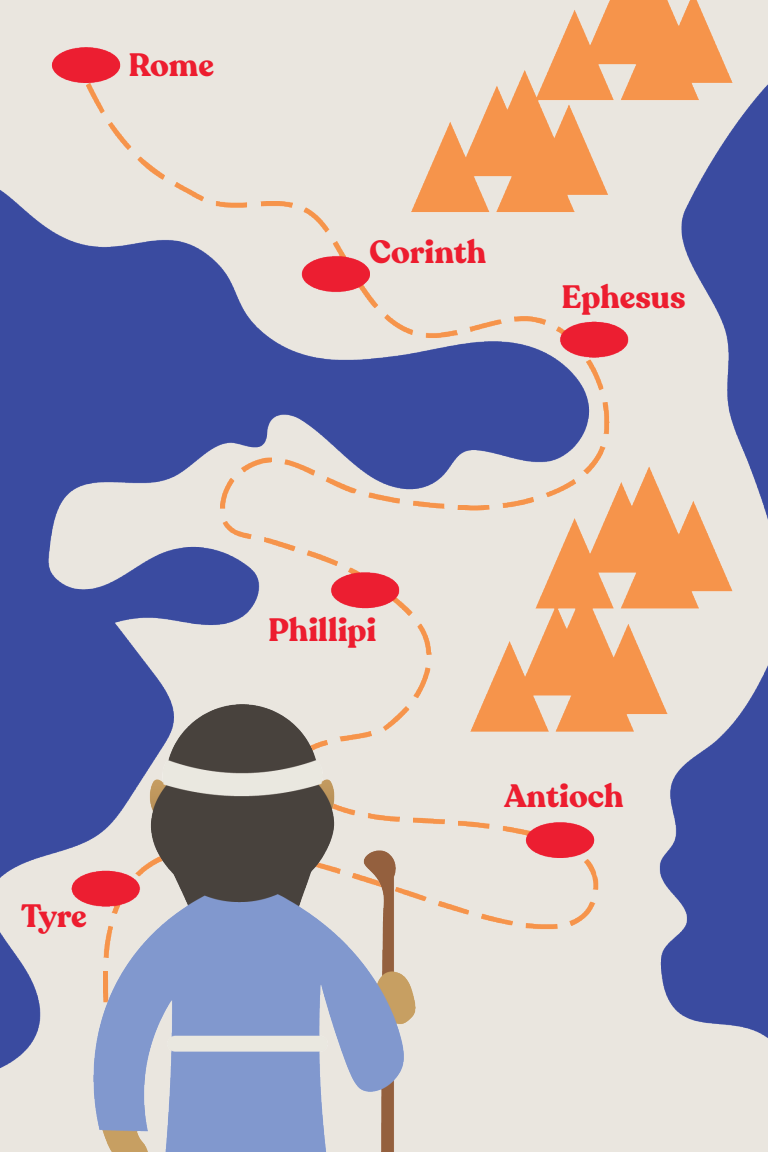


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SERMON SERIES
CHILDREN'S COMPANION

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DEAR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS,

Although the book of Acts isn't what your kids are learning in Crossing Kids on Sunday mornings this fall, we think there is beauty to your whole family learning something at the same time. Therefore, we created this Acts sermon series children's companion! Our hope is that you'll take the knowledge you gain from the Acts sermon series and talk about it with the children in your home. We know it can be overwhelming trying to decide what or how to teach your children, so we've curated passages from scripture and bible story videos that we hope will be accessible to kids of all ages in order to come alongside and support you as parents and caregivers.

Each card in this series will follow along with the Acts sermon series and Acts workbook you were given. Each week you'll read a passage of scripture and be prompted to discuss some questions with the children in your home. Most weeks you'll also use a video (access via the QR code on the card) to give kids an overview of that week's scripture passages.

We pray this short study will help your family learn how God started his Church, how the Holy Spirit enabled people to believe, and how you can be part of furthering God's kingdom today.

-The Crossing Kids Team

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

1. Set aside 5-10 minutes each week to use this study with your family. There is one card per week.
2. Read the front of the card to your children to help them understand what happened in the book of Acts.
3. Flip the card over to read the scripture and scan the QR code to watch the featured video.
4. Discuss what you've learned using the questions provided on the card.



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CHAPTER 1

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

Have you ever wondered what happened right after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven? If so, then you should read the book of Acts! It tells the story of the beginning of God's Church, shows us the power of the Holy Spirit, and helps us understand how the first Christians lived. In the book of Acts, we can learn about the history of the Church and to help us know how we can further God's kingdom in our lives today!

Read the facts about Acts below, then flip this card over and scan the QR code to see how our story begins. When you've finished, use the questions provided to help your family discuss what you've learned.

FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF ACTS

Who wrote the book of Acts? *Luke*

Who will we meet in this story? *Peter, Stephen, Paul, and more!*

When did this happen? *Between 30 and 61 A.D.*

Where did this happen? *In many cities throughout the Roman Empire*



CHAPTER 1

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

Then the apostles gathered around Jesus and asked him a question. "Lord," they said, "Are you going to give the kingdom back to Israel now?" He said to them, "You should not be concerned about times or dates. The Father has set them by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria. And you will even tell other people about me from one end of the earth to the other." After Jesus said this, he was taken up to heaven. The apostles watched until a cloud hid him from their sight. -Acts 1:6-9

WATCH: *Jesus's Ascension by Saddleback Kids*



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What would it have been like to be with the disciples when they watched Jesus ascend into heaven?
- Jesus told his disciples they would receive power from the Holy Spirit. What do you know about the Holy Spirit? *God's spirit convicts us of sin, helps us further God's mission, dwells in those who trust in Jesus Christ.*
- Do you think the disciples believed Jesus? Why or why not?

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CHAPTER 2

PENTECOST & BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

Do you remember what Jesus promised his disciples in Acts chapter 1? He promised them they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. He then told them that the power of the Holy Spirit would come on them and that they would be his witnesses to all the earth. This would have been incredible to hear, and maybe even a little confusing. If we learn anything about God in his Word, the bible, it's that the things he says will happen always do. So, guess what? Only a few days after Jesus made his promise the disciples received the power of the Holy Spirit just like he said they would! What would this have been like? We'll read and watch a video about it this week.

Flip this card over to read this week's scripture and watch a video retelling the story of Acts chapter two. As you watch be thinking of how God was with his people even though Jesus no longer walked on earth. Then, answer the family discussion questions.



CHAPTER 2

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers gathered in one place. Suddenly a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like fire in the shape of tongues. The flames separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. -Acts 2:1-4a

The believers studied what the apostles taught. They shared their lives together. They ate and prayed together. Everyone was amazed at what God was doing. They were amazed when the apostles performed many wonders and signs. All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. They sold property and other things they owned. They gave to anyone who needed something. Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. They ate meals together in their homes. Their hearts were glad and sincere. They praised God. They were respected by all the people. Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. -Acts 2:42-47

WATCH: *God Sends the Holy Spirit* by Saddleback Kids



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- According to the verses you read, what did the people in the church do? (Re-read Acts 2:42-47 for examples)
- Are there things we still do that are similar? What are things you enjoy doing with people in our church?
- What is one way you can help other people become part of God's Church?

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CHAPTER 3

PETER

If you learned about the time when Jesus was crucified, you've probably heard about a man named Peter. Peter was one of Jesus's disciples, but when Jesus was on trial and on the cross, Peter denied Jesus. Not just once, but three times! When Jesus rose from the dead he met with Peter, but instead of denying Jesus, this time Peter told him how much he loved him (Luke 21:15-19).

Peter's life changed because of Jesus, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter kept preaching and teaching about the gospel - the good news that Jesus is king! This week we'll learn how God used Peter to have a big impact on the early church.



CHAPTER 3

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold. But I'll give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and helped him up. At once the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. He went with Peter and John into the temple courtyards. He walked and jumped and praised God. All the people saw him walking and praising God. -Acts 3:6-9

So, turn away from your sins. Turn to God. Then your sins will be wiped away. The time will come when the Lord will make everything new. -Acts 3:19

WATCH: *Peter Heals a Beggar Who Can't Walk* by
Saddleback Kids



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What was the man who was healed hoping would happen, and what really did happen?** *He wanted money, but instead he was healed and started to walk.*
- **How would you have responded to God if you were the man who was healed or if you were someone who watched it happen?**
- **In verse 19, what did Peter want the crowd to know about forgiveness?** *He wanted them to turn away from sin and turn toward God for forgiveness of sins.*

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CHAPTER 4

PETER'S WORK CONTINUES

Have you ever had to tell your grown-ups the truth even though it meant someone else would get in trouble? Sometimes we must do the right thing, even if others disagree. Peter and John knew their job was to tell others about Jesus even when they were told not to!

In Acts 4:8-12 Peter was filled with God's Spirit and told the rulers and elders in the town about Jesus dying and rising from the dead, and about how salvation only comes through Jesus. He was boldly confessing to others that Jesus is the Messiah, the Forever King! But this made the rulers and the elders angry, and they commanded Peter and John "not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus." What do you think they did? Turn the card over and read the summary of Acts 4 to find out.



CHAPTER 4

READ

Read the summary from Acts 4:19-37 below.

After Peter and John healed the man who couldn't walk people were praising God for what had happened. The rulers and elders couldn't figure out how to punish Peter and John, so they let them go. Then, Peter and John went back to their own people and told them how they had been commanded not to talk about Jesus. Together they prayed, "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." -Acts 4:29

Peter and John didn't want to get the glory from healing and teaching; they wanted all glory to be given to God and his son, Jesus. After they prayed the bible tells us that they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **How was God continuing to grow his church in this week's scripture passages?** *Many praised God when the man had been healed, He worked through the rulers and elders to let Peter and John go, His Spirit came upon the people to boldly tell others about Jesus.*
- **What makes you nervous when it comes to telling others about Jesus? How can you ask God's Spirit to help you?**

This week, spend time praying for the members in your family to be filled with God's Spirit as they tell others about Jesus. You could also spend a few days reading through all of Acts chapter 4 together.

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CHAPTER 5

THE APOSTLES PERSECUTED

Trying to follow God's commandment to tell others about Jesus and help others follow him is a really big deal. There is no way thousands of people would have believed so quickly without the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus's disciples knew early on that things wouldn't be easy. As we read last week, people commanded the disciples not to speak to anyone in Jesus's name!

When Jesus was still on earth, he told his disciples that one day they would all be scattered. He told them that in this world they would have trouble. But do you know what else Jesus told them? He told them to take heart because he had overcome the world (*John 16:32-33*). Although the people of God had not yet scattered, they were already experiencing suffering for preaching the Gospel of Jesus to others. But as Jesus had promised, they had a helper, the Holy Spirit, to work in and through them.



CHAPTER 5

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

Peter and the other apostles replied, "We must obey God instead of people! You had Jesus killed by nailing him to a cross. But the God of our people raised Jesus from the dead. Now Jesus is Prince and Savior. God has proved this by giving Jesus a place of honor with him. He did it to turn Israel away from their sins and forgive them. We are telling people about these things. And so is the Holy Spirit. God has given the Spirit to those who obey him." -Acts 5:29-32

WATCH: *The Apostles and the High Council* by Saddleback Kids



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Why would the rulers and officials have been jealous that Jesus's followers were telling others about him?** *They didn't want to lose power, they didn't believe the truth about Jesus.*
- **How was God at work in this week's story?** *He got the apostles out of jail, his Spirit worked through Peter to boldly talk to the High Priest, he continued to help his apostles teach others that Jesus is the Messiah every day.*
- **What do you believe about Jesus? What do you want others to know about him?**

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CHAPTER 6:1-7

THE ANOINTING

As the early church grew and more and more people believed in Jesus as their savior and king, it became harder for the first leaders to serve everyone equally. So, the disciples gathered and told the people to choose seven people from among them to help lead in the church. But they didn't want just anyone. Acts 6:3 says:

"They must be known as men who are wise and full of the Holy Spirit."

It was important that the leaders be people who followed God so that his Spirit could work through them to serve the church. This week your family is going to do something a little different when you flip the card over. You'll look at the book of 1 Timothy and write down what it says about people who are leaders in the church. The verses you read will explain the traits that were needed for the people chosen in Acts 6. You'll hear about two types of leaders: overseers and deacons. An overseer of a church would be what we call a pastor. This person leads the church and teaches God's word. When the word "deacon" is used it describes someone who cares for the poor and has charge of money that is collected.



1 TIMOTHY 3:1-12

READ & TAKE NOTES

DIRECTIONS

Open your bible and read 1 Timothy 3:1-12 together. As you read, pause to write down traits the leaders needed to have in order to lead. You can divide your paper in two sections-the first half for overseers of a church, and the second for deacons.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- For verses 1-7: Why do you think it's important that leaders of a church are above-reproach (free from blame), self-controlled, respectable, able to teach, hospitable, etc.? *They are examples of Jesus; people need to be able to trust them.*
- For verses 8-13: Can you think of ways Jesus displayed these traits when he walked on earth? Can you think of anyone who shows them in your life today?
- Spend time praying for the pastors and leaders in your church. Pray that they would love God and others, and that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts and minds to display the traits you read about in 1 Timothy. Pray that they would not stray from the teachings of the bible.

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Congratulations! You've made it through several weeks of our study on Acts! Would you take a moment to give us feedback on how it's going? Simply scan the QR code below and answer three easy questions.



SCAN ME

Want to share more about how this study is helping your family spend time in God's Word? Feel free to email photos or videos of your family using this children's companion guide to abby@thecrossingchurch.com, or post them on social media and give us a shoutout!



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CHAPTERS 6 & 7

STEPHEN

Do you remember what happened in the beginning of the book of Acts? The Holy Spirit came upon the people. The Holy Spirit works in us to help us follow God and do his work. In this week's chapters we'll see the Holy Spirit work through a man named Stephen. Stephen was one of the leaders who had been chosen to care for the people in last week's verses. He performed miracles that showed God's strength. No matter what, he would not deny his belief in Jesus, and eventually, Stephen was killed for this belief.



CHAPTERS 6 & 7

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

Stephen was full of God's grace and power. He did great wonders and signs among the people. But members of the group called the Synagogue of the Freedmen began to oppose him. Some of them were Jews from Cyrene and Alexandria. Others were Jews from Cilicia and Asia Minor. They all began to argue with Stephen. But he was too wise for them. That's because the Holy Spirit gave Stephen wisdom whenever he spoke. Then in secret they talked some men into lying about Stephen. They said, "We heard Stephen speak evil things against Moses and against God." So, the people were stirred up. -Acts 6:8-12

WATCH: *The Life of Stephen-God's Story by Crossroads Kids Club*



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **How do we know Stephen was a follower of God?** Verse 8 says he was full of God's grace and power.
- **Why do you think the people were against him?** He was wiser than them (v.10), they may have been jealous, they weren't followers of Jesus, so they didn't understand that what Stephen was doing was from God.
- **How would you have reacted if you were trying to follow God and tell others about him but were instead being persecuted?** Has this ever happened to you?
- **What can help you stand firm and continue to believe God's Word?**

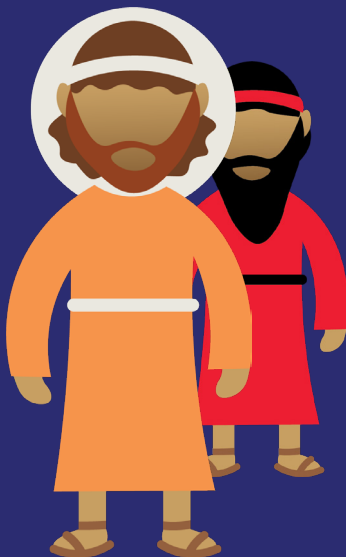
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CHAPTER 8:1-25

LET'S MEET PHILIP

After Stephen died, the first Christians were experiencing more and more persecution. This caused them to scatter throughout Judea and Samaria. Acts 8:4 says that those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. This week we'll meet a man named Philip. Philip was one of the people who had scattered. He performed signs and miracles and brought the people in Samaria great joy.

The video you'll watch this week helps tell the story of what it could have been like when Philip met a man named Simon while he was in Samaria. If the video is too long, you can read the story in Acts 8:9-25.



CHAPTER 8:1-25

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

Simon (who previously performed evil magic) watched as the apostles placed their hands on them. He saw that the Spirit was given to them. So, he offered money to Peter and John. He said, "Give me this power too. Then everyone I place my hands on will receive the Holy Spirit." Peter answered, "May your money be destroyed with you! Do you think you can buy God's gift with money? You have no part or share in this holy work. Your heart is not right with God. Turn away from this evil sin of yours. Pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. I see that you are very bitter. You are a prisoner of sin." Acts 8:18-23

WATCH: *Simon the Sorcerer by Bible Kids*



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **What did Simon the Sorcerer think he could do to receive the Holy Spirit? What is wrong with this way of thinking?** *Pay Peter and John money; This way of thinking makes it seem like we can bribe God.*
- **What does this week's bible passage tell us about those who receive God's Spirit?** *They've turned away from sin and turned toward God for forgiveness.*
- **Read Romans 6:23. What is special about how we get eternal life?** *It's a gift from God! We don't buy it, or earn it through being good.*

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CHAPTER 8:26-40

PHILIP'S MINISTRY

In the beginning of Acts 8 we met a man named Philip who preached about Jesus and performed miracles. Later in Acts 8, we learn of Philip's next assignment where he will meet an Ethiopian official. Acts 8:26 says:

"An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip. 'Go south to the desert road,' he said. 'It's the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.'"



CHAPTER 8:26-40

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

The official said to Philip, "Tell me, please. Who is the prophet talking about? Himself, or someone else?" Then Philip began with that same part of Scripture. He told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water. The official said, "Look! Here is water! What can stop me from being baptized?" He gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the official went down into the water. Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away. The official did not see him again. He went on his way full of joy. Philip was seen next at Azotus. From there he traveled all around. He preached the good news in all the towns. Finally, he arrived in Caesarea. -Acts 8:34-40

WATCH: *Philip and the Ethiopian* by Saddleback Kids



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How are the stories of Stephen and Philip similar? *Both preached the Gospel.*
- How do you know the Holy Spirit was at work in Philip's life? *He told him where to go, God caused him to meet the Ethiopian man, the Spirit was in him.*
- How is the important work Philip did of telling others that Jesus was the Messiah, the King, similar to the work we've been given to do today? *Hint: read Matthew 28:18-20; we can tell others about Jesus and live in a way that glorifies God no matter where we go to school or where we live.*

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CHAPTER 9:1-30

SAUL'S CONVERSION & ESCAPE

In Acts 8:3 we met a man named Saul. Saul (who we later know as Paul) was trying to destroy the church and was throwing followers of Jesus into jail. This man, Saul, was still trying to destroy the church when we get to Acts chapter 9. At the beginning of Acts 9 Saul is trying to get the high priest to join him in taking followers of Jesus prisoner. He was willing to do whatever it took to destroy the church! But God had a different plan for Saul. That's what we're going to hear about this week. Let's see how what is known as Saul's conversion began. Then on the back side of the card you'll see what happened after God changed Saul's heart and mind and brought him to belief in Jesus as the Messiah.

On his journey, Saul approached Damascus. Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground. He heard a voice speak to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you opposing me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus," he replied. "I am the one you are opposing. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there. They weren't able to speak. They had heard the sound. But they didn't see anyone. Saul got up from the ground. He opened his eyes, but he couldn't see. So, they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind. He didn't eat or drink anything. -Acts 9:3-9



CHAPTER 9:1-30

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

Right away he began to preach in the synagogues. He taught that Jesus is the Son of God. All who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Isn't he the man who caused great trouble in Jerusalem? Didn't he make trouble for those who worship Jesus? Hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" But Saul grew more and more powerful. The Jews living in Damascus couldn't believe what was happening. Saul proved to them that Jesus is the Messiah. -Acts 9:20-22

WATCH: *Paul's Ministry by Saddleback Kids*



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **How did God get Saul's attention?** *He blinded him and asked why he was persecuting him.*
- **How did God change Saul? How do you know?** *He helped him believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit worked in him to teach others the good news of Jesus.*
- **Sometimes people think there is no way some people would believe in Jesus, but with God, anything is possible!** Spend time talking about people who you want to know the good news of Jesus and pray for those people now.

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CHAPTER 9:31-40

THE CHURCH CONTINUES

After Saul's Conversion, Acts 9 tells us that the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. It also increased in numbers. Like Saul (also known as Paul), Peter continued to teach the good news that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, and continued to perform miracles to show that God was at work in the church.

This week we'll learn about Peter's role in the church, and how people came to know Jesus through him.



READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

In Joppa there was a believer named Tabitha. Her name in the Greek language is Dorcas. She was always doing good and helping poor people. About that time, she became sick and died. Her body was washed and placed in a room upstairs. Lydda was near Joppa. The believers heard that Peter was in Lydda. So, they sent two men to him. They begged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them. When he arrived, he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him crying. They showed him the robes and other clothes Dorcas had made before she died.

Peter sent them all out of the room. Then he got down on his knees and prayed. He turned toward the dead woman. He said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes. When she saw Peter, she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and especially the widows. He brought her to them. They saw that she was alive. This became known all over Joppa. Many people believed in the Lord. -Acts 9:40-42

WATCH: *Tabitha* by LifeKids



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **How did God work in the lives of the people in this week's story to help them know the power of Jesus?** *He brought Tabitha back to life through Peter.*
- **Why do you think God was doing such miraculous things during that time in church history?** *God used miracles and healings to show his power and to help the church grow in a special way.*
- **How does reading about all the people who began to trust in Jesus encourage your faith?**

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CHAPTERS 10 & 11

CORNELIUS & PETER

In the Old Testament the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, David, and others were for people in God's special family. These people, known as the Jewish people, or Jews, were promised a messiah and king. We learn in the New Testament that God sent his son, Jesus to be that promised Messiah, who would take away the sins of the whole world and will reign as King forever!

What is powerful about how God works is that he had a plan in mind, and his plan included bringing all who believe in Jesus into his special family. Let's learn about that this week!



CHAPTERS 10 & 11

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. Some Jewish believers had come with Peter. They were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. They heard them speaking in languages they had not known before. They also heard them praising God.

Then Peter said, "Surely no one can keep these people from being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." So, he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

-Acts 10:44-48

WATCH: *Peter Visited Cornelius* by The Gospel Project for Kids



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Why were the Jewish believers amazed?** *The Holy Spirit came even to the Gentiles!*
- **Gentiles were non-Jewish people. How does the Holy Spirit changing the hearts of the Gentiles impact the spread of the first church?** *It showed that the Gospel of Jesus was truly for all people all around the world! It allowed more people to know and trust in Jesus, and allowed people in more and more places hear the Gospel.*
- **God's word was being spread everywhere! Can you list how many cities we've heard about in the past few weeks where the Gospel was preached?** *Judea, Samaria, Gaza, Galilee, Joppa, etc.*

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CHAPTER 12:1-18

PETER & JAMES

As we've heard before, being a part of the first church wasn't always easy. People were physically hurt, even to the point of death, for believing in Jesus and others were thrown into jail. This week we'll learn that King Herod threw Peter in jail, but God had a different plan so that his Word could continue to spread.



CHAPTER 12:1-18

READ & WATCH

Read the verses below then scan the QR code for this week's video.

So, Peter was kept in prison. But the church prayed hard to God for him. It was the night before Herod was going to bring him to trial. Peter was sleeping between two soldiers. Two chains held him there. Lookouts stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared. A light shone in the prison cell. The angel struck Peter on his side. Peter woke up. "Quick!" the angel said. "Get up!" The chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." Peter did so. "Put on your coat," the angel told him. "Follow me." Peter followed him out of the prison. But he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening. He thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards. Then they came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself. They went through it. They walked the length of one street. Suddenly the angel left Peter.

Then Peter realized what had happened. He said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent his angel. He set me free from Herod's power. He saved me from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen." -Acts 12:5-11

WATCH: Slapstick Theater: Peter Escapes from Prison
by Saddleback Kids



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Who did Peter give credit to for his escape from jail?**
God! He said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent his angel."
- **What does this story tell you about God's faithfulness to have his Word taught throughout the world?**
- **How can your family be a part of helping others throughout the world know the love of Jesus?**

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CHAPTER 12:20-24

THE DEATH OF HEROD

Herod Agrippa was the king who ruled during the time we've been reading about. Herod had James the brother of John put to death (Acts 12:2) and is who put Peter in jail. Once Peter escaped, Herod was after him. We learn in Acts 12:23 that Herod would not give praise to God and ended up dying because of it. Our study ends with these words in Acts 12:24:

"But the word of God continued to spread and flourish."

The book of Acts doesn't end with these verses. In fact, it continues for several more chapters where you learn how Saul (also known as Paul) who once persecuted Christians continued to go more and more places to preach God's Word. This week we'll review all that we've learned and consider how we can be part of God's church today.



CHAPTER 12:20-24

WATCH

Scan the QR code for this week's video.

WATCH: *God's Story: Acts* by Crossroads Kids' Club



POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **How did the book of Acts begin?** *The Holy Spirit came to the people and God's word began to spread.*
- **How did the first Christians live?** *They shared all they had, told others about Jesus, and met together daily.*
- **What are some problems the people who were sharing about Jesus encountered?**
- **How can you be part of furthering God's church today?**

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