THE BOOK OF ACTS Acts Chapter 2



Over 10 weeks Quiz Worx Home Delivery is exploring the Book Of Acts.

Acts is the second volume of Jesus' ministry, as recorded by the historian Luke.

Jesus' earthly ministry is recorded in the gospel of Luke up until the time of Jesus' death and resurrection. The second volume, which we call "Acts", continues to record the ministry of Jesus. Yet that ministry is now done through his people, by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 1:1-8).

Acts 1:8 sets the focus of the book. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the apostles (and those who would follow their teaching) were to be witnesses of Jesus, starting in Jerusalem, but then moving beyond that to Judea, Samaria, and ultimately to the ends of the earth.

The teaching of the book of Acts is that through his death and resurrection, Jesus is the person whom God has appointed as king of his kingdom. Jesus is the Risen King! And he has a mission. Jesus' mission is that people from all around the world would hear that Jesus is the king. And Jesus' mission is that people from all around the world would accept Jesus as their king.

Through our weekly Kids' Talk videos we will look at how Jesus' mission began to spread despite the things and people who tried to stop it. Each Kids' Talk video has accompanying discussion questions for you to work through with your children.

We have also provided some further 'Digging Deeper' Family devotions. These will help you and your family work through the book of Acts and discover more about Jesus' mission as carried out by his people, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We realise that the book of Acts is a long book - 28 chapters in all. As such, there will be some parts of the book that will not be directly looked at in either the Kids' talks or the 'Digging Deeper' Family Devotions. If you and your family wish to read through these extra sections, then please feel free to do so!

As we journey through Acts together, we are going to see again and again that the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped.

Let's pray that we can be part of Jesus' unstoppable mission.

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Discussion Questions after Acts 2 Video

This Kids' Talk shows how the Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the Trinity, first came upon the believers at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit gave the believers power to speak about the Risen King Jesus!

- **1.** Oswald the puppet doesn't think that Peter will be able to help Jesus' mission continue. Why does he think that?
- 2. What happens to Peter and how does it change him?
- **3.** The Holy Spirit comes down on all the believers. What does the Holy Spirit enable them to do?

Pray

Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit who helps those who trust Jesus tell others about Jesus.

Digging Deeper

Family Devotions



How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the Book of Acts.

To help you in your journey through Acts, each week we will provide three devotions. We encourage you to read these passages with those in your household at a time that suits, and use the questions to guide you as you talk and reflect on Jesus' unstoppable mission in the Book of Acts.

We looked at a number of different Bible translations when creating these questions. So feel free to use any version as you work through them with your family.

Memory Verse Challenge

The memory verse for our series on Acts is from Acts 2:38. Larissa and some of her Quiz Worx human and puppet friends have created a fun music video to help you learn it! You can find the Memory Verse video in the Google Drive Folder, or you can view it on YouTube at https://youtu.be/9IjTt-81070

Something to remember

As we journey through the Book of Acts, we will continue to see that the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped.

As you look at each passage, keep asking:

- a) What could stop Jesus' mission?
- b) How do we see these obstacles overcome?
- c) How can I be part of Jesus' unstoppable mission?

Devotion 1 - Acts 2:1-13

This opening section of Acts 2 tells us about the amazing event of Pentecost. Here the promised gift of the Holy Spirit comes on the believers to give them the power they need to continue Jesus' mission.

- **1.** Can you remember the mission Jesus gave his followers? (You can look at Acts 1:8 to help you).
- 2. Could they do this by themselves? Why/why not?
- 3. Jesus promised a helper. Who was the helper and how did he help them?

Pray

Pray about those in your life that you want to share the Good News of Jesus with. Thank Jesus that he sent the Holy Spirit to help you.

Digging Deeper



Family Devotions

Devotion 2 - Acts 2:14-41 (If with younger children, read Acts 2:36-41)

In this section we see the power of the Holy Spirit at work in Peter as he boldly speaks about the Risen King Jesus to a great crowd of people.

- 1. What does Peter tell the crowd about Jesus? (Hint: look at verses 22-24, 29-33 and 36).
- **2.** In verse 37, those who were there asked "What must we do?" As a family, do the Memory Verse song together to remind you of Peter's answer to this very important question.
- **3.** Imagine you were in the crowd, hearing this for the first time. How do you think you would have responded? Have you repented and put your trust in Jesus?

Pray

Ask God to show you any areas in your own life where you are living your way and not God's way.

Thank Jesus that by repenting and trusting in him, you can be forgiven because Jesus is the Risen King who beat death!

The Holy Spirit gives Jesus' followers power to tell others about Jesus. Pray for the people in your Mission Diary to be bold in telling others about Jesus.

Devotion 3 - Acts 2:42-47

In this section we see the start of the very first church! We get to see what the believers were like, what they did and what was important to them.

- 1. Make a list of what the believers did together during this time.
- 2. Why do you think that these things were important to them?
- **3.** Are there any features of this early church that you see or would like to see in your own church?

Pray

Thank God for the ways in which the early church served him and each other.

Ask God to help you think about how you can serve God and others in your own church family.

Choose a country in the world, and pray for the church in that country to love each other like the early church did.

Memory Verse

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