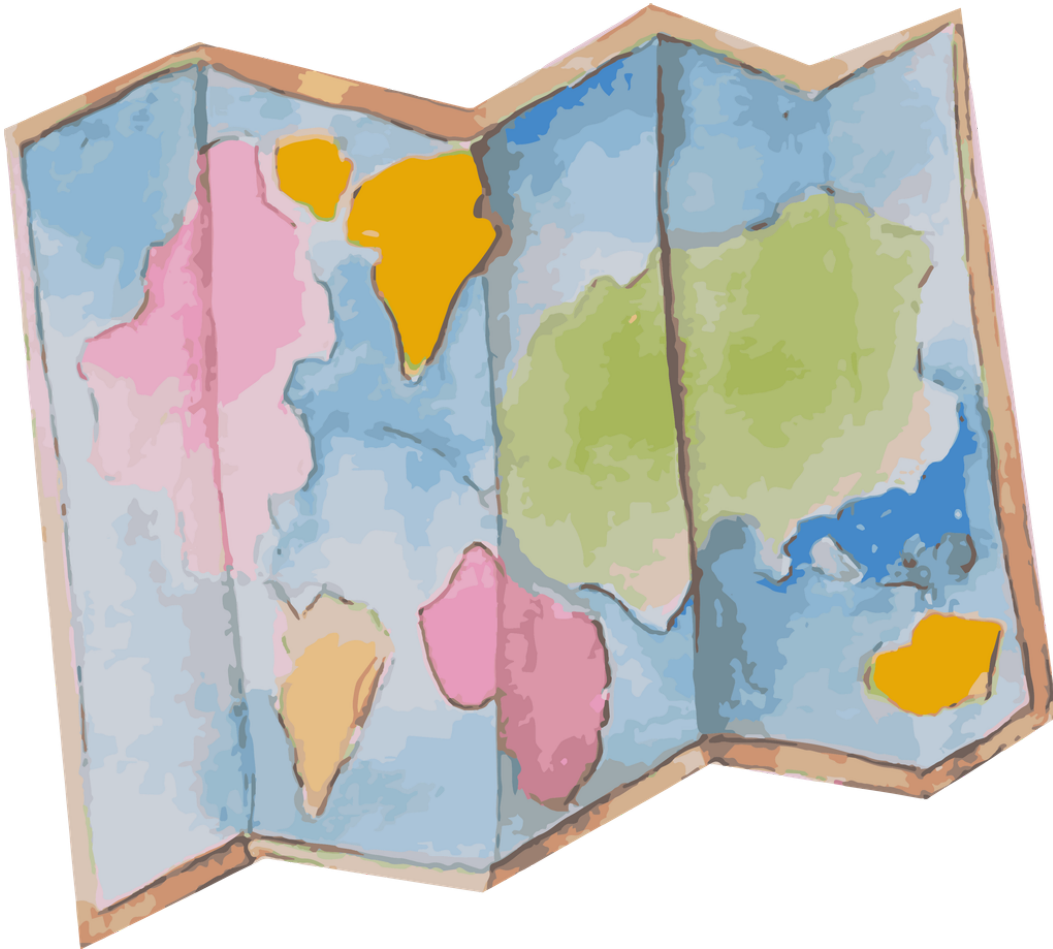


The Book of Acts

A 15 Week Study Plan for Kids



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Welcome!

Thank you for joining me as we journey through the Book of Acts!

When I began planning this study for my own children, I knew I wanted something that was more than a collection of worksheets or a list of Bible stories. I wanted them to experience the Book of Acts the way Luke wrote it, following the story verse by verse, watching the gospel spread from Jerusalem to Rome, and seeing how God faithfully built His Church through ordinary people empowered by the Holy Spirit.

To enrich our study, we'll also be reading from *The Ology* by Marty Machowski.

One of my favorite things about *The Ology* is that it helps children connect Bible passages to the larger truths of the Christian faith. As we work through Acts, these readings will reinforce the doctrines we encounter and help our children see that every story in Scripture points us to God and His plan of redemption.

I've also included a curated playlist of worship songs that correspond with many of the themes we'll be studying. Singing God's truth is a wonderful way to help children remember what they've learned, and I hope these songs become part of your family's worship beyond lesson time.

Finally, you'll find that I recommended the podcast *Nat Theo* throughout the study to end the day. These episodes are completely optional, but they're an excellent way to engage your children and help them see that God's plan is everywhere, especially in nature. I like to let my kids pick the episodes from a few options, but they're all fantastic.

The Book of Acts ends with Paul boldly proclaiming the kingdom of God in Rome. Our story hasn't reached its ending yet. We are still living in the age of the Church, still proclaiming Christ, and still waiting for the day when people from every nation, tribe, language, and people will gather around God's throne in worship.

I'm so grateful you've chosen to join us on this journey. I pray it encourages your family to know Christ more deeply, love His Church more faithfully, and delight in the incredible story God is still writing today.

Happy studying!
Katie Trujillo-Acosta

Keeping an Acts Notebook

Alongside this study, each participant should keep a notebook to record what they are learning from God's Word.

For each lesson, use the GROW method:

G – God's Word (Scripture)

What does the Bible say?

R – Reflect

What do I notice? What does this teach me about God?

O – Obey

How can I live this out and obey God?

W – Worship (Prayer + Gratitude)

How can I thank God and talk to Him today?

Your notebook does not have to be perfect. It is a place to record your thoughts, questions, prayers, and the ways God is growing your faith.

Example: Acts 1:1-14

G – God's Word/Verse that stood out:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..."

— Acts 1:8

What happened?

Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. Then Jesus went up into heaven. The disciples returned to Jerusalem and waited together, praying.

R – Reflect

I notice that Jesus did not leave His disciples without help. He gave them the Holy Spirit to guide them.

I notice that Jesus gave them an important mission: to tell people everywhere about Him.

I learn that God wants His people to trust Him and wait for His timing.

O – Obey

I can remember that I do not have to do things in my own strength. God gives me help.

I can share what I know about Jesus with others.

W – Worship and Pray

: Dear God, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to help Your people. Help me trust You, listen to You, and share Your love with others. Amen.

I am thankful that God never leaves His people alone.

15 Week Bible Time Plan

Week One	Notebooking The Ology Pages 13-15 Read: Acts 1: 1-14 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 17 Read: Acts 1: 15-26 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Pages 18-21 Read: Acts 2:1-36 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 22 Read: Acts 2:31-47 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Page 26 Read: Acts 3 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 30 Read: Acts 4:1-22 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Pages 35-37 Read: Acts 4:23-37 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 39-40 Read: Acts 5:1-11 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Pages 45-47 Read: Acts 5:12-42 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 49-54 Read: Acts 6 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Pages 57 Read: Acts 7:1-29 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 61-62 Read: Acts 7:30-60 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Page 65 Read: Acts 8:1-25 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 73 Read: Acts 8:26-40 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 78-81 Read: Acts 9:1-19 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 82 Read: Acts 9:20-43 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Page 82 Read: Acts 10:1-23 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 85-86 Read: Acts 10: 24-48 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 89-90 Read: Acts 11:1-18 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 95-96 Read: Acts 11:19-30 Nat Theo Podcast
Week Two				
Week Three				
Week Four				
Week Five				

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Week Six	Notebooking The Ology Pages 99-103 Read: Acts 12 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 104-107 Read: Acts 13: 1-12 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Pages 108-111 Read: Acts 12:13-37 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 112-115 Read: Acts 13:38-52 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Pages 116-119 Read: Acts 14:1-13 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 120-123 Read: Acts 14:14-28 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 124 Read: Acts 15:1-21 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 127-128 Read: Acts 15:22-41 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Page 133 Read: Acts 16:1-15 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 134 Read: Acts 16:16-40 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 151 Read: Acts 17:1-15 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 152-155 Read: Acts 17:16-34 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Pages 156-159 Read: Acts 18:1-17 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 160-163 Read: Acts 18:18-28 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 167 Read: Acts 19:1-12 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 168 Read: Acts 19:13-22 Nat Theo Podcast
	Notebooking The Ology Page 171 Read: Acts 19:23-41 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 172 Read: Acts 20:1-12 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 175 Read: Acts 20:13-38 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 176 Read: Acts 21:1-15 Nat Theo Podcast

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Week Eleven	Notebooking The Ology Page 179 Read: Acts 21:16-40 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 183 Read: Acts 22:1-21 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 184 Read: Acts 22:22-30 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 187-188 Read: Acts 23:1-11 Nat Theo Podcast
Week Twelve	Notebooking The Ology Page 191 Read: Acts 23:12-35 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 192 Read: Acts 24 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 195 Read: Acts 25:1--12 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 196 Read: Acts 25:13-27 Nat Theo Podcast
Week Thirteen	Notebooking The Ology Pages 202-205 Read: Acts 26:1-23: Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 206-209 Read: Acts 26:24-32 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 210 Read: Acts 27:1-12 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 213-214 Read: Acts 27:13-32 Nat Theo Podcast
Week Fourteen	Notebooking The Ology Pages 217-218 Read: Acts 27:33-44 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 221 Read: Acts 28:1-10 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 225 Read: Acts 28:11-21 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Pages 226-229 Read: Acts 28:23-30 Nat Theo Podcast
Week Fifteen	Notebooking The Ology Page 230 Go Over the Acts Outline/Review Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 233 Read:The End..Or Is It? Revelation 21:3-5 Nat Theo Podcast	Notebooking The Ology Page 234 Read:Who Was Paul? 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 Worship Song	Notebooking The Ology Page 237 Read:Continuing the Mission of Acts Acts 28:19-20 Nat Theo Podcast

Worship Song Suggestions

- All Hail King Jesus — Bethel Music
- Abide — The Worship Initiative
- Be Thou My Vision - The Worship Initiative
- Revelation Song — Kari Jobe
- Christ is Mine Forevermore by CityAlight
- Christ Be Magnified — Cody Carnes
- You've Already Won — Shane & Shane
- The Lord Will Provide — Passion
- Praise Yahweh — Passion
- Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me — CityAlight
- His Mercy Is More — Matt Boswell & Matt Papa
- Holy Forever — Chris Tomlin
- How Great Thou Art — Shane & Shane
- Doxology (Amen) — Phil Wickham
- O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - The Worship Initiative

Memory Verse: Acts 1:6-11

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Outline of Acts

Jesus is still working.

Acts 1:1–2

The Holy Spirit gives us power.

Acts 1:8

The gospel is for everyone.

Acts 10:34–35

God uses ordinary people.

Acts 4:13

Following Jesus takes courage.

Acts 5:29

God always keeps His promises.

Acts 2:33

Christians pray together.

Acts 4:31

The church is God's family.

Acts 2:42–47

Jesus changes lives.

Acts 9:1–22

We are part of God's mission today.

Acts 28:30–31

Because Jesus is alive and the Holy Spirit is with us, ordinary people can tell everyone the good news about Jesus.

The End... or Is It?

We have finished our study of the Book of Acts. We've watched the gospel spread from one city to another. We've traveled with Peter and John, watched Saul become Paul, sailed across the Mediterranean Sea, seen miracles, prison escapes, and even a shipwreck. We have watched God build His Church in amazing ways.

Then, all of a sudden, the book ends.

Paul is in Rome, living in a rented house and boldly teaching people about Jesus. Luke doesn't tell us what happened next. He doesn't tell us whether Paul stood before Caesar or how Paul's life ended.

That might seem like a strange way to end a book, but Luke wasn't writing a biography of Paul. He was writing the story of how God was building His Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. When Luke finished writing, God's work wasn't finished. The story simply kept going.

At the very beginning of Acts, Jesus gave His disciples a promise. He said:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

That promise became the outline for the whole book. The disciples shared the good news in Jerusalem, then throughout Judea and Samaria, and eventually missionaries like Paul carried the gospel farther and farther until it reached Rome, the greatest city in the Roman Empire.

But Rome wasn't the end of the earth. There were still countless people who had never heard about Jesus. The mission wasn't finished.

After the events of Acts, we know from history and from the rest of the New Testament that Paul likely traveled for a few more years before being arrested again during the reign of the emperor Nero. Eventually, Paul was executed because he refused to stop following Jesus.

But Christianity did not end with Paul.

The churches kept growing. Missionaries kept traveling. Parents taught their children about Jesus. Christians carefully copied the books of the New Testament by hand so more people could read God's Word. Little by little, the gospel spread across the world. Today, almost two thousand years later, there are Christians on every continent. People worship Jesus in thousands of different languages. The story that began in Acts is still continuing today.

Now let's turn to the very last book of the Bible: Revelation.

The End...Or Is It?

Revelation was written by the apostle John many years after the events in Acts. By this time, John was an old man. Most of the other apostles had died, and many Christians were suffering because they followed Jesus. God gave John a series of visions to encourage His people and show them how the story would end. These visions are full of beautiful pictures and symbols that point us to God's victory and His promises. Revelation reminds us that no matter how difficult life may become, Jesus is King, and He will one day make everything right.

Listen to what John saw:

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb... They cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

Revelation 7:9–10

This is the beautiful ending that Acts has been pointing toward all along.

Jesus promised that His followers would take the gospel to the ends of the earth. Revelation shows us the result. One day, people from every nation, every tribe, every language, and every people group will stand together before Jesus and worship Him. We are still living between the Book of Acts and the Book of Revelation. The Church is still sharing the gospel. Missionaries are still going to places where people have never heard about Jesus. New believers are still becoming part of God's family every day.

The Bible ends with one more wonderful promise.

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people... He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more... Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:3–5

the Bible tells one great story. It is the story of God's rescue plan through Jesus Christ. It is the story of a Savior who came to redeem sinners, gather people from every nation, and one day make all things new.

The Book of Acts doesn't really end with Paul. It ends with an invitation. It invites every generation of Christians to continue sharing the good news of Jesus until the day He returns.

One day, we will stand with believers from every nation, tribe, language, and people before the throne of God. On that day, we will see the ending that the Book of Acts has always been leading toward.

That will be the happiest ending of all.

Who Was Paul?

Paul was one of the most important people in the early church. God used him to take the message of Jesus far beyond Jerusalem and into the wider Roman world.

Paul was born in the Greek city of Tarsus and was a Roman citizen. He was also a Jewish man who studied God's Law under a respected teacher named Gamaliel.

At first, Paul did not believe Jesus was the Messiah. In fact, he worked hard to stop Christians and even helped arrest followers of Jesus.

One day, while Paul was traveling to Damascus, Jesus appeared to him in a bright light. Paul realized that Jesus truly was the risen Son of God.

From that moment on, Paul's life changed. The man who once tried to stop the church became one of its greatest messengers.

Paul traveled to many cities telling people the good news about Jesus. He started churches, taught new believers, and wrote letters to encourage Christians.

His journeys helped spread the gospel across the Roman Empire.

Paul's Trials

Paul faced many hardships because he followed Jesus, which we read about in Acts. He was beaten, put in prison, shipwrecked, bitten by a snake, and rejected. But Paul trusted God through every challenge. His greatest mission was simple: "I want people everywhere to know Jesus."

Paul showed that God can use anyone, even someone who once fought against Him, to do amazing things for His kingdom.

Remember: Paul was not great because he was perfect. Paul was great because he belonged to Jesus and faithfully followed Him.

Think About It:

- How did Jesus change Paul's life?
- What can we learn from Paul's courage?
- How can God use our lives to share His love with others?

Continuing the Mission of Acts

The book of Acts does not really have an ending. Luke finishes his story with Paul teaching about Jesus in Rome, but the mission of sharing the good news continues.

The same Holy Spirit who helped the first Christians is still helping God's people today.

How Can We Continue the Mission?

Love God

The early Christians loved Jesus and wanted to follow Him.

We can:

- Read God's Word
- Pray
- Worship Him
- Trust Him every day

Love Others

The early church cared for one another and showed God's love.

We can:

- Be kind
- Help people in need
- Forgive others
- Serve our families and communities

Share Jesus

The disciples boldly told others about Jesus.

We can:

- Tell others what we know about Jesus
- Invite friends to church or Bible study
- Share God's love through our actions

Be His Witnesses

Jesus told His disciples:

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

— Acts 1:8

A witness is someone who tells what they have seen and know to be true.

We can be witnesses wherever God has placed us:

- At home
- With friends
- At school or activities
- In our community

Was the Book of Acts Really Written by Someone Who Knew What Happened?

The Book of Acts tells the story of how the first Christians shared the good news about Jesus after He returned to heaven. It was written by Luke, who also wrote the Gospel of Luke.

Luke wanted people to know that the stories he wrote were true. He carefully talked to eyewitnesses, gathered information, and wrote everything in an orderly way.

So, how do we know Acts is historically accurate?

Luke Knew the Places

Luke names many real cities, including Jerusalem, Ephesus, Corinth, Philippi, and Rome. Archaeologists have uncovered many of these cities, and they match Luke's descriptions. For example, in Acts 19, Luke describes a huge theater in the city of Ephesus where an angry crowd gathered. Today, that theater still stands and could hold about 25,000 people!

He also knew the correct roads, ports, and sailing routes that people used nearly 2,000 years ago.

Luke Used the Right Job Titles

Different cities in the Roman Empire gave their leaders different titles. Luke used the correct title for each city.

In Acts 17, Luke calls the leaders of Thessalonica *politarchs*. For hundreds of years, people thought Luke had made up that word because no one had ever seen it anywhere else. Then archaeologists discovered ancient stone inscriptions in Thessalonica with the exact same title carved into them. Luke had been right all along!

Luke Described Real Events

When Paul traveled by ship to Rome, Luke described storms, winds, harbors, and even how sailors lowered anchors.

Historians who study ancient ships say Luke's description is so detailed that it matches exactly how sailors traveled across the Mediterranean Sea during the first century.

Archaeology Keeps Confirming Acts

Over the years, archaeologists have found:

- Ancient theaters
- Government buildings
- Stone inscriptions
- Roads
- Marketplaces
- Coins
- Harbors



Theater in Ephesus, Turkey

One exciting discovery is called the Gallio Inscription. In Acts 18, Paul is brought before a Roman governor named Gallio. Archaeologists found an inscription with Gallio's name on it, helping historians know exactly when Paul was in Corinth.

Did Luke Travel with Paul?

Several times in Acts, the story changes from saying "they traveled" to "we traveled." Many Bible scholars believe this means Luke was actually traveling with Paul during those parts of the story. If that's true, Luke was an eyewitness to many of the events he recorded.

What Do Historians Think?

Not every historian believes the miracles in Acts happened, because miracles depend on what someone believes about God.

However, many historians—including some who are not Christians—agree that Luke was a careful and trustworthy historian. He knew the geography, government, customs, and culture of the Roman Empire extremely well.

Why Does This Matter?

The Book of Acts is more than a collection of Bible stories. It is a record of real people in real places at a real time in history. Every time archaeologists uncover another city, inscription, or building that matches Luke's writing, it reminds us that God worked through real events and real people to spread the gospel throughout the world.

Extension Activities

One of my favorite things about homeschooling is following rabbit trails. While this study is complete on its own, here are a few optional ideas if you'd like to dive even deeper.

- Read a missionary biography. Learn about Christians who continued taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.
- Listen to a worship song. Each week, spend a few minutes worshipping together with a song that connects to the lesson.
- Memorize Scripture. Work on the weekly memory verse, or challenge your family to memorize a longer passage from Acts.
- Locate places on a map. Trace Paul's missionary journeys, find the cities mentioned in Acts, and follow the spread of the gospel.
- Build a timeline. Add important events from Acts to a growing timeline as you move through the book.
- Research archaeology. Look up discoveries like the Gallio Inscription, the theater at Ephesus, or the city of Philippi to see how archaeology supports the historical setting of Acts.
- Study Roman life. Learn what roads, houses, clothing, jobs, and government looked like during the first century.
- Create a nature connection. When Acts mentions ships, storms, snakes, olive trees, or agriculture, spend time learning about God's creation through those topics.
- Draw or paint the story. Encourage children to illustrate a favorite scene or create a page for an Acts notebook.
- Practice narration. Have children retell the week's passage in their own words without looking at the text.
- Pray for the nations. Choose one country each week and pray that people there would hear the gospel.
- Host a themed meal. Make simple Mediterranean-inspired foods like olives, grapes, flatbread, fish, lentils, or honey while talking about the places Paul visited.
- Act it out. Younger children especially love dramatizing stories like Pentecost, Peter escaping prison, Paul's shipwreck, or Lydia welcoming believers into her home.
- Look up cross-references. Discover how Acts connects to the Gospels, Paul's letters, and the Old Testament.
- Finish with family discussion. End each week by asking, "What did we learn about God?" "What surprised us?" and "How should this change the way we live?"
- End in prayer. Thank God for His faithfulness, ask Him to help your family obey His Word, and pray for opportunities to share the gospel with others.