



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 1, Lesson 1

# The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Lesson Aim: To know the Holy Spirit's power helps us to be witnesses.

## THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is the best promise you have ever been given?

**GAME:** I Witness

## THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES US POWER

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 145:13.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

## THE WORD JESUS MAKES A PROMISE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus was recognized as the King God had promised to send.

If a Bible Timeline is available, point out Jesus Ascends (Circa 33 A.D.). **Just before Jesus was taken up into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to give power to the apostles. The apostles were the twelve disciples Jesus chose to be His first witnesses. He told them to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit.** Point out Jerusalem. **The book of Acts is about the acts of the apostles who used the power of the Holy Spirit to do amazing things in building God's church. The book has been called Acts of the Apostles or Acts of the Holy Spirit. God's church is everyone who believes in Jesus. Let's look in Acts to see exactly what Jesus did just before He was taken up into heaven.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 1:3-11. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Acts 1:8. Pray. Read.

## THE WAY BEING A WITNESS

**What did Jesus tell the apostles to do in Jerusalem?** (Stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit.)

**Jesus promised the Spirit would give them power to be His witnesses. What is a witness?** (Someone who has seen something and

then tells others about it.) **If you had been there to witness Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and return to heaven, what might you have told others about Jesus?**

Jesus proved to His witnesses that day:

**1. JESUS IS ALIVE.** How had Jesus proved to the apostles over the past 40 days that He had risen from the dead? (He appeared to them, spoke with them, and ate with them.)

**2. JESUS IS NOW IN HEAVEN.** How did the apostles know Jesus was taken up to heaven? (They saw Him disappear behind the clouds.)

**3. JESUS WILL COME AGAIN.** What did the two men who suddenly appeared say to everyone staring up into the clouds? (Jesus will return one day in the same way He left.)

## GAME: THE CASE OF BELIEVE IT OR NOT

To remember what the apostles witnessed that day, let's act out "The Case of Believe It or Not." Follow the instructions on the script.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

**700 years before Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Lord spoke about His witnesses through the prophet Isaiah.** Reveal Isaiah 43:12. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**What did the Lord say His witnesses have seen?** (That He is God.)  
**How has the Lord showed you He is God?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

## FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Witness Card and a small pencil
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The followers watching Jesus being taken up into the clouds
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

## GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Into the Clouds

**GAME:** Witness to the World

**CRAFT:** God's Promises Box

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Memory Verse Hand Motions, Around the World

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**