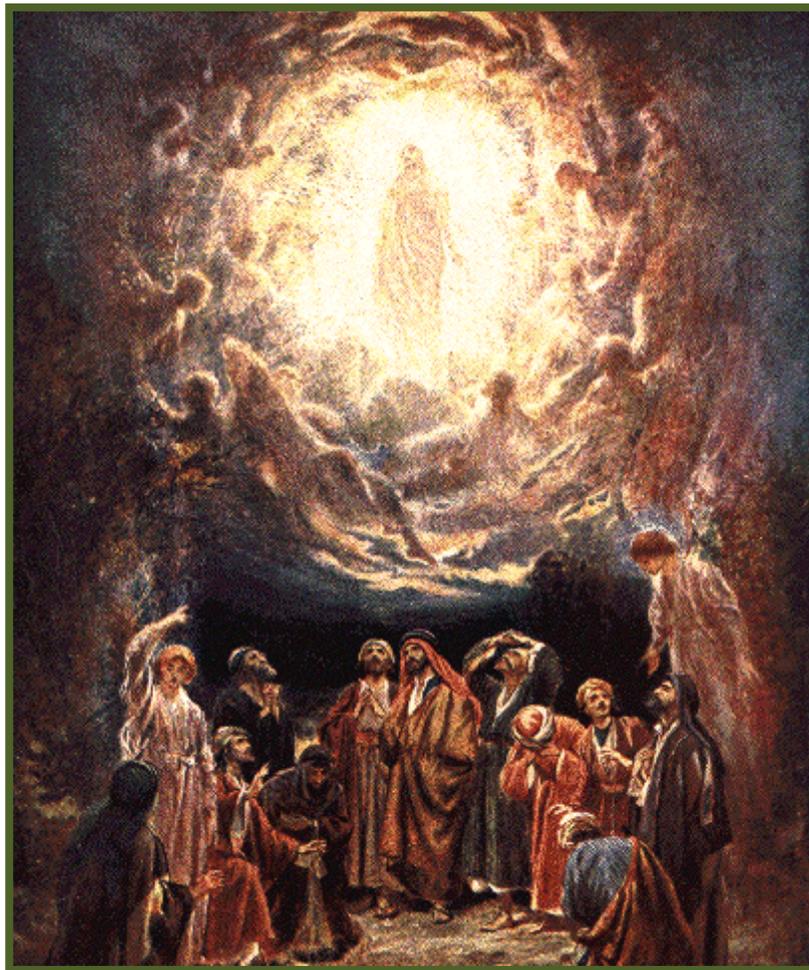


Listening on the Mount of Olives



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Acts 1:1-14

A. The Sequel

Approx. Time: 30 min.	Materials: ➤ Portrait and Summary Cards for each group
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1. In this course we will study Acts which Luke wrote as a **sequel** to the Gospel of Luke.
 - Explain to the learners the meaning of the word 'sequel' – *a book which continues the story of a previous book – a former book.*
 - In Acts, the story of Jesus and his disciples continues - the story of the acts of his apostles.
 - Lead a discussion about the meaning of *apostle* as compared to *disciple*.

Note: *disciples:* followers of Christ
apostles: the disciples called by Jesus to preach the gospel; the original 12 were: Simon Peter, the brothers James and John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James(the son of Alpheus), Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas Iscariot.
2. Ask the learners what they know about the Gospel of Luke. Who were some of the people? What happened to whom? What were some of the main events?
3. Hand out a set of **Portrait Cards** and **Summary Statements** to each group of learners. Explain to the learners that these are the pictures and summary statements related to twelve foci of **Jesus' biography**, based on the text of the Gospel of Luke.
 - Ask them to match the **Portrait Cards** and the **Summary Statements**.
 - Have each group of learners put the events into chronological order.
 - When each group has finished ordering the pictures and statements, verify the order by having the learners read the summary statements. Use the **Answer Key SLIDE** to confirm the order.

Note to Instructor: Explain to the learners that titles 5, 6, 7 and 8 are interchangeable.

4. Elicit from the learners (if they know) some of the events in the Book of Acts that happened after these events.



1. Mary, a young Jewish virgin, was given **the promise** that she was to bear the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus.



2. Jesus **was born** in Bethlehem and shepherds came to worship.



3. Jesus was proclaimed the Son of God at **his baptism**.



4. Jesus chose and taught twelve men as his **disciples** and apostles.



5. Jesus **healed** many people from illnesses and evil spirits.



6. Jesus demonstrated his power through other **miracles**.



7. Jesus **taught** about the Kingdom of God through many parables.



8. Many **opposed** Jesus' claim to be the Son of God.



9. Jesus **was betrayed** by Judas and arrested.



10. Jesus **was crucified** by the Romans in Jerusalem.

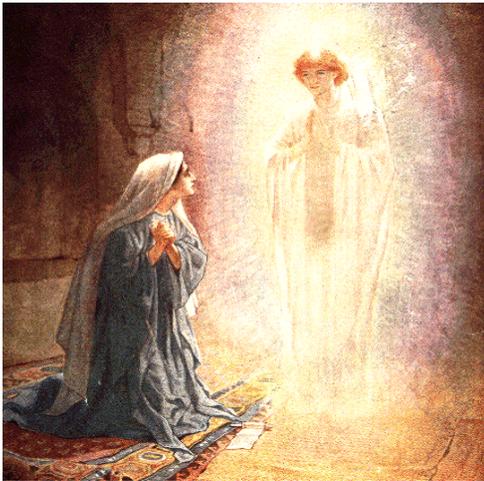


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12. Jesus's disciples were **joyful witnesses** to his life, death and resurrection.

Answer Key SLIDE



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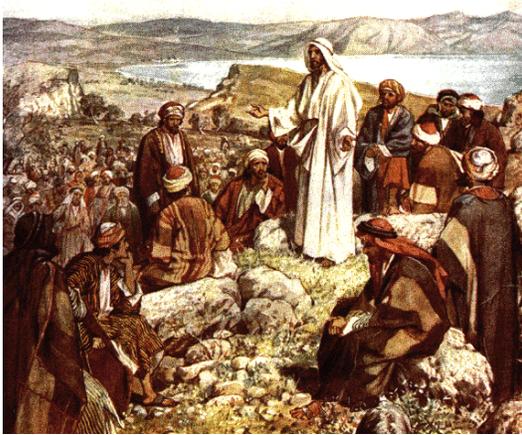
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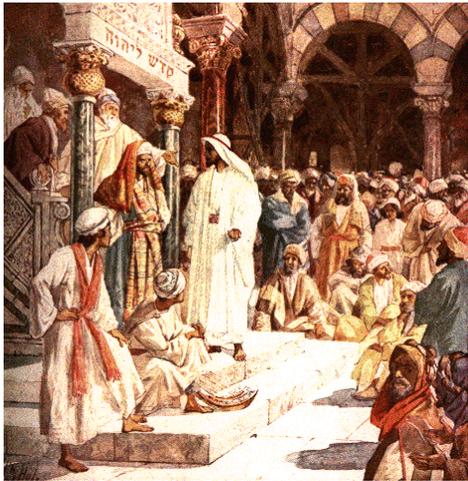
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Portrait Card/Summary Statement pg. 2



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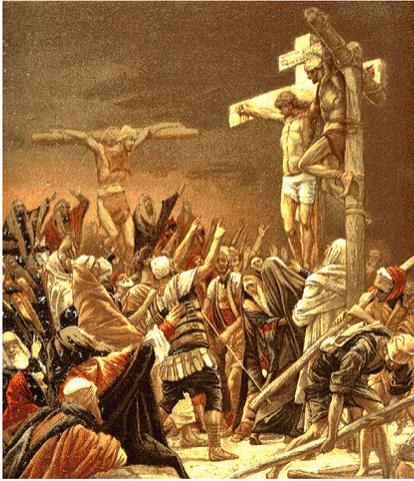
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B. The Day He Was Taken Up

<p>Approx. Time: 30 min.</p>	<p>Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Focus 1 Text for each learner➤ Summary Statements for each pair
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1. Show the **Focus 1 Title Page SLIDE**. Lead a discussion with the learners as to what they expect to read about in the first chapter of the book of Acts: names of people, names of places, events? Write the predictions on the board.
2. Hand out the **Focus 1 Text, The Day He Was Taken Up**, and have the learners read the title and look at the pictures to make more predictions as to the events. Add them to the list.
3. Read the text while the learners follow along.
4. Elicit from the learners which names or places or activities were correctly predicted. Erase any that do not fit.

The Day He Was Taken Up

Acts 1:1-14

2 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and
to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions
4 through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he
showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was
6 alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the
kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave
8 them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father
promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with
water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

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12 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time
going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"



He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

24 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly
two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why
26 do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken
from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go
28 into heaven."

30 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a
Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the
32 room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and
Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of
34 Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined
together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of
36 Jesus, and with his brothers.

Focus 1 Text

5. Hand out a set of **Summary Statements** to each pair of learners. Ask them to sequence them in order of events.
 - Have the learners check the sequencing of their statements with the text.
 - Have learners compare their answers with another pair of learners. Have them explain their ordering to each other and come to a common agreement.
6. Choose one pair and have them retell the story to the class.

<i>Answer Key:</i>
1. Luke wrote a previous book for Theophilus about what Jesus began to do and to teach his apostles until he was taken up to heaven. ¹
2. Jesus showed himself to these men for 40 days and proved to them that he was alive . ¹
3. Jesus commanded the apostles to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. ¹
4. The apostles wanted to know about the restoration of Israel but Jesus told them that they were not to know the times and dates of that. ¹
5. Jesus told the apostles that the Holy Spirit would give them power to be witnesses in Jerusalem, all of Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the world. ¹
6. Jesus was taken up into the sky before the eyes of the apostles. ¹
7. Two men dressed in white told the apostles that Jesus would come back in the same way he left. ¹
8. The apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. ¹
9. In Jerusalem, the eleven apostles stayed in an upstairs room with Mary, Jesus' mother, Jesus' brothers and the women to pray together. ¹

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Summary Statements

C. Finding the Answer

Approx. Time: 20 min.	Materials: ➤ Finding the Answer Worksheet for each learner
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1. Hand out the **Finding the Answer Worksheet** to each learner. Instruct the learners to scan the text for the answers to the questions.
2. When learners have completed the task, have them compare their answers with a partner.
3. Take up any disputes with the whole class.

Answer Key: Part B

1. Who is the writer of this book? **Luke**
2. Who is the book written to? **Theophilus**
3. What was Luke's first book about? **The book was about Christ's life, death and resurrection.**
4. What did Jesus do after his suffering and resurrection? **He showed himself to his apostles and spoke about the kingdom of God.**
5. Over a period of how many days did Jesus appear to his apostles? **forty**
6. Jesus gave the apostles a command. What was it? **They were to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit.**
7. What did Jesus say about the apostles' work in the future? **they would be his witnesses.**
8. Where would the apostles be witnesses? **in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.**
9. Jesus disappeared. What happened to him? **he was taken up and hidden by a cloud.**
10. How far is Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives? **a Sabbath day's walk. (Note: a Sabbath day walk is 3000 feet or 938 metres)**
11. What did the apostles do after they got back to Jerusalem? **they went upstairs and prayed.**

Finding the Answer

Scan the reading quickly to find the answers to the following questions.

- 1 Who is the writer of this book? _____
- 2 Who is the book written to? _____
- 3 What was Luke's first book about? _____
- 4 What did Jesus do after his suffering and resurrection?

- 5 Over a period of how many days did Jesus appear to his apostles? _____
- 6 Jesus gave the apostles a command. What was it?

- 7 What did Jesus say about the apostles' work in the future? _____
- 8 Where would the apostles be witnesses? _____
- 9 Jesus disappeared. What happened to him? _____
- 10 How far is Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives?
_____.
- 11 What did the apostles do after they got back to Jerusalem?

D. What Do You Think?

Approx. Time:
40 min.

Materials:

➤ **Discussion Board, Questions, Movers and Die** for each group.

1. Instruct the learners that they will put themselves into the shoes of the people in the text. Explain that they will be required to make informed guesses (inferences) based on their understanding of the text.
2. Divide the class into three groups. Give each group a **Discussion Board** and a set of **Questions**.

<p>Note to Instructor: they may not be directly answered in the text. Some of them require making informed guesses (drawing inferences)</p>
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Note:

- Place the **Question Cards** on the ? card slot and the **Discussion Cards** on the  slot.
- All the learners begin at Start.
- Learners move around the board by flipping a coin (heads=move 2 forward and tails=move 1 forward) and moving the assigned number of spaces.
- Learners begin the discussion on the picked up card when landing on a  space.
- Learners answer the question when then land on the ? space.

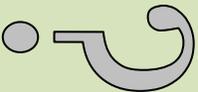
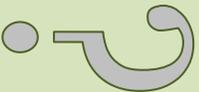
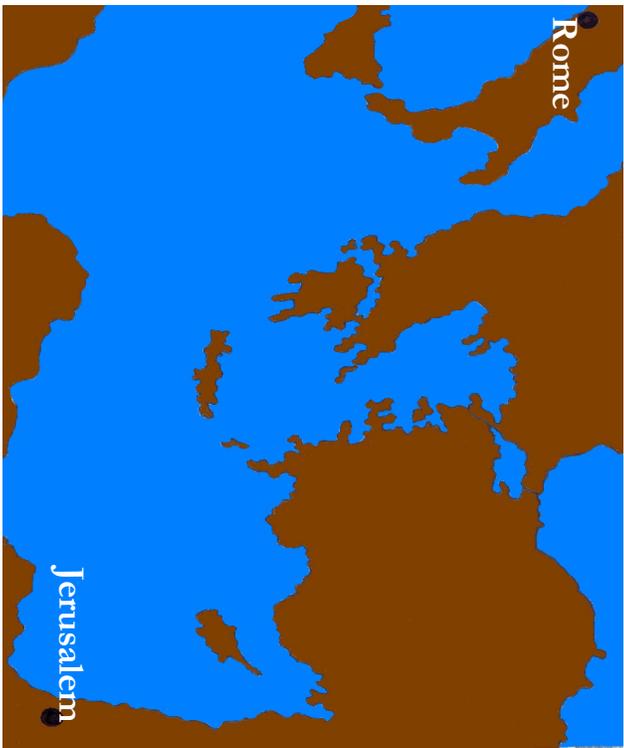
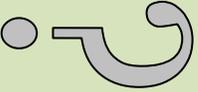
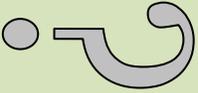
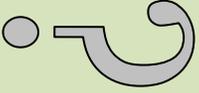
<p>In what ways did Jesus show that he was alive?</p>	<p>How is John's baptism different than the baptism the apostles will experience?</p>
<p>What are the apostles expecting from Jesus?</p>	<p>In what ways is the apostles' idea of the Kingdom different from that of Jesus?</p>
<p>Why are the apostles looking up into the sky?</p>	<p>Imagine you were one of the apostles. What thoughts and questions would you have as you looked up into the sky?</p>
<p>If two men in white appeared to you with a message, would you believe them? Why or why not?</p>	<p>Suppose you were among the apostles in the upstairs room praying together. What would you pray for?</p>
<p>Predict how the apostles will be witnesses of Jesus.</p>	<p>What do you think it means to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth?</p>

Discussion Cards

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<p><i>How far is Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives?</i></p>	<p><i>What did the apostles do after they got back to Jerusalem?</i></p>

Question Cards

Discussion Board

			START
Move Ahead 3 Spaces		Question Cards	<u>FINISH</u>
			
Miss A Turn			Go Back 1 Space
Roll Again		Discussion Cards	
		Go Ahead 1 Space	

