# THE BOOK OF ACTS



## Acts Chapters 6 & 7

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.

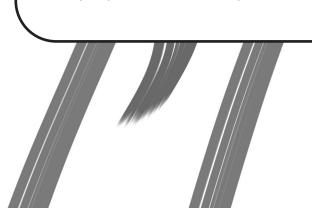
Through our weekly Kids' Talk videos we will look at how Jesus' mission began to spread despite the things and people who tried to stop it. Each Kids' Talk video has accompanying discussion questions for you to work through with your children.

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 6 & 7 Video

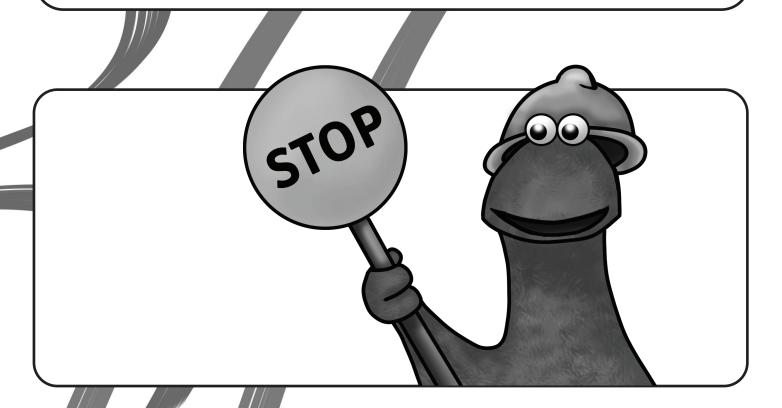
In this week's video, we meet Stephen. He loved Jesus and wanted to tell people about him. But some people didn't like what Stephen was saying and doing and so they tried to do whatever they could to stop Jesus' mission from spreading.

- 1. Have you ever felt scared to stand up for Jesus?
- 2. What was Stephens' job?
- **3.** What did Stephen do, even when people were arguing with him and telling lies about him?

#### **Pray**

Give thanks that even in hard times, the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped.

Ask Jesus to help you tell your friends and family about him even if you find it scary.



# 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/gYpwlSi1qN0

#### 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 6:1-7**

We have been seeing that the mission of the Risen King Jesus cannot be stopped! At the beginning of chapter 6 we see many people put their trust in Jesus. As the number of believers increased, they were finding it harder and harder to keep doing their job. They had to come up with a plan to fix this problem.

- 1. What was the problem in verses 1 and 2?
- 2. What job was Stephen given? How is Stephen described in verse 5?
- **3.** How might you be able to serve Jesus in your house or neighbourhood? Who might you be able to tell about Jesus?

#### Pray

Give thanks for your church family.

Pray for ways that you might be able to love and serve those around you.

Pray for the people in your Mission Diary to be able to love and serve those around them.

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#### **Devotion 2 - Acts 6:8-15**

In 6:1-7 Stephen was given the job of caring for the poor and needy. Now Stephen is doing something different! But not everyone is happy with what Stephen is doing or saying. These people start making a plan to stop Stephen and to stop God's mission.

- 1. How was Stephen able to do all these great things?
- 2. How do we know God was with Stephen?
- 3. Do you think we should stop telling people about Jesus? Why?

Watch the QWHD Extra: Powell's in Peru. There you will hear of the Powell family who are sharing food and proclaiming the Risen King Jesus, just as Stephen did.

#### Pray

Give thanks for the Good News of Jesus. Pray that we will stand strong and tell the truth about Jesus, even when it's hard.

With your parents' help, choose a country in the world where it's really hard for followers of Jesus to speak about him. Pray for the believers in that country to be bold and brave and to find ways to keep telling people about the Risen King Jesus.

#### Devotion 3 - Acts 7 (If you have younger kids, just read verses 51-60).

This chapter shows how God has been working all throughout history fulfilling his promises and keeping his mission going.

- 1. What is Stephen accusing the Jewish leaders of?
- 2. How did the Jewish leaders react to this?
- **3.** What do you find amazing about the way that Stephen responded to those who were hurting him?

#### Pray

It can be really hard to talk to our friends and family about Jesus. Sometimes they may not want to listen and they may get angry with us.

Ask Jesus to help you be brave and bold like Stephen, who knew that nothing was more important than speaking about the risen King Jesus.

Ask Jesus to help you stand up for him and forgive those who may tease us or hurt us for following Jesus.

## Memory Verse

The Book of Acts



Repent and be baptised





Every one of you



In the name of Jesus Christ



For the forgiveness of your sins.





And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



That is from Acts 2:38