

LESSON NINE

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Review Of All Lessons

AIM:

- 1] To recapitulate all the matter learnt so that students retain it better.
- 2] To give them a chance to share their knowledge and ideas with others.

TIME: 60 minutes

This session is to be held in the form of an informal Presentation cum Quiz. When the students are ready, invite some parents/ teachers/ friends to come in to witness their performance. You could plan a bit of fellowship and a snack, if you like. ALTERNATELY, PARENTS COULD ALSO JOIN THE STUDENTS IN THE PLANNING OF THE SKITS. THIS WILL HELP THEM TO GET INVOLVED AND FEEL PART OF THE CLASS.

[Choose 8 leaders (whom you feel are good at planning and co-ordinating).

-Divide the class into 8 groups and allot one leader to each.

-Allot a place for each group to work.

-Instruct the students as follows:]

- Each group will receive a topic with Bible references.
- Read the passage quickly together.
- Prepare a short skit to bring across the story/ message. (Not more than 2 minutes duration)
- Make a simple chart/poster to highlight the message: just 3 or 4 words written across- or a symbol.
- Be prepared to answer 2 questions on any topic from Acts.[Look over your handouts in your files.]
- You have 20 minutes to prepare. Let different students work on the poster and skit, so that you are ready on time.

[Give out one topic to each group]:

- 1) Jesus promises the Spirit. {Acts 1: 4-11}
- 2) The Spirit Comes. {Acts 2:1-4, 37-41}
- 3) The Spirit builds Community. {Acts 2: 42-47}
- 4) Peter the Rock. {Luke 22:54-62, Acts 3:1-8, , 4:13-21}
- 5) The Church, the Pope and Me. {Matt 16:17-19}
- 6) Stephen: The Spirit Makes us like Jesus.{Acts 7:51-60}
- 7) Saul is Called. {Acts 9: 1-6; 17-20}
- 8) Paul the Missionary. {Acts 13: 1-5; 14:19-22.}

[Important: Hold the quiz after all the groups have finished their skits. Make sure posters, bibles and files are put away out of reach. For the Quiz, begin with group 8 and follow the order given, so that the students do not get the questions on the passages they have just acted. Accept answers that are given in different words, as long as the content is correct.]

GROUP EIGHT: *[Based on Lesson 1]*

- 1] Who is the author of Acts? Who does he address the book to? *[Luke; Theophilus]*
- 2] Who told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem? When? *[Jesus, before he ascended into heaven.]*

GROUP SEVEN: *[Based on Lesson 2]*

- 1] Give 2 signs which showed that the Holy Spirit had come. *[Noise of wind; tongues of fire]*
- 2] What is Pentecost Day known as nowadays? *[The Birthday of the Church]*

GROUP SIX: *[Based on Lesson 3]*

- 1] How many people joined the disciples on that Pentecost day? [3000]
- 2] Give at least 2 activities that the Community did together. *[Praised God; listened to teaching; had fellowship; took part in the Mass; prayed; shared their belongings.]*

GROUP FIVE: *[Based on Lesson 4]*

- 1] What do Peter's two names mean? *[Simon- reed; Peter- rock.]*
- 2] Give 2 situations in Peter's life, one when he behaved like a 'reed'; and one when he was like a 'rock'.
[When Jesus was arrested Peter denied that he knew him; After Pentecost, Peter refused to stop preaching in Jesus' name, even though the priests had arrested him.]

GROUP FOUR: *[Based on Lesson 5]*

- 1] When Jesus changed Peter's name, what did he say he was giving him? *[The keys of the kingdom of heaven.]*
- 2] Who was the first Pope of the Catholic Church and who is the present one? *[Peter; Pope Benedict XVI]*

GROUP THREE: *[Based on Lesson 6]*

- 1] How did Stephen die? Name the witness to Stephen's murder. *[He was stoned to death; Saul]*
- 2] Give 2 ways in which Stephen was like Jesus- *[Both were filled with the Holy Spirit; worked miracles; bravely condemned the wrong doers; were accused falsely, arrested and killed; forgave their murderers and gave up their spirit to God. Both experienced God's glory.]*

GROUP TWO: *[Based on Lesson 7]*

- 1] Where was Saul at the time of his conversion.? Why was he there?
[On his way to Damascus; to arrest Christians]
- 2] Who was the person God sent to minister to Saul in Damascus? What did he do for Saul?
[Ananias, he prayed over him and baptised him.]

GROUP ONE: *[Based on Lesson 8]*

- 1] Why did Paul go off on his missionary journey and with whom?
[The Holy Spirit asked the leaders to send him and Barnabas]
- 2] Name at least 2 cities where Paul preached during his first missionary journey.
[Antioch, Seleucia, Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium. Lystra, Derbe, Attalia.]

YOU WILL NEED:

Good News Bibles; Materials for posters: $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet chart paper per group; markers/crayons.

IF YOU ARE INVITING GUESTS, THEY SHOULD BE INVITED BEFOREHAND.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SNACKS ETC NEED TO BE PLANNED.