
Forward

This book contains 32 lessons from the book of Acts. Your students will learn about the early Christians and how the Holy Spirit came to bring them power to live godly lives and to share Jesus with others. They will come to desire the strength of the Holy Spirit to say, “No” to sin. They will be encouraged to trust and rely upon the power of the Holy Spirit for comfort in times of trial. Finally, they will discover the power of prayer which will strengthen their faith and give them the proper perspective on the things that happen to them in life.

I have designed these lessons to enable you to teach the Bible expositionally. The idea is to have the kids read the passages in their own Bibles and the teacher explain the scriptures and give good practical applications that are age-appropriate. My goal is to ensure that children learn that God's Word is exciting and meaningful and that teachers teach sound doctrine!

Even though I've scripted the lessons, I don't expect teachers to read my lesson materials verbatim to the children as they teach. My lessons are meant to provide the details you need to get background information and some suggestions for child-oriented personal application. Once you know and understand the Bible lessons for yourself, you'll be ready to teach your class.

The two-column layout of this book is designed so that you can copy and cut the pages in half to fit into your Bible. When the children observe that you are teaching right out of the Bible, rather than from a curriculum book, it validates God's Word and gives your teaching more authority.

You will discover that there is not always a Craft or Game idea suggested in each lesson. When I've had a good idea that really seems to support the lesson objectives, I've included it. But I have another handbook called *Tips and Tricks — Making Children's Bible Lessons Come to Life* that gives lots of suggestions for activities that

will help reinforce your lesson and teach the memory verse. (This is available from my website:

<https://www.freechildrensministrylessons.com/>)

Use the Teaching Schedule to help you organize your teaching rotation.

I pray that you will use these lessons for God's glory by teaching the Bible as an entire plan by a systematic and connected study of the Word.

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. (Mark 10:14)

Sheila Scroggins

Sheila has had over 35 years' experience in teaching children and has several other lesson series available. You may contact her by eMail at: ccuv-ChildrensMinistry@usa.net for more information.

Table of Contents

Lesson 1: Jesus' Ascension (Acts 1:3-11) 1

Lesson 2: God Gives the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-21) 5

Lesson 3: A Lame Man is Healed (Acts 3:1-19)..... 11

Lesson 4: The Spirit Gives Boldness (Acts 4:1-31) 15

Lesson 5: Ananias and Sapphira Lie to God (Acts 4:32 – 5:12) 19

Lesson 6: The Apostles are Persecuted (Acts 5:14-42) 23

Lesson 7: Seven Men are Chosen to Minister (Acts 6:1-7) 29

Lesson 8: Stoning of Stephen (Acts 6:8—7:60) 33

Lesson 9: Persecution Scatters the Church (Acts 8:1-25)..... 37

Lesson 10: Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)..... 43

Lesson 11: Saul Becomes A Believer (Acts 9:1-22) 47

Lesson 12: Peter Heals Aeneas and Raises Tabitha (Acts 9:32-43)53

Lesson 13: Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-22).....57

Lesson 14: Early Church Growth and Change (Acts 11)63

Lesson 15: God Delivers Peter from Prison (Acts 12:1-19)67

Lesson 16: God Calls Barnabas and Paul (Acts 12:25—13:12)71

Lesson 17: Two Reactions to the Good News (Acts 13:13-52)75

Lesson 18: Paul and Barnabas Persevere (Acts 14).....79

Lesson 19: The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35).....85

Lesson 20: Paul Goes to Macedonia (Acts 15:40 — 16:15)95

Lesson 21: Paul and Silas Rejoice in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)..... 101

Lesson 22: Paul’s Second Missionary Journey (Acts 17) 105

Lesson 23: Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19:1-20) 109

Lesson 24: Riot in Ephesus (Acts 19:23-42) 113

Lesson 25: Paul’s Farewell Journey Begins (Acts 20) 117

Lesson 26: Paul Arrested in Jerusalem (Acts 21:1-36) 121

Lesson 27: Paul Testifies in Jerusalem (Acts 21:37 – 22:30)..... 125

Lesson 28: God Protects Paul’s Life (Acts 22:30—23:35)..... 129

Lesson 29: Paul’s Trial Before Felix (Acts 24) 133

Lesson 30: Paul’s Trial Before Festus and Agrippa (Acts 25-26) 139

Lesson 31: Paul’s Shipwreck (Acts 27)..... 145

Lesson 32: Paul Arrives in Rome at Last (Acts 28) 53