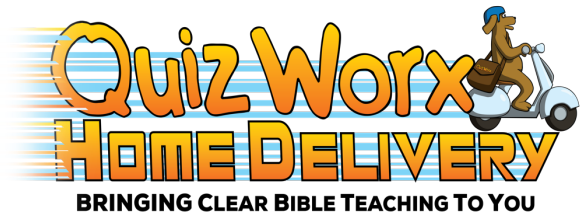


# THE BOOK OF ACTS



## Acts Chapter 15

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.

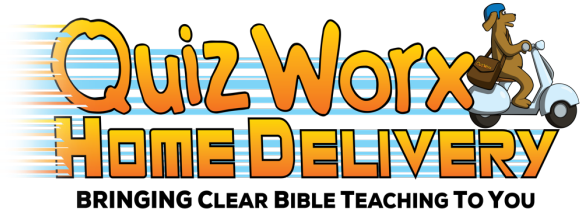
We have also provided some further 'Digging Deeper' Family devotions. These will help you and your family work through the book of Acts and discover more about Jesus' mission as carried out by his people, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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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## Acts Chapter 15

### Discussion Questions after Acts 15 Video

In today's Kids' Talk video we saw what happened in the Book of Acts when all the leaders of the church came together to ask an important question. The question was; does a Christian have to be a certain type of person to be a real Christian? The answer is; it's only by repenting and accepting Jesus as their king that people are made right with God!

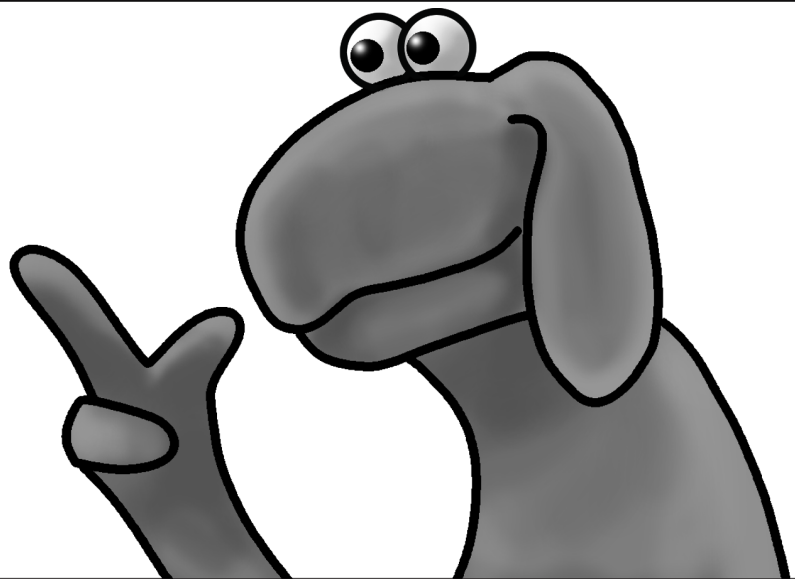
1. What did the visitors to the church at Antioch say people needed to do to be real Christians?
2. What had happened to Cornelius to prove he was a real Christian?
3. What does anyone need to do to be a real Christian?

### Pray

Give thanks that God has sent His Holy Spirit so all people can be followers of King Jesus!

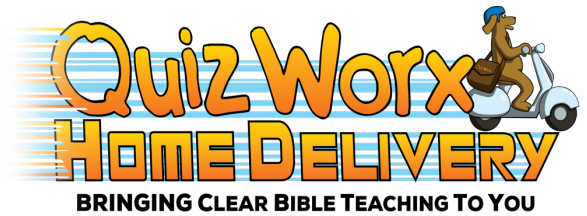
Thank God that we don't need to be or look a certain way to be a real Christian.

Pray that we wouldn't expect other people to look or act a certain way to be accepted as a follower of King 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

"What must I do to be saved?" That is the most important question anyone could ask! Sing and dance along with Chrissy and some very special Quiz Worx kids as they share the amazing answer to this question, from Acts 16:30-31, in our fun, catchy and colourful memory verse song!

View the Memory Verse Music Video on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/W6HWC7yhDR8>

### 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 15: 1-21 (*if you have younger children, just read verses 6-11*)

After Paul visited the church in Antioch, some other people came with some strange teaching about how people can be saved. This teaching was so upsetting that all the apostles came together in Jerusalem to discuss if the teaching was true. After the apostles were reminded of what they had seen and what Scripture says, they happily announced that people are only saved by trusting the Risen King Jesus!

1. What was it that the people visiting the church of Antioch were teaching?
2. How did Peter, Paul and James show that anyone can be saved just by trusting Jesus?
3. What sort of things might we be tempted to say a person must do to be a real Christian?  
How does it make you feel to know that anyone can be saved by trusting Jesus?

### Pray

Thank God that anyone - including you and me - can be saved by trusting the Risen King Jesus!

Ask God to help us not expect other people to do things or be a certain way to show they are real Christians.

Pray for people in your Mission Diary, that someone may tell them the Good News of Jesus

# Digging Deeper

## Family Devotions



### **Devotion 2 – Acts 15: 22-41 (if you have younger children, just read verses 24-28)**

After being reminded that people are saved only by trusting Jesus, the apostles sent the church in Antioch a letter. This letter told them their great news, but it also gave them four important instructions on how to live as followers of Jesus. Following this, the mission of the Risen King Jesus kept spreading; to Cyprus by Barnabas and Mark and to Syria and Cilicia by Paul and Silas.

1. What did the letter to the church in Antioch say?
2. Why do you think the apostles gave these followers of Jesus four instructions on how to live? What do the instructions have in common?
3. We read in verses 36-41 that Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement. What do you think of the way they handled it?

### **Pray**

Keep giving thanks that anyone can be saved only by trusting Jesus!

Pray that, once we've accepted Jesus, we would live in obedience to Him.

This passage says the message spread to Cyprus, Syria and Cilicia - can you find these places on your map? Pray for the people who live there today, that they might trust Jesus.

### **Bonus Material:**

This week you can hear about the Seat family who, through training and equipping the local Cambodian Christians, aim to mature Christian believers. View the bonus video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/bGR2Qub7kVQ>

### **Devotion 3 – Acts 16: 1-15 (if you have younger children, just read verses 11-15)**

In this section we meet Timothy who joins Paul on his mission. After being instructed to go to Macedonia in a dream, Paul and his friends arrive in one of its leading cities, Philippi. It's there that they meet Lydia, a woman who loved God but who didn't know Jesus yet.

1. Have a look at verses 6-10. Who is it that keeps Paul and his friends from going to Asia and Bithynia? Who called Paul and his friends to go to Macedonia? Who is powering their mission?
2. What are some of the things that Luke tells us about Lydia?
3. How did Lydia respond to the Good News of Jesus? (Hint: look at verses 14-15).

### **Pray**

Praise God that "Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman" (Galatians 3:28).

Pray for the people of Philippi in East Macedonia and Thrace, Greece, which is close to where Philippi used to be. Pray that there would be many there who trust Jesus.

Ask God to keep changing us by his Holy Spirit so that we can love others and tell them about Jesus.

# Memory Verse

The Book of Acts

## Acts 16:30–31

**Sirs, what must I  
do to be saved?**

**Believe in the  
Lord Jesus**

**And you will  
be saved.**

