

Acts 1:1-11

Lights, Camera, ACTION!

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8 *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Lesson Focus: We will first introduce the book of Acts with a quick video and Kahoot quiz. Afterwards, we will read through the first few verses and challenge the kids to get into the “action” by witnessing to God’s story of rescue and salvation in Jesus Christ.

Activities and Crafts: Bible Verse Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Craft for 1st/2nd Grade: I Can Be a Witness Craft

Starter Activity: Acts Intro Kahoot

We will keep all of the kids in the Summit Room immediately after worship for a short video and a corresponding Kahoot Quiz game. This video does a great job of introducing the book of Acts for us. We will likely watch more episodes of this series as we continue through the book of Acts. If you’d like to preview it, you can find it [here](#) on Rightnow Media. If you don’t have a Rightnow Media account, you can get one free through the church [here](#).

Teachers: For the Kahoot, you will need to have a smartphone with you. The phone is how you will interface with the game. The questions will be put up on the screen and the answers will be multiple choice answers that you will enter through your phone. It is really fun and should lead us perfectly into our Bible lesson. Work together with the kids on your answers. **We will have candy for the winning team!** *

Afterwards, we will transition into the lesson with a little discussion and then dismiss the 1st/2nd graders back to their classes for a shortened lesson. *

This book of the Bible is called the book of Acts. It is a book filled with “action”. *

Q: What does “action” mean? A: It means doing something, to achieve an aim! * When making movies, the director says, “*Lights, Camera, Action*” to the whole crew to indicate it is time to start shooting the movie! *

Well, in the book of Acts, God is the director and the disciples are the crew or the “actors” making His story. Let’s open our Bibles and check this story out!

Bible Study:

Acts 1:1: The author refers back to what he wrote before about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Q: Who wrote the book of Acts? A: Luke! This is the same person who wrote the gospel of Luke that we just finished. *

Acts 1:2-3: After Jesus died and rose again, He ascended into heaven. But before He did that He spent some “quality time” with the disciples. *

Q: How long was this “quality time”? A: 40 days! And in this quality time Jesus **proved** to them that His resurrection was REAL! * (**Teachers:** Consider asking the kids if they can do something a little challenging and then have them **prove it**. For example, have them balance on one foot for 30 seconds, throw a marshmallow up and into their mouth, * etc. Whatever you decide, if you have any volunteers, have them **prove it!**)

You might remember at the end of the gospel of Luke that the disciples doubted (**Luke 24:11**) when they first heard the reports that Jesus was risen. If they were going to be the “actors” in His story, they needed to be absolutely certain that it was REAL!

Acts 1:4-5: Now that they were convinced that Jesus’s resurrection was real, I suspect they were ready for some “action”. But Jesus tells them to wait! * For they needed a very important Helper before they could face the “action”, the Holy Spirit! * By the way, God the Spirit is a Person, not a “force” like in Star Wars. * The God of the Bible is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:6-7: With this question, it appears the disciples are still thinking small, thinking primarily about Israel being saved from the Romans. But as we will see, God’s story is much bigger than just Israel, for He came to save the Romans too!

Acts 1:8: And not even just Rome, but God’s story of rescue and salvation is going to reach the remotest parts of the earth! How? The disciples will be **witnesses** empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Q: What does it mean to be a witness? A: It means you saw or know something and you tell others about it.

Q: What did the disciples witness? A: The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is going to empower them to tell God’s rescue story to people everywhere! *

Acts 1:9-11: And after these 40 days, Jesus returns to be with God the Father. This is essentially the last we see of Jesus in this book!

Key Point: But as we continue, we will see God the Spirit take over and empower the disciples to continue God’s story of rescue. That was 2000 years ago. But what about now? * Jesus has not returned yet and the same Holy Spirit empowers His followers to be witnesses today! We are the “actors” now in God’s story of reaching people with the gospel! We are the witnesses who are to “Be, Make, and Send” disciples! * Let’s go and tell others about Jesus and His rescue plan this week! Lights, camera, ACTION! *

BRING IT HOME

Read Acts 1:1-3
How did Jesus prove
he was alive to the
disciples?

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Challenge:
Who can you be a
witness to this
week?

Read Acts 1:8
Where were the disciples
to take God's story of
salvation?

