



On your marks

Tell the story of Acts chapters 1 to 12 by reading the script and matching the actions to the words in bold.

Go!

1 The great commission: **Go** into all the **world** and **share** the good news with **everyone everywhere**.

Point forward; make ever larger circles with finger, then arm; open hands and offer a gift around, then point to everyone rapidly.

2 So they **pray**, they **wait**, they **read** psalms and they **choose** a new apostle.

Place hands in prayer position; twiddle thumbs; open palms like a book; do eeny-meeny-miny-mo with a finger.

3 God sends his Holy Spirit with **wind**, with **flames**, and with **words of praise**.

Do wind actions; move hands like flames; all call out a praise word.

4 Peter explains that **this is that**, so **change** your mind about **Jesus**.

Point all around and to an imaginary book; circle hands either side of your head and point to wrists (sign language for 'Jesus').

5 And the church is **born**.

Nurse a baby.

6 By the **beautiful** gate, a lame man is healed - **walking and leaping and praising**

All smile; walk, leap and lift hands high.

7 Peter explains: it's all about Jesus, so **change** your mind about **Jesus**.

Circle hands either side of your head; point to wrists.

8 And the church **grows**.

Indicate a growing toddler.

9 The Sadducees get **annoyed** and tell Peter and John to **stop**.

Angry faces; turn one palm up as a stop sign.

10 Peter explains: it's all about Jesus, so **change** your mind about **Jesus**.

Circle hands either side of your head; point to wrists.

11 And the church **grows even more**.

Indicate a growing child.



- 12 The Sadducees become **jealous** and **plot** to get rid of Peter and John.
Point two fingers at the eyes with stabbing motion; wring hands together.
- 13 Gamaliel gives **wise advice**.
Stroke chin wisely.
- 14 Peter and John are **bold**. Peter explains: it's all about Jesus, so **change** your mind about **Jesus**.
Look bold; circle hands either side of your head; point to wrists.
- 15 And the church **grows even more**.
Indicate a growing teenager.
- 16 **Seven** new Christian leaders are appointed. **Stephen** preaches a lot!
Count seven on your fingers; put on an imaginary crown (the meaning of Stephen's name).
- 17 **Stephen** explains: it's all about Jesus, who is greater than the **temple**, so **change** your mind about **Jesus**.
Put on the crown again; make a triangular temple shape with both arms; circle hands either side of your head; point to wrists.
- 18 The Sadducees are **out-argued and outraged**. They **stone**.
Mime total horror and then the throwing of stones.
- 19 The church scatters but **grows even more**.
Indicate a growing older teenager.
- 20 **Samaritans in the north** become Christians.
Hold your nose to show disgust at these outcasts.
- 21 **A treasurer** from Ethiopia becomes a Christian.
Count money with affectation!
- 22 Even a Pharisee named Saul **becomes a Christian** in Damascus.
Cover eyes and then uncover them with amazement.
- 23 And the church **grows even more**.
Indicate a young adult.
- 24 People by the seaside become Christians **and get healed**.
Look amazed as you move all your limbs.
- 25 Even **a Roman soldier** called Cornelius becomes a Christian.
- 26 His whole family **get blessed**.
All cheer.



27 It's all about **Jesus**. God wants everyone to become part of **his new family** through Jesus.
So **change** your mind about **Jesus**.

Point to wrists; all hold hands in groups; circle hands either side of your head; point to wrists again.

28 **Foreigners** in Syria become Christians and Barnabas and Saul go to pastor them.

Look puzzled (whatever next?!)

29 The church just can't stop **growing**.

Indicate lots of people growing, to the left and to the right.

30 Herod **puts his foot down**; James is **killed**; Peter is **arrested**.

Stamp one foot; look sad; put together wrists as if handcuffed.

31 The church **prays** and **an angel** rescues Peter.

Hands in prayer position, then turn them into angel wings.

32 And the church **just keeps on growing!**

Indicate lots of people growing everywhere.