

Bible Skills: **Finding Acts**

YOU WILL NEED: *Bibles and a Bible Book Chart.*

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Ask the students: **Who knows what four books in the Bible are called the “Gospels”?** (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)

Ask the students: **Who knows where these four books are found?** (At the beginning of the New Testament.)

SAY: Each of these four books is about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. So, even though Jesus only died once (Everybody hold up one finger), the Bible tells the story in four (Everybody hold up four fingers) places—in each of the Gospels.

SAY: But today we’re not going to be finding the Gospels. We’ll be finding the book of Acts.

Ask the students—**Who can find the book of Acts on our Bible Book Chart? Where is it found?** (Just after the Gospels.)

Ask the students: **Why is the book of Acts called “Acts”?** (Because it’s all about the “acts” of the disciples and others like Paul who later followed Jesus.)

Ask the students: **What is the name of the book that comes after Acts?** (Romans—this was a letter written to the Romans, people who lived in Rome.)

Ask the students—**Who knows how to find Psalms in the Bible?** (Hold your Bible sideways and open it to the middle. Usually this is the book of Psalms.)

SAY: Let’s give it a try.

Ready...Find the book of Psalms—Go!

SAY: Now turn and put your fingers half-way between Psalms and the end of the Bible (the half on your right). This will usually put you somewhere in the Gospels. Let’s give it a try.

Ready...Find the book of Luke—Go!

SAY: Luke, the physician, who wrote the book of Luke also wrote the book of Acts.

Ask the students: **Was Luke one of Jesus’ twelve disciples?** (No, he wasn’t. He wasn’t even a Jew! He was a gentile who was probably saved during Paul’s missionary journeys. INTERESTING NOTE: Even though Luke wrote the book of Acts, he doesn’t record his own conversion experience but you can track when he first appears with Paul and when he is traveling with him and when he is not. This is not by looking for his

name, but by looking for the word “we.” In Acts 16:10 we have the first “we” reference, showing that Luke was now with Paul. Because of this, some have assumed that Luke is the person in the vision of Acts 16:9.)

SAY: Luke wasn’t one of the twelve disciples but he undertook the task of writing down not only a story of Jesus’ life but of the early church as well. His writings about the early church is our book of Acts. Let’s find out some more.

Ready...Find Luke 1:1-4—Go!

Ask the students: **Who did Luke write this Gospel to? Why?**

Get ready for another Bible Drill...

Ready...Find Acts 1:1-5—Go!

Ask the students: **Who did Luke write the book of Acts to?**

SAY: Let’s do some other Bible drills:

Ready...Psalm 118:24—Go!

Ready...John 10:10—Go!

Ready...Acts 2:38—Go!

Ready...Romans 1:16—Go!

(NOTE: Paul wrote the book of Romans...and he wasn’t “ashamed” of the Gospel!)