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THEME:
THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

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PREFACE



To My Fellow Foundation Layer!

To God alone be all the glory for His mercy and deliverance towards us all in this past year. All thanks and praises to the Lord; the same yesterday, today and forever.

This year by the special grace of God, we shall be considering the theme: “**THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**” Focusing on the book of Acts. It was prayerfully considered to raise our children to be able to build strong relationship with the HOLY SPIRIT for their daily Christian living. God has a number of messages for us in the book of Acts.

- Jesus Christ is now the ascended Lord, and only by believing in Him is there salvation from sins.
- God expects members of the Church to spread the message of the gospel throughout the world.
- To accomplish the task, God has sent the Holy Spirit, who gives us the power we need.
- The most important characteristic of the Church is unity.
- God is in charge of His Church.

As usual, efforts have been made to tailor some lessons to correspond with activities in the general Christian Church Calendar, certain biblical doctrines and Christian family living. We also undertook to show some cases of some Missionaries who trusted and depended on the ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT and dared to carry the gospel to the unreached people groups. The curriculum has been designed to lead the unsaved child to Christ. While the saved child desires to build strong relationship with the HOLY SPIRIT for daily Christian living.

Please, always remember, “The letter kills but the Spirit gives life.” Therefore, pray and depend solely on the HOLY SPIRIT to impact your life in order to be used of Him to impact this next generation.

Appreciating you all for your labour of love. God bless you real good.

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Note:

- M.E. - Main Emphasis
- P.A.U. - Personal Application to the Unsaved Child
- P.A.S. - Personal Application to the Saved Child
- S.O.E. - Sequence of Events

3RD LESSON ONE JANUARY

- TOPIC:** APPRECIATING GOD'S LOVE
- TEXT:** JOHN 3: 1-21
- MEMORY VERSE:** John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.
- OBJECTIVE:** To let children know that God's love brought salvation to the world.
- MAIN EMPHASIS:** God loves you
- P.A.U:** If you are not born again, you can appreciate God's love by surrendering your life to him today and you will become born again.
- P.A.S:** If you are saved, God wants you to always appreciate His love.

INTRODUCTION

Sing; Love of Jesus is so wonderful, love of Jesus is so wonderful, love of Jesus is so wonderful, oh wonderful love. So high, I can't get over it, so low, I can't get under it, so wide, I can't get around it. Oh wonderful love. Happy New Year Children! It's 2021. Our God has been very good to us; we must always appreciate His love for us. He loves us so much and wants the best for us. Today, we are going to learn the love God has shown to us so that we will not perish but have everlasting life.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (S.O.E)

1. A Pharisee came to Jesus at night. (M.E.)
2. He praised Jesus Christ. (P.A.S.)
3. Jesus showed him the way of salvation. (P.A.U.)
4. The Pharisee did not understand. (P.A.U.)
5. Jesus explained to him. (Climax) (M.E.) (P.A.U.) (P.A.S.)
6. Appreciating God's love. (Conclusion) (M.E.)

NOTE TO TEACHER

A Pharisee named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. A Pharisee was a leader in the days of Jesus who knew the law of the Bible and wanted to obey but found it difficult to obey so he pretended to follow and love the Lord. This Pharisee that came to Jesus was tired of pretending so he said to Jesus; “Rabbi (Teacher), we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Jesus replied and told him, “Truly, truly I say unto you, except one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. You can only appreciate God's love by surrendering your life to Jesus today and you will become born again.

This Pharisee did not understand what Jesus meant by being born again. He said as he was an adult that would he enter his mother's womb and be born again? Jesus said, “No, that is not what I meant.” Jesus explained to him that except one is born of the water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. One needs to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and God had sent Him to die for our salvation; the third day He rose again from dead. You need to confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour. You can only appreciate God's love if you are born again.

Jesus said, “That which is born of the spirit is spirit and that which is born of flesh is flesh. God loves the world that he gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.” Jesus said, “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up and whosoever believes in Him will not perish but will have everlasting life. You can only appreciate God's love if you are born again.

CHALLENGE: Are you saved? If NO! You can appreciate God's love by surrendering your life to Jesus today and you will be born again.

INVITATION: Make use of John 3:3 to lead the unsaved children to Christ.

SONG

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

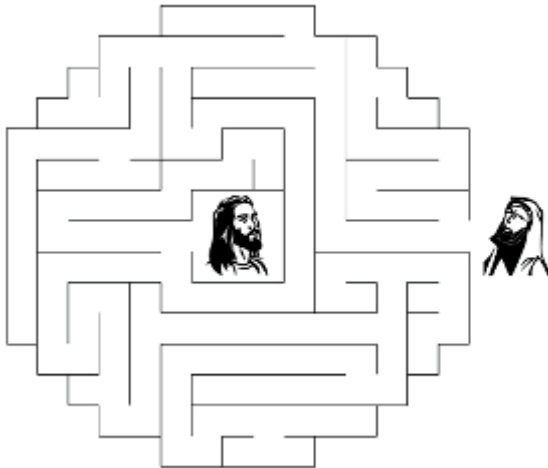
1. Jesus said to Nicodemus,
You must be born again. (2ce)
Oh yes, you must be born again
You must be born again
You must be born again. (2ce)

2. Jesus Christ is saying is to me
I must be born again (2ce).
Oh yes, I must be born again
I must be born again
I must be born again. (2ce)

3. Jesus Christ is saying is saying to you
You must be born again. (2ce)
Oh yes, you must be born again
You must be born again
You must be born again (2ce).

ACTIVITY

Help Nicodemus trace his way to Jesus.



10TH LESSON TWO JANUARY

- TOPIC:** THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- TEXT:** ACTS 1:1-11
- MEMORY VERSE:** John 16: 7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” John 16:7
- OBJECTIVE:** To teach children that the Holy Spirit is a promise of God to all Christians
- MAIN EMPHASIS:** You need the Holy Spirit
- P.A.U:** You need to surrender your life to Jesus and be born again before the Holy Spirit can be yours.
- P.A.S:** As a child of God, you need the Holy Spirit for He is God's promise for you.

INTRODUCTION:

Promise is an assurance that one will do something or that a particular thing will happen. Have you been promised something before? Was the promise fulfilled? The person that promised you may want to fulfil it but situation beyond his or her control may prevent him or her. However, we have a living God who always keep to His promise. The Holy Spirit is God's promise to all Christians.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (S.O.E)

1. Jesus' deeds in words and action. (M.E.) (P.A.S.)
2. Jesus revealed Himself after the resurrection. (P.A.S.)
3. The assembly of the disciples. (P.A.U.)
4. Jesus' command to the disciples. (P.A.U.) (P.A.S.)
5. The promise of the Holy Spirit. (Climax) (M.E.)
6. The Holy Spirit gives power to witness. (Conclusion) (P.A.U.) (P.A.S.)

NOTE TO TEACHER

Our Lord Jesus Christ did so many good things while He was on earth. He did not only teach about God but demonstrated who God is to the

people. I hope you still remember some of the miracles He performed while on earth? He raised the dead; open the eyes of the blind, made the deaf to hear and so on. Jesus further revealed Himself alive to His disciples and some other people after His resurrection for forty (40) days. He taught them many things concerning the Kingdom of God. All these were possible for Jesus as a result of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in Him. The Holy Spirit is a promise of God to all Christians. You also need the Holy Spirit.

When it was time for Jesus Christ to return to God, He assembled His disciples. He told them not to depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father. Jesus told His disciples that when He leaves, the Holy Spirit will come. He further told them that John truly baptized with water, but they shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit few days after He might have left. You need to surrender your life to Jesus and be born again before the Holy Spirit can be yours.

The disciples did not fully understand what Jesus told them. They were thinking of the restoration of the kingdom of Israel. However, Jesus told them that they will receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon them and they will be witnesses unto Him both in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. Jesus later ascended to heaven and the Angels encouraged the disciples. You need to surrender your life to Jesus and be born again before the Holy Spirit can be yours. And as a child of God; you need the Holy Spirit for He is God's promise for you.

CHALLENGE: Are you saved and have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit? You need the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's promise to all Christians.

INVITATION: Make use of Romans 10:9 to lead the unsaved children to Christ.

SONG

OH SPREAD THE TIDINGS ROUND

1. Oh, spread the tidings round,
Wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the gospel sound
The comforter has come!