

**BOOK 4 – “ACTS OF THE APOSTLES”**

This quarter focuses on events following the Holy Spirit’s arrival, the spread of the gospel among the Jews, and revelations that the apostles received regarding God’s salvation for Gentiles. Students will also study Paul’s missionary journeys, his sermons, and the various ways the Holy Spirit guides God’s workers. The main objectives for this quarter are:

- To understand the importance the Holy Spirit and the value of learning to trust and rely on the Holy Spirit’s power and strength.
- To learn how to prepare ourselves for God’s work in supporting the church and spreading salvation, which is for all people.
- To learn the importance of unity in Christ, strength from God, and guidance from the Holy Spirit in any holy work.

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will [ God’s Word]</i>	<i>Knowledge of God [God’s Divine Nature]</i>	<i>Good Work [Behavior]</i>
<b>Lesson 1 – Church Beginnings and the Arrival of the Holy Spirit (MV: Acts 2:38)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water baptism is for the remission of sins.</li> <li>2. God has promised the Holy Spirit as our helper.</li> <li>3. God wants the church to grow in love, in truth, and in unity.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is Spirit.</li> <li>2. God is truth.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rely on the Holy Spirit to strengthen us and help us as our personal Teacher.</li> <li>2. After baptism, we must say “no” to sin and put on Christ.</li> <li>3. We can be witnesses of the Lord by relying on the Holy Spirit.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 2 – The Rise of Opposition (MV: Acts 4:12)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>2. Speak the truth despite oppositions.</li> </ol>	God’s name is the only name under heaven by which we can be saved.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>2. Be bold in speaking God’s word.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 3 – Stephen is Killed (MV: Acts 5:29)</b>		
God wants us to be victorious over our inner weaknesses and external obstacles.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is a God of victory – He helps us overcome our obstacles, both internal and external.</li> <li>2. God blesses those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Act on our faith even in difficult situations.</li> <li>2. Serve others with genuine love and compassion.</li> <li>3. Preach regardless of the expected outcome.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 4 – Saul’s Conversion and Peter’s Continuing Ministry (MV: Acts 9:15)</b>		
God establishes our plans and allows them to come to fruition.	God is sovereign over all of life’s circumstances.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trust and obey</li> <li>2. Imitate Christ to prepare ourselves to become chosen vessels of God.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 5 – Peter’s Ministry to the Gentiles (MV: Acts 19:2a)</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The gift of salvation is also for the Gentiles.</li> <li>2. The evidence for receiving Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.</li> <li>3. Water baptism is for the remission of sins.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God’s salvation is for all.</li> <li>2. God shows no partiality.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Show no partiality in preaching the gospel.</li> <li>2. Study and understand the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and be filled with the Holy Spirit.</li> </ol>
<b>Lesson 6 – The Church at Antioch (MV: Acts 11:21)</b>		

*J1 Year 1 Objectives Overview*

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The church needs good workers who are full of faith, the Holy Spirit, and good morals.</li> <li>2. The church grows when its members study and are led by God's word.</li> <li>3. The church is characterized by its generosity and servitude.</li> </ol>	<p>God is Spirit, and He is with us when we follow His will.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Devote ourselves to God's word by transforming our character, giving and serving, and spreading the gospel.</li> <li>2. Have a living and effective faith.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lesson 7 – Paul's First Missionary Journey (MV: Romans 1:16)</b></p>		
<p>The Holy Spirit sent the apostles Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey to preach to people, Jews and Gentiles alike, in distant regions.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God established the plan of salvation so that men can be saved through belief in the gospel.</li> <li>2. God desires for all men to be saved.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the commission that the Lord Jesus has commanded us.</li> <li>2. Equip ourselves with general and spiritual knowledge.</li> <li>3. Share the gospel wherever we go.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lesson 8 – The Jerusalem Council (MV: Acts 15:28–29)</b></p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jews and Gentiles alike are saved by the grace of God, not by observing the laws of Moses.</li> <li>2. The Jerusalem council decision was made by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ol>	<p>God is the only God we should worship. He is a jealous God.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seek the truth with discernment, boldness, and the Holy Spirit</li> <li>2. Strengthen the unity of the church through submission to the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>3. Abstain from sexual immorality.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lesson 9 – Paul's Second Missionary Journey (MV: Romans 8:28)</b></p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The gospel was spread to Europe under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>2. All the workers were prepared and ready to serve God's purpose.</li> </ol>	<p>God abides with and protects those who fear Him and faithfully do His work.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be ready in and out of season – prepare ourselves for God's work.</li> <li>2. Hold on to faith in the face of tribulation.</li> <li>3. Work together to serve the Lord with love.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lesson 10 – Paul's Third Missionary Journey (MV: Acts 20:24)</b></p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The gospel is for all, Jews and Gentiles alike.</li> <li>2. The church has been purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is truth.</li> <li>2. God is Spirit, and He guides the ministries of His holy workers.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Serve with humility.</li> <li>2. Submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lesson 11 – Paul in Jerusalem and Caesarea (MV: Acts 22:15)</b></p>		
<p>God gave us the important commission to preach the gospel and defend the truth.</p>	<p>God is our living hope.</p>	<p>Prepare ourselves to defend the truth by sharpening the tools we have received from God.</p>
<p><b>Lesson 12 – Paul in Rome (MV: Psalm 34:19)</b></p>		
<p>We may encounter tribulations, but God protects those who do His will.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is our protector.</li> <li>2. God is faithful.</li> </ol>	<p>Trust in God's protection.</p>