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**LESSON 1 Who wrote the Book of Acts?**

Read **Luke 1:1-4** and **Acts 1:1-2**

1. What do we find in those verses that show us that the author for the Gospel of Luke and the author the book of Acts is the same person?

*Both the Gospel of Luke and Acts were written as history to a person name Theophilus. The Book of Acts refers to “my previous book,” meaning the Gospel of Luke. So the two books have the same author.*

2. Who wrote the book of Acts?

*Luke*

3. What does the name “Theophilus” mean?

*“One who loves God” or “Friend of God”*

4. At what point in the life of Jesus does the Gospel of Luke end and the book of Acts begin?

*Jesus’ ascension*

5. What is the full official title of the book of Acts?

*The Acts of the Apostles*

**LESSON 2 The Ascension**

Read:

**Luke 24:25-27**

**Luke 24:44-53**

**Acts 1:1-14**

1. After Jesus rose again from dead, how many days later did He ascend into heaven?

*40 days*

2. During that time, what did Jesus teach His disciples?

*a. Jesus showed them that He was alive.*

*b. He showed them Old Testament prophecies about his life, death, and resurrection.*

*c. He told them that they will receive the Holy Spirit for witnessing to the world.*

3. Do you know any Old Testament prophecies about Jesus? If you do, list them, or describe them here.

*[Students’ answers will vary.]*

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4. Jesus gives His followers His power, how?

*The Holy Spirit*

5. That power helps us do what? ....and where?

*Witness about Jesus to the world.*

6. Read the following verses. Write a check or “x” if they describe...

		Christ’s Authority	Christ our Friend & Advocate
a.	Romans 8:34		<b>X</b>
b.	Eph 1:19-23	<b>X</b>	
c.	Philippians 2:5-11	<b>X</b>	
d.	1 John 2:1-2		<b>X</b>
e.	Hebrews 4:14-16		<b>X</b>

<b>LESSON 3    Waiting</b>
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Read **Luke 24:49** and **Acts 1:4**

1. Before the Disciples could receive the Holy Spirit’s power, Jesus told them to do what?

*Wait in Jerusalem*

2. Describe a situation in the Bible when people needed to wait for God to do as He promised.

*[Students’ answers will vary.]*

3. Describe a situation in your own life when you needed to wait for a blessing from God.

*[Students’ answers will vary.]*

<b>LESSON 4    Jesus’ Brothers</b>
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Please Read

**Matthew 13:53-58**

**Mark 3:20-21**

**John 7:1-5**

**Acts 1:12-14**

**1 Corinthians 15:5-8**

1. What are the names of Jesus’ younger half-brothers?

*James, Joseph, Simon, Judas (Matthew 13:55)*

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2. What did Jesus' brothers think about Him?

*They thought Jesus was crazy. They did not believe in Him. (John 7:5; Mark 3:21)*

3. What made Jesus' brothers change their minds about Him?

*Jesus appeared to them after His resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:7)*

4. Jesus' brothers wrote which two books in the Bible?

*James and Judas (Jude)*

<b>LESSON 5 Replacing Judas</b>
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Read **Act 1:15-26**

1. What were the names of two men that the 11 Disciples nominated to replace Judas?

*Joseph-Barsabbas and Matthias*

2. Which one of those two became one of the Twelve?

*Matthias*

3. How did they choose him? Notice that they did two things:

verse 25 *They prayed for God to choose.*

verse 26 *They cast lots.*

4. Do you know other Bible stories where people used "lots" to make a decision? Which stories?

*Esther: Mordechai choosing the day to kill all Jews (Esther 3:7 & 9:24 – Purim)*

*Jonah (Jonah 1:7)*

*Soldiers gambling for Jesus' robe (Matthew 27:35)*

*Less familiar stories:*

*Priests selecting an animal for the Day of Atonement sacrifice (Leviticus 16:8).*

*Tribes of Israel dividing the land between them (Joshua 14:2)*

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**LESSON 6 Pentecost**

Read **Acts chapter 2**.

1. What filled the Apostles?

*The Holy Spirit*

2. What strange things happened? (verses 1-4)

a. *They heard a loud noise that sounded like a strong wind.*

b. *Tongues of fire appeared on their heads.*

c. *They spoke in other languages*

3. Who told the people about Jesus?

*Peter*

4. How many people believed in Jesus?

*about 3,000*

5. Why do we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

*So we can believe in Jesus and tell people about Him.*

**LESSON 7 Deflecting Praise**

Read **Acts chapter 3**.

1. Peter and John went to the temple and met who?

*A man who could not walk.*

2. What did that man want?

*Money*

3. What did Peter and John give the man?

*They healed the man in the name of Jesus, so he could walk.*

4. What did Peter give the other people in the temple?

*A message about Jesus and His forgiveness*

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**LESSON 8 Only Jesus**

Read **Acts 4:1-22** and **John 14:1-6**.

1. Temple guards arrested Peter and John. Why?

*Peter and John were preaching about Jesus rising from the dead (Acts 4:2).*

2. Who was standing with Peter and John in the court room?

*The man who was healed (Acts 4:14)*

3. Peter said how many ways people can be saved?

*One – Only through Jesus (Acts 4:12)*

4. The court told Peter and John that they must do what?

*Not preach about Jesus (Acts 4:18)*

5. What was Peter & John's answer?

*"We cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)*

6. The court decided not to punish Peter and John, why?

*The court was afraid of the people (Acts 4:21)*

7. Can you think of a situation where you might need to choose between obeying God vs. obeying the government?

*[Students' answers will vary.]*

**LESSON 9 Praying for Courage**

Read **Acts 4:23-31**.

1. Why did the Christians in Jerusalem pray for courage? What might make them afraid?

*Threats from the Jewish leaders (Acts 4:29)*

2. They asked God to do what for them?

*Heal and perform miracles through the name of Jesus (Acts 4:30)*

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**LESSON 10 Barnabas**

Read **Acts 4:32-36**.

1. Barnabas' real name was what?  
*Joseph (Acts 4:36)*
2. The name Barnabas means what?  
*Son of Encouragement (Acts 4:36)*
3. Barnabas was from where?  
*The island of Cyprus (Acts 4:36)*
4. Who managed the people's donations to people that had needs?  
*The Apostles (Acts 4:35 & 37)*

**LESSON 11 Ananias & Sapphira**

Read **Acts 5:1-11**.

1. The money that Ananias gave to the Apostles, he got that money how?  
*He sold some land (Acts 5:1).*
2. What did Ananias and Sapphira do wrong? (Hint: The answer is *not* that they kept part of the money for themselves.)  
*They lied. They told Peter that that they were giving all the money from the sale of the land, when actually they were donating only part of the money. (Acts 5:3 & 8)*
3. Why did Ananias and Sapphira lie about the money?  
*They wanted to impress their friends.*
4. After Ananias and Sapphira lied to Peter, what what happened to them?  
*They died (Acts 5:5 & 10).*



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**LESSON 12 Gamaliel**

Read **Acts 5:12-42** and **2 Corinthians 6:1-12**.

1. The temple guards arrested the Apostles and put them into prison. Why?  
*The Apostles were preaching in the temple (Acts 5:12) and the priests were jealous (Acts 5:17)*
2. How did the Apostles get out of prison?  
*An angel opened the doors and led them out (Acts 5:19)*
3. The court commanded that the Apostles must do what?  
*Stop preaching about Jesus (Acts 5:28)*
4. The Apostles answered what?  
*“We must obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:30)*
5. Who was Gamaliel?  
*A Pharisee who was a famous teacher (Acts 5:34)*
6. He told the court not to kill the Apostles. Why?  
*Because court may be fighting against God (Acts 5:39).*
7. Did Gamaliel believe in Jesus?  
*No.*
8. Who was Gamaliel’s famous student?  
*Saul/Paul (Acts 22:3)*
9. After the court let the Apostles go, what did the Apostles do?  
*Acts 5:41 They rejoice that they were honored to suffer for Jesus.*  
*Acts 5:42 They went back to the temple to teach about Jesus.*

**LESSON 13 Seven Deacons**

Read **Acts 6:1-7**.

1. Who were the two different groups of widows in the Jerusalem church?  
*Greek Jewish widows and Hebrew Jewish widows (they had different language and culture). (Acts 6:1)*

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2. What problem did these two groups have?

*The church was helping the Hebrew widows with food but not the Greek widows.*

3. The church chose seven men to help the Apostles do what?

*Manage the daily distribution of food (Acts 6:1-3)*

4. The Apostles need to focus on what kind of work?

*Prayer and teaching God's Word (Acts 6:4)*

5. This story is an example for our church organization today. Explain:

*Let people who have the gifts of service and mercy be responsible for that ministry, while those who have the gifts of preaching and teaching do their ministry.*

*Choose people for ministry who are mature, faithful, and gifted by the Holy Spirit; don't simply accept volunteers.*

<b>LESSON 14 Stephen</b>
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Read **Acts 6:8 – 8:3**.

1. What did Stephen do that upset the priests and religious leaders?

*He taught powerfully about Jesus (Acts 6:8-9; Acts 7).*

2. What did they do to Stephen?

*They stoned Stephen to death (Acts 7:58).*

3. Who approved of that? ...and he also watched their coats.

*Saul (Acts 7:58 & 8:1)*

4. Stephen prayed that God would do what to them?

*Forgive them (Acts 7:60)*

5. Because of the things that happened to Stephen, what happened to the church in Jerusalem?

*Persecution against the church became worse and believers scattered to safer places (Acts 8:3)*

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**LESSON 15 Simon the Magician**

Read **Acts 8:4-25**.

1. Philip went where?

*The city of Samaria (Acts 8:5)*

2. What did he do there?

*Preach about Jesus Christ (Acts 8:5)*

3. Who did the Apostles send there?

*Peter and John (Acts 8:14)*

4. Simon the Magician offered Peter money to give him what?

*Power so that when he laid his hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:18-19)*

5. What did Peter answer?

*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 8:20-23 NIRV)*

6. Does joining a Christian church make a person a Christian? Why or why not?

*Only faith in Christ can make a person a true Christian.*

**LESSON 16 Philip and the Ethiopian**

Read **Acts 8:26-40**.

1. Where did Philip go next?

*South to the road to Gaza (Acts 8:26)*

2. Why did he go there?

*An angel of the Lord told him to go there (Acts 8:26).*

3. Philip met who?

*A high government official from Ethiopia. (Acts 8:27)*

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4. What was the man reading?

*Isaiah the prophet – Isaiah 53:7-8 (Acts 8:30-33)*

5. Philip explained that the prophecy was about whom?

*Jesus (Acts 8:35)*

6. What did the Ethiopian do with that information?

*He believed, was baptized, and when home rejoicing (Acts 8:36-39).*

**LESSON 17 Saul meets Jesus**

Read **Acts 9:1-19**.

1. Why did Saul go to the city of Damascus?

*Arrest Christians and bring them back to Jerusalem (Acts 9:1-2)*

2. Who spoke to Saul from a bright light?

*Jesus (Acts 9:4-6)*

3. Ananias did not want to visit Saul. Why?

*Ananias knew that Saul came to Damascus to persecute Christians (Acts 9:13).*

4. What happened to Saul after Ananias prayed for him and baptized him?

*He could see again (Acts 9:18)*

**LESSON 18 Saul's time alone with Jesus**

Read **Galatians 1:15-17** and **Acts 9:20-31**.

1. After Saul was baptized, he went where?

*Arabia (Galatians 1:17)*

2. Why did Saul go there?

*To pray and be alone with Jesus; to learn to see Christ prophesied in the Old Testament.*

3. Then where did Saul go?

*Back to Damascus (Galatians 1:17)*

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4. What did he do there?  
*Teach about Jesus in the Jewish Synagogue (Acts 9:20-22)*
5. Why did he leave?  
*The Jewish leaders planned to kill him (Acts 9:23-25).*
6. Other Christians in Jerusalem were still afraid of Saul. Who met with Saul and welcomed Saul into fellowship of Christ-followers?  
*Barnabas (Acts 9:27)*
7. Saul left Jerusalem. Why?  
*Some of the Jews tried to kill him (Acts 9:29-30).*
8. Where did he go?  
*Back home to Tarsus (Acts 9:30)*
9. Why is it important for new believers to take time grow in their Christians faith before they become church leaders?  
*So they don't become proud and fall into sin or error (See 1 Timothy 3:6 and 5:22)*

<b>LESSON 19 Aeneas &amp; Dorcus</b>
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Read **Acts 9:32-43**.

1. Aeneas lived in what city?  
*Lydda (Acts 9:32-33)*
2. What was Aeneas' problem?  
*He could not walk (Acts 9:33)*
3. Jesus used Peter to do what for Aeneas?  
*He healed Aeneas so he could walk again (Acts 9:34).*
4. Dorcus lived in what city?  
*Joppa (Acts 9:36)*
5. What was Dorcus' Hebrew name?  
*Tabitha (Acts 9:36)*

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6. Her name means what?  
*Gazelle (see Bible footnote to Acts 9:36)*
7. Why did the people love and respect Dorcus so much?  
*She help poor people and made clothes for them (Acts 9:36 & 39)*
8. What was Dorcus' problem?  
*She became sick and died (Acts 9:37)*
9. Jesus used Peter to do what for Dorcus?  
*Raise her to life again (Acts 9:40-41)*

<b>LESSON 20 Cornelius</b>
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Read **Acts 10:1 – 11:18**.  
Watch the video for Lesson 20.

1. Who was Cornelius?  
*A Roman army officer who believed in God and helped people in need (Acts 10:1-2)*
2. Where did Cornelius live?  
*In the city of Caesarea (Acts 10:1)*
3. Why did Cornelius send men to get Peter?  
*An angel told Cornelius to get Peter (Acts 10:3-6).*
4. What did Peter see in his vision?  
*A large sheet filled with all kinds of animals (Acts 10:11-12)*
5. What message did God give Peter in that vision?  
*“Do not call anything unclean that God has made clean” (Acts 10:15). And also to go with the men that Cornelius sent (Acts 10:19-20).*
6. While Peter preached to Cornelius and his family about Jesus, what happened to them?  
*They were filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44-46).*
7. Some Christians in Jerusalem were upset with Peter, why?  
*Peter went to the home of Gentile (Acts 11:2-3).*

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8. After Peter told his experience, the Christians finally understood what?  
*God accepts Gentile believers and saves them (Acts 11:18)*

**LESSON 21 Barnabas & Saul in Antioch**

Read **Acts 11:19-30**.

1. Why did Barnabas go to Antioch?  
*To lead the church in Antioch (Acts 11:19-22)*
2. Who started the church in Antioch?  
*Believers who had scattered after Stephen was killed (Acts 11:19)*
3. The church in Antioch and the church in Jerusalem were different, how?  
*Many believers in Antioch were Greeks (Gentiles) (Acts 11:20).*
4. Antioch is the place where believers of Jesus were called \_\_\_\_\_  
*Christians (Acts 11:26)*
5. Barnabas asked *whom* to be his helper?  
*Saul (Acts 11:25-26)*
6. The prophet Agabus announced that the Roman world will suffer a famine (not enough food). The believers in Antioch wanted to send money to help who?  
*Believers in Judea (Acts 11:29)*

**LESSON 22 Peter's Escape**

Read **Acts 12:1-19**.

1. This story begins as King Herod Agrippa I executed (killed) who?  
*James the brother of John (Acts 12:2)*
2. Why did Herod arrest Peter?  
*To kill him (Acts 12:3)*
3. While Peter was in prison, what were his friends doing?  
*Praying (Acts 12:5)*

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4. How did Peter escape from prison?

*An angel let him out (Acts 12:7-10).*

5. Do you remember a time that God saved your life from death or serious injury? Explain.

**LESSON 23 Herod's Fatal Pride**

Read **Acts 12:19b – 24.**

1. What two cities rebelled against King Herod Agrippa I?

*Tyre and Sidon (Acts 12:20)*

2. King Herod forced those cities to surrender how?

*Herod cut off their supply of food (Acts 12:20)*

3. During Herod's speech to the people, what did the people call him?

*A god (Acts 12:22)*

4. How and why did Herod die?

*Herod died of worms, because he did not give praise to God (Acts 12:23).*

**LESSON 24 The First Mission Journey Begins**

Read **Acts 12:25 – 13:3.**

1. The Holy Spirit told the church leaders of Antioch what?

*"Set apart Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2)*

2. Who went with Barnabas and Saul as their helper?

*John Mark (Acts 13:5)*

3. God wants all people in the world to know about Jesus. But not all Christians can become missionaries. So how can they (we) help spread the Gospel?

*Give money to support missionaries and pray for them.*



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**LESSON 25 Cyprus**

Read **Acts 13:4-12**.

1. How did Barnabas and Saul change their roles?

*Saul became the leader*

2. Saul changed his name to what?

*Paul (Acts 13:9)*

3. In this story, how did Satan try to stop people receiving the Gospel?

*Elymas the sorcerer tried to stop the governor from listening to Paul (Acts 13:8).*

4. Why does Satan want to stop us from telling people about Jesus?

*Satan does not want people to be saved; he wants them in hell.*

**LESSON 26 Telling the Message Straight**

Read **Acts 13:13 -52**.

1. To what group in Pisidian Antioch did Paul and Barnabas first bring the Gospel?

*The Jewish people in the synagogue (Acts 13:14)*

2. How did Paul show them that Jesus Christ is their Savior?

*Paul told the Old Testament prophecies about Jesus (Acts 13:16-41)*

3. The leaders tried to stop Paul and Barnabas. Why?

*They were jealous that many gentiles came to listen to Paul (Acts 13:44-45).*

4. Who left the mission and went home?

*John Mark (Acts 13:13)*

**LESSON 27 Disaster in Lystra**

Read **Acts 14**.

1. What miracle did God do through Paul in Derbe?

*He healed a man who could not walk (Acts 14:8-10)*

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2. What did the people do because of the miracle?

*They worshipped Paul and Barnabas as Greek gods (Acts 14:11-13).*

3. Why did the people turn against Paul?

*Unbelievers from Pisidian Antioch and Iconium came to Lystra. They spread lies about Paul and Barnabas.*

4. What did they do to him?

*They tried to kill Paul by stoning him (Acts 14:19).*

5. During Paul's and Barnabas' return trip home, what did they do for the Christians that they previously visited?

*Paul and Barnabas encouraged them, appointed elders for the churches, prayed for them (Acts 14:22-23).*

6. Their first mission journey ended where?

*Back in Antioch in Syria (Acts 14:26-28)*

### **LESSON 28 The Jerusalem Council**

Read **Acts 15:1-35**.

1. What conflict arose in Antioch?

*Some men came from Judea to Antioch and told the Gentiles that in order to be saved, they must become circumcised and follow Jewish traditions. (Acts 15:1)*

2. The Apostles and leaders in Jerusalem had a meeting. Who led that meeting?

*James, the brother of Jesus (Acts 15:13)*

3. What did they decide? (Or more accurately: What did they learn that God decided?)

*Gentiles do not need to be circumcised or follow Jewish traditions (Acts 15:19)*

4. Why is that decision important for us today?

*We, also, do not need to follow Jewish traditions in order to be saved. Old Testament ceremonial law does not apply to us.*

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**LESSON 29 Paul's Second Mission Journey Begins**

Read in your Bible:

**Acts 15:36 - 16:5**

**2 Timothy 1:5**

**2 Timothy 3:14-15**

- 1 Paul and Barnabas decided to work separately. Why?

*Barnabas wanted to take Mark again, but Paul strongly disagreed (Acts 15:37-38)*

2. Barnabas went where? ...with whom?

*Barnabas and Mark went west to Cyprus (Acts 15:39).*

3. Paul went where? ...with whom?

*Paul and Silas went north through Syria and Cilicia (Acts 15:40-41).*

4. Timothy lived where?

*Lystra (Acts 16:1)*

5. What does the Bible tell us about Timothy's family?

*Timothy's mother was Eunice, a Jew; Timothy's grandmother was Lois. Both women were strong believers and they taught Timothy the Scriptures (2 Timothy 1:5). But Timothy's father was an unbelieving Greek and he did not permit Timothy to become circumcised (Acts 16:3).*

**LESSON 30 Changing Plans**

Read **Acts 16:6-10**.

1. Where are two places the Lord stopped Paul from travelling where Paul wanted to go:

a. *Asia*

b. *Bithynia*

2. God led Paul to go where?

*Macedonia (northern Greece)*

3. How did God lead Paul to go there? (We call this event Paul's "Macedonian Call.")

*During the night Paul had a vision. He saw a man from Macedonia standing and begging him. "Come over to Macedonia!" the man said. "Help us!" (Acts 16:9)*

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4. A fourth person who traveled with Paul and his team was who?  
*Luke (Acts 16:10)*
5. Describe a situation in your life when God changed your plans.

**LESSON 31 Philippi**

Read **Acts 16:11-40**.

1. What is the name of the woman in Philippi who trusted Jesus?  
*Lydia (Acts 16:14)*
2. Paul helped a slave girl, how?  
*He cast out a demon from her in Jesus' name (Acts 16:18)*
3. The city authorities punished Paul and Silas, how?  
*They stripped and beat Paul and Barnabas, threw them into prison, and put their feet in stocks (Acts 16:22-24)*
4. What happened in the Philippian jail?  
*About midnight there was an earthquake, the jail doors opened, and the prisoners chains came loose (Acts 16:25-26)*
5. Who in the jail trusted Jesus?  
*The jail guard (Acts 16:27-34)*
6. Paul told the judges that they must come in person to let him go, why?  
*Paul and Silas were Roman citizens (Acts 16:37). It was illegal to punish them without a trial.*

**LESSON 32 Thessalonica & Berea**

Read **Acts 17:1-15**.

1. How did God make Paul move from city to city, sharing the Gospel of Jesus?  
*Persecution – unbelievers tried to kill him.*

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2. The Jewish people in Berea responded to Paul's message how?

*The Berean Jews studied the Old Testament scriptures to see if the things Paul taught them were true (Acts 17:11).*

**LESSON 33 Athens**

Read **Acts 17:15-34**.

1. What strange thing did Paul find in Athens that gave him a way to teach the people about Jesus?

*An altar for "an unknown god" (Acts 17:23)*

2. List important differences between the True God of the Bible and religions of the world.

*[Students' answer will vary]*

**LESSON 34 Corinth**

Read **Acts 18:1-21**.

1. Whom did Paul meet in Corinth?

*Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:2)*

2. Why were they in Corinth? (Hint: The answer is in the Bible text, not in the video.)

*Emperor Claudius ordered all Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2)*

3. What did Paul do to earn his own living?

*Make tents (Acts 18:3)*

4. How long did Paul stay in Corinth?

*1 ½ - 2 years (Acts 18:11 & 18)*

5. While Paul was in Corinth, he wrote two letters to Christians in another city. Where was that other city?

*Thessalonica (see video)*

6. What lessons does this story have for us today?

*a. God wants us to work and not be lazy.*

*b. Even though people try to stop the Gospel, God gives His Word success.*

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**LESSON 35 Apollos**

Read **Acts 18:18-27**.

1. Who was Apollos? What was his special gift/ability?

*Apollos was a well from Alexandria, Egypt. He knew the Old Testament scriptures very well, he was a good teacher, and he knew about Jesus. (Acts 18:24)*

2. His teaching missed something very important. What?

*Jesus' crucifixion, suffering, death, and resurrection. (Acts 18:25)*

3. Who taught Apollos the full story about Jesus?

*Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:26)*

4. What lessons does this story have for us today?

*It is not enough to simply know about Jesus. True faith means knowing Him and trusting Him for life and salvation.*

**LESSON 36 Disciples of John the Baptist**

Read **Acts 19:1-10**.

1. Paul met disciples of John the Baptist, where?

*Ephesus (Acts 19:1-3)*

2. What did they NOT receive in John's baptism?

*The Holy Spirit (Acts 19:2)*

3. Paul stayed in Ephesus how long?

*Between two and three years (Acts 19:10 and 20:31)*

4. Explain the differences between: *(Please watch the video.)*

John's baptism	The baptism Jesus received from John	Christian baptism
Connected the baptized people to Old Testament Israel passing through the Red Sea to come under God's covenant.	Connected Jesus to our sins, as this was a baptism for repentance.	Connects us to Jesus' death and resurrection (Romans 6)

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**LESSON 37 Seven Sons of Sceva**

Read **Acts 19:11-20**.

1. Who were the seven sons of Sceva?

*Sceva was a Jewish high priest. His seven sons were exorcists (they tried to cast demons out of people) in Ephesus (Acts 19:13-14)*

2. They tried using Jesus' name how? ...and why?

*They had seen Paul perform miracles and cast out demons in Jesus' name, so they tried to do the same thing. They tried to cast a demon out of man by saying, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." (Acts 19:11-14)*

3. Using Jesus' name didn't work for them. Why?

*They did not trust in Jesus. They did not know Him. They had no authority for using Jesus' name. (Acts 19:15)*

4. What happened to them?

*The demon possessed man attacked them, and beat them up badly (Acts 19:16).*

5. After Christian people in Ephesus heard about this, what did they do?

*They confessed their secret sins and brought out their occult scrolls and burned them (Acts 19:17-20)*

6. What lessons does this story have for us today?

*a. In order to have the blessings of Christ, we must know Him and trust Him. We cannot treat Him like a good luck charm.*

*b. We cannot be followers of Christ and play around with the occult at the same time.*

**LESSON 38 Demetrius the Silversmith**

Read:

**Acts 19:21-41**

**Matthew 16:13-18**

1. The city of Ephesus had a temple for which Greek god?

*Artemis (Acts 19:35)*

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2. Who was Demetrius?

*A silversmith who earned his money making miniature shrines and idols of Artemis (Act 19:24)*

3. He was angry about Paul, why?

*People were turning away from idols to trust Jesus (Acts 19:26)*

4. While Paul was in Ephesus, he wrote letters to Christians in what city?

*Corinth (see video)*

5. Paul sent his helpers to Greece to collect money for whom?

*Christians in Jerusalem and Judea*

6. What lesson does this story have for us today?

*The devil will oppose us when we tell people about Jesus.*

<b>LESSON 39 Eutychus</b>
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Read **Acts 20:1-12**.

1. As Paul left Corinth, he changed his travel plans. Why?

*People were planning to kill him (Acts 20:3)*

2. How many people travelled with Paul?

*Eight, including Luke (Acts 20:4-5)*

3. Eutychus lived where?

*Troas (Acts 20:6, 9)*

4. What happened to Eutychus?

*He fell asleep while Paul was preaching and he fell out of a third story window. The fall killed him, but when Paul threw himself on Eutychus, God brought him back to life again. (Acts 20:9)*



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**LESSON 40 Paul's Farewell to Ephesus**

Read:

**Acts 20:13-38**

**Revelation 2:1-7**

1. Paul expected something to happen to him in Jerusalem. What?  
*Paul expected that he would be killed in Jerusalem (Acts 20:23-25)*
2. Paul met with who? ....where?  
*The elders (pastors) of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17)*
3. Paul gave them a warning about what?  
*False teachers in their own group (Acts 20:29-31)*
4. In Revelation 2:1-7 we see how well they followed Paul's warning. Explain what happened.  
*They held on to God's Word and they rejected false teachers. But they also lost the love that they had in the beginning.*
5. What lesson does this have for us today?  
*The church must always stand for the authority and truth of God's Word and reject all error, and we must also love God and show His love and mercy to people.*

**LESSON 41 Paul arrested in Jerusalem**

Read **Acts 21 & 22**.

1. In Caesarea, Paul and his team visited whose home?  
*Philip (Acts 21:8)*
2. Agabus did what to show that Paul will be arrested?  
*Agabus tied Paul's belt around his own hands and feet. Agabus said, "The Jews in Jerusalem will tie the owner of this belt." (Acts 21:11)*
3. People in Jerusalem gossiped lies about Paul. What?  
*They said that Paul taught Jewish people in other countries to reject Moses and don't circumcise their sons. (Act 21:21)*
4. The Apostles in Jerusalem asked Paul to do what?  
*Go to the temple with other members of the church and follow the Jewish tradition for making himself religiously clean. (Acts 21:24, 26)*

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5. The Jewish people in the temple accused Paul of doing what?  
*Bringing a Gentile into the Jerusalem temple (Acts 21:28). [This was also false.]*
6. One word that Paul said in his message to the people upset them. What?  
*“Gentiles” (Acts 22:21-22)*
7. The Roman officer his soldier to whip Paul. Why did the soldier stop?  
*Paul told him that he is Roman citizen (Acts 22:25-26)*
8. How did Paul become a Roman citizen?  
*Paul was born a citizen, as the son of Roman citizen (Acts 22:28)*

<b>LESSON 42 Paul’s Trial in Jerusalem</b>
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Read **Acts 22:30 – 23:11**.

1. The Jewish court had two groups of people. Who were they:
  - a. *Sadducees*
  - b. *Pharisees*
2. Those two groups were different, how?
  - a. *Sadducees accepted only the first five books of the Old Testament. They did not believe in angels, spirits, life after death, or the resurrection.*
  - b. *Pharisees accepted the whole Old Testament. They believed in angels, spirits, life after death, and the resurrection.*
3. Before Paul trusted Jesus, he belonged to which group?  
*Pharisees (Acts 23:6)*
4. Paul got those two groups to fight against each other, how?  
*Paul said, “I am a Pharisee... I am on trial because of my hope in the resurrection from the dead.” (Acts 23:6)*
5. Later Paul realized that trick was a mistake. Why?  
*Paul took control and he did not honor Christ (see Acts 24:21).*

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**LESSON 43 Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> trial**

Read **Acts 23:12 – 24:27**.

1. The Roman army officer secretly moved Paul out of Jerusalem during the night. Why?  
*A group of 40 men secretly planned to kill Paul (Acts 23:12-22)*
2. They moved Paul what city?  
*Caesarea (Acts 23:23)*
3. Governor Felix keep Paul in prison for two years. Why?  
*Felix wanted to please the Jewish religious leaders, and he wanted Paul to pay him a bribe (Acts 24:26-27).*
4. Paul had a friend with him that may have used those two years for doing important work that touches us today. Who was that friend? ...and what was his profession (work)?  
*Luke, a medical doctor, may have used the two years time that Paul was in prison to do his research to write the Gospel of Luke.*

**LESSON 44 Paul Defends His Civil Rights**

Read **Acts 25 & 26**.

1. At what times in Paul's life need he need to defend his rights as a Roman citizen?
  - a. *In Philippi, when Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into jail without a trial (Acts 16:37)*
  - b. *When Paul was arrested in Jerusalem and almost whipped (Acts 22:25)*
  - c. *Here in Acts 25.*
2. In Acts 25, why did Paul need to defend on his citizen rights?  
*Governor Festus offered to send Paul back to Jerusalem for trial (Act 25:9-11)*
3. How did he defend his rights?  
*Paul said, "I appeal to Caesar!" (Acts 25:11)*
4. After Paul stood on his rights, Governor Festus had a problem. What was that problem?  
*Festus did not have anything to write to Caesar, explaining Paul's "crime." (Acts 25:26)*
5. What is the name of the Roman Emperor?  
*Nero*

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6. What lesson does the story have for us today?

*The government must respect and protect every citizen's civil rights, including the right of Christians. As Christians, we are entitled to hold people in authority accountable.*

**LESSON 45 Shipwreck**

Read **Acts 27**.

1. What is the name of the Roman army officer responsible for taking Paul to Rome?

*Julius (Acts 27:1)*

2. Two of Paul's friends travelled with him to Rome. What are their names?

*Aristarchus and Luke (Acts 27:2)*

3. Their ship was caught in a bad storm how many days?

*14 (Acts 27:27)*

4. How many people were on the ship?

*276 (Acts 27:37)*

5. How many people died?

*None (Acts 27:44)*

6. Is there a time when God protected you through serious danger? Explain.

**LESSON 46 Malta**

Read **Acts 28:1-10**.

1. A poisonous snake bit Paul. As that happened, what did the people of Malta say about Paul?

*They said, "This man must be a murderer." (Acts 28:4)*

2. As Paul did not die from the snake bite, then what did the people say about him?

*They said that Paul was a god (Acts 28:6)*

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3. Who was Publius?

*The chief official on the island (Acts 28:7)*

4. What did Paul do for Publius and his family?

*Pray for Publius' sick father, which healed him (Acts 28:8)*

5. How long were Paul and his friends stuck on that little island?

*3 months (Acts 28:11)*

6. During that time, what did Paul do for the people of the island?

*Heal the other sick people on the island (Acts 28:9)*

7. What lessons does this story have for us today?

*Again we see that God changes our plans in order to His work. No place, no person, no situation is unimportant to God.*

**LESSON 47 Rome**

Read **Acts 28:11-31**.

1. The Roman government held Paul as a prisoner where?

*In Paul's own rented house (Acts 28:31)*

2. After Paul arrived in Rome, he met with whom? ...to tell them what?

*The Jewish leaders in Rome... to tell them about Jesus (Acts 28:23)*

3. Paul stayed in Rome as a prisoner how many years?

*Two (Acts 28:30)*

4. Then what happened?

*The Book of Acts does not tell us what happened next. Here Luke's story ends.*

**LESSON 48 Paul's letters from prison (part 1) – Philippians**

Read **Philippians 1:1-14** and **4:10-13**.

1. Where is the city of Philippi?

*In northern Greece – Macedonia*

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2. Who was with Paul as he wrote his letter to the Philippians?  
*Timothy (Philippians 1:1)*
3. Why did Paul write to the Christians in Philippi? (See *Philippians chapter 4.*)  
*To thank them for their gift (money) (Acts 4:10-19)*
4. Paul taught the Philippians to notice two kinds of false teachers, and to reject them. (See *video and Philippians chapter 3.*) Describe those two false teachings:
  - a. *Those who try to force Gentiles to follow Jewish religious laws and traditions.*
  - b. *Those who reject the 10 Commandments and think that sin is nothing. Their gospel is pleasure.*

<b>LESSON 49 Paul's letters from prison (part 2) – Colossians</b>
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Read **Colossians 1:1-14** and **4:7-18**.

1. Paul wrote three letters together and gave them to a friend to deliver. What are those three letters?  
*Colossians*  
*Ephesians*  
*Philemon*
2. Who was with Paul as he wrote this letter? (See *1:1 and 4:10-14.*)  
*Timothy*  
*Aristarchus*  
*Mark*  
*Jesus-Justice*  
*Epaphras*  
*Luke*  
*Demas*
3. Who carried Paul's letter to the Christians in Colossae? (See *4:7-9.*)  
*Tychicus*
4. Paul names people to greet. Who? (See *4:15-17.*)  
*Church at Laodicea*  
*Nympha*  
*Archippus*

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5. What are the topics that Paul writes about in this letter?

*Chapter 2: Paul warns against false teachers.*

*Chapter 3: Paul describes how Christ changes us in the way we relate with other people: husbands, wives, parents, children, slave, and masters.*

*Chapter 4: Paul asks for their prayers so he will have courage to tell people about Jesus.*

<b>LESSON 50 Paul's letters from prison (part 3) – Ephesians</b>
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Read **Ephesians 1:1-10**

**2:1-10**

**6:19-24**

1. Many Bible scholars wonder if this letter to the church in Ephesus may be the same letter that Paul wrote to the church where? (*See Colossians 4:16.*)

*Laodicea*

2. Two phrases that appear often in chapter 1. Explain what they mean:

- a. “saints” or “all the saints” -- Who are the “saints” that Paul is writing about?

*All people who believe in Jesus Christ.*

- b. “in Christ” – Means what?

*We are connected with Christ through faith and His Holy Spirit in us.*

3. Ephesians 2:8-9 are very important verses that teach us what?

*We are saved only by God's grace, that we receive only by faith – trusting Him.*

4. Ephesians 2:10 explains that good works we do – who makes those good works happen?

*God*

5. What are other topics that Paul writes about in this letter?

*Ephesians 2:11 – 4:16 Paul explains that Jewish people and Gentile people are united as one in Jesus Christ.*

*Ephesians 4:17 – 6:9 Paul describes how Christ changes us in the way we relate with other people: husbands, wives, parents, children, slave, and masters.*

*Ephesians 6:10-18 The Armor of God*

6. Paul asks his readers to pray for what? (*See Eph. 6:19-20.*)

*Paul asks for their prayers so he will have courage to tell people about Jesus.*

7. Who carried Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus?

*Tychicus (Ephesians 6:21)*

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**LESSON 51 Paul's letters from prison (part 4) – Philemon**

Read Paul's letter to **Philemon**.

1. How many chapters does this letter have?

*One*

2. Who was with Paul while he wrote this letter?

*Timothy  
Epaphras  
Mark  
Aristarchus  
Demas  
Luke*

3. Philemon lived in what city?

*Colossae*

4. Who is Onesimus?

*Philemon's slave (who ran away)*

5. After Onesimus visited Paul, Onesimus changed. How?

*Onesimus became a Christian. Paul told Onesimus about Jesus. (Philemon 10)*

6. What did Paul want Philemon to do for Onesimus?

*Welcome Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ. (Philemon 15)*

7. What are some important lessons that we learn in this letter about our relationship with God?  
...and about our relationship with other Christian people?

- (a) Onesimus is a spiritual picture about us. We were under God's holy authority. But we rebelled, and ran away. We sold ourselves as slaves to sin. The Devil became our master. But Christ has freed us from the devil, paying for our freedom with His precious blood. Now Christ forgives us, and welcomes us back, not as slaves, but as brothers and sisters.*
- (b) Paul gave Philemon a hard challenge: Forgive Onesimus and welcome him as a brother. God also gives us that same hard challenge: Forgive those who hurt us and welcome them as brothers and sisters, as Christ forgives and welcomes us.*
- (c) The world divides people into upper and lower classes. God sees all people equal. The world divides people into groups and labels them as "races." God made only one human race. All people are cousins from the same parents.*



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**LESSON 52 Paul's travels after Acts – Titus & 1 Timothy**

Please read:

**1 Timothy 1:1-5**

**Titus 1:1-5**

1. After Paul was released from Rome, he travelled to what places?

*Spain, Crete, Ephesus, Philippi, Nicopolis*

2. Paul told Titus to stay to work where?

*On the Island of Crete (Titus 1:5)*

3. Paul told Timothy to stay to work where?

*Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3)*

4. Paul wanted Titus and Timothy to do what in those places?

*Choose and train church leaders. (Paul's letters to Titus and Timothy gave them advice for doing that work.)*

5. Who carried Paul's letter to Titus?

*Zenas the lawyer and Apollos (Titus 3:13)*

**LESSON 53 Paul's Final Days – 2 Timothy**

Read **2 Timothy 1:1-10**

**3:14-17**

**4:6-22**

1. Who were Timothy's first teachers? (Their names?)

*Timothy's mother Eunice, and his grandmother Lois (2 Timothy 1:5)*

2. What did they teach Timothy?

*The Scriptures (2 Timothy 1:5)*

3. Paul asked Timothy to go where? When?

*To Paul... quickly (2 Timothy 4:9)*

4. What did Paul expect that will happen to him soon?

*He will die – be executed (2 Timothy 4:6-8)*

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5. Who was with Paul?

*Luke (2 Timothy 4:11)*  
*Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudius (2 Timothy 4:21)*

6. Paul asked Timothy to bring what?

*His cloak and parchments (2 Timothy 4:13)*

7. Paul asked Timothy to bring who?

*Mark (2 Timothy 4:11)*

8. Paul asked Timothy to greet who?

*Priscilla and Aquila*  
*the family of Onesiphorus (2 Timothy 4:19)*

8. After Paul wrote this letter, what is the next important thing that happened to him?

*He was executed – he died.*

<b>LESSON 54 The Rest of Peter's Story (part 1) – 1 Peter</b>
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Read **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:1-9**

**2:19-25**

**5:6-14**

1. Peter wrote this letter where?

*Rome ("Babylon" 1 Peter 5:13)*

2. Who helped Peter write this letter?

*Silas (1 Peter 5:12)*

3. Who else was with Peter?

*Mark (1 Peter 5:13)*

4. The theme of 1 Peter is what?

*Suffering persecution for Christ (1 Peter 2: 19-21; 3:8 – 4:19)*

5. Problems help us, how?

*Problems strengthen and purify our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7)*

6. If we suffer, what should be the reason we suffer?

*For doing good (1 Peter 3:14; 4:15-19)*

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7. If we suffer, what should NOT be the reason we suffer?

*For doing wrong (1 Peter 2:20; 4:15)*

8. Where and how do Christians suffer persecution today?

<b>LESSON 55 The Rest of Peter's Story (part 2) – 2 Peter</b>
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Please read:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:12-21**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:1-18**

**John 21:18-19**

1. What are the main themes in Peter's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter?

*Peter is angry about false teachers that twist God's Word. (2 Peter 1:12-2:22)*

*Peter explains how the world will end and God will judge all who rebel against Him.  
(2 Peter 3)*

2. Where did the prophets in the Bible get their information?

*The Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21)*

3. How will the world end?

*By Fire (2 Peter 3:7, 10)*

4. After the world ends, then what will happen?

*God will create a new heaven and new earth (2 Peter 3:13).*

5. How should we feel about Judgment Day?

*We should look forward to it – we want that day to come soon (2 Peter 3:11-12)*

6. How should we live?

*Holy and godly (2 Peter 3:11)*

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**LESSON 56 The Rest of John's Story**

Please read in your Bible:

**John 20:30-31** and **21:24-25**

**1 John 1:1 – 2:2** and **4:19-21**

**Revelation 1:9-11**

1. In the book of Acts, John was always with one other Apostle. Who?  
*Peter (Acts 3, 4, 8)*
2. Where did John live in the later years of his life?  
*Ephesus*
3. Why did John write the Gospel story about Jesus? (*See John 20:30-31.*)  
*“...so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ [Messiah], the Son of God, and by believing you will have life in His name.” (John 20:31)*
4. Read the first verse of the Gospel of John.  
Then the first verse of the letter of 1 John  
What words in both verses are the same?  
*“...the beginning...”*  
*“...the Word...”*
5. If we confess our sins, what will God do?  
*Forgive us and make us clean from all sin (1 John 1:9)*
6. If we love God, we will also love whom?  
*Our brothers and sisters (other people) (1 John 4:20-21)*
7. As John wrote the book of Revelation, where was he? Why was he there?  
*On the island of Patmos (Revelation 1:9)*
8. Jesus told John to write the Revelation and send it to whom?  
*Seven churches in Asia: They are Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea (Revelation 1:11)*
9. Describe some important and helpful that you have learned in this course.