

Activity: **Scripture Cookies**

Discussion: **Telling others about Jesus**

Scripture: **Acts 1:8**

YOU WILL NEED: “Fortune” cookies with your key verse hidden inside. These can be ordered for any verse you desire (within a certain length) from Gold Star Graphics at (405) 677-1529 or star5@gogoldstar.com. The minimum order is 250. Or, a recipe for fortune cookies can be found online.

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Give each student a “fortune” cookie and let him eat it to find today’s challenge verse inside.

Ask the students: **Does anyone know where this verse is found?** (Hint: This is something Jesus said just before He ascended to heaven after His resurrection. It’s Acts 1:8.)

Get ready for a Bible Drill
Ready...Acts 1:8...Go!

Ask the students: **What do you think this verse means by “in Jerusalem”?** (Jerusalem is where they lived. You can share Jesus right where you are.)

Ask the students: **What do you think this verse means by “in Judea”?** (Judea was the larger area of where they lived. Instead of your city, think of it as your state. There places in your state where you can serve Jesus too.)

Ask the students: **What do you think this verse means by “in Samaria”?** (Samaria was in the middle of Israel but a lot of Israelites in Jesus’ day avoided it.)

SAY: The Samaritans were not “pure” Jews but were Jews who had intermarried with people from other cultures. As a result there was a lot of racial tension between them and the Jews and many times they were very mean to each other. Jesus, however, was very different. This is the reason that the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 was so surprised at his actions. In other words, Samaria represents people further away from you or people who may even live nearby but they are very different from you.

Ask the students: **Where else did Jesus say to share the Good News?** (To the ends of the earth.)

SAD STORY

Ask the students: **Who knows who our country fought against during World War II?** We fought against several countries but one of these was Japan. After the war, however, their country was in ruins and suffering and for the first time there was an open door for Christian missionaries to go and help them and share the Good News of Jesus. It would have been hard because there were still a lot of bad feelings between Americans and Japanese, but some went and many were saved but those who went sent word back to America that they needed more help—more missionaries to share Jesus with the

people, but not many volunteered. Today if you look at Japan today, there are not a lot of strong Christians there, but what might have happened if many people had volunteered to go and tell the Japanese people about the Lord? It might have completely changed the history of their nation...but many weren't willing to go, some because they too had hard feelings about the war and they didn't want to go and share with the "enemy."

SAY: Someone being different from us should never stop us from sharing Jesus with them, but we should start right in our own "Jerusalem"— right where we are.

Ask the students: **Who is someone that you could share Jesus with?**