



## Agents of Acts – An 8-Week Series

### Meeting the “Agents” of the Book of Acts

#### Welcome to **Agents of Acts!**

Agents of Acts is an 8-Week series that provides an overview of the Book of Acts with a focus on case studies of eight disciples or followers of Jesus. It’s a secret agent / spy theme so it has some fun with terminology. GOD is referred to as “The G.O.D.” (Pronounce each letter, rather than say “God.”) The G.O.D. is the Global Operations Director. It’s fun, but it is also a way to remind the kids that God is indeed in charge of directing the entire world! Jesus is referred to as “Agent 01” – because He was who God sent on the Ultimate Mission to save mankind. The disciples (or followers of Jesus) are referred to as “Agents.” Even Old Testament references are called Ancient Agents. It’s a way to show that we ALL are agents for God, whether we are alive today or served God years ago! The overall “Mission” of the Agents is: *“To infiltrate the world with Goodness, Godliness, and the Gospel.”* You can refer to them as the “3 G’s.” (While not written into the curriculum to keep things simple, and because we use Whyit as a regular personality in the curriculum, I have used a Robot puppet named “3G” in the past when doing a spy theme with this mission. You are welcome to use 3G instead of Whyit, or use 3G to go over Bible verses.

#### **GO WITH THE THEME!**

There are so many fun things you can do with this theme! We have provided many ideas, but we try to keep it simple, so we aren’t asking too much and never want to overwhelm you with ideas. But have fun with it, be creative, and if you come up with ideas not in the materials, please DO SHARE in our Kidology Facebook Group. I just might use your idea myself! You can give the kids code names if you want. An easy way is to take their first and last name initials and add their birthdate. Mine would be Agent KB0919 (Karl Bastian, September 19<sup>th</sup>). I did this years ago in a ministry and still remember some grown kids’ birthdays because I can still remember their secret agent code names! You’ll see in the material you can have a spy deliver instructions, briefcases, etc. – make it exciting for the kids. You can turn out lights, have strobes or flashing lights turn on, fun mission music can play, and the spy needs to *really* be into it! Have him sneaking around the room, wearing shades, hat, trench coat, nervously looking around, etc. Use secret handshakes, use the spy lingo in the curriculum, and have fun with it! Kids engage more when you immerse yourself in the theme.

## **SERIES OVERVIEW:**

- 1 Agent Luke (The Great Commission)**  
*God wants YOU to tell the world about Him!*
- 2 Agent Bartholomew (The Holy Spirit is Given)**  
*God's Spirit is in you to help you live for Him!*
- 3 Agent Peter (Peter's First Miracle)**  
*God wants to do amazing things through you!*
- 4 Agent John (Miraculous Escape from Prison)**  
*We must obey God rather than people!*
- 5 Agent Philip (Sharing with the Ethiopian)**  
*The Good News is found in God's Word!*
- 6 Agent Stephen (Stephen dies for Jesus)**  
*The Good News is worth everything!*
- 7 Agent Paul (Paul's Conversion and Missions)**  
*The Good News can transform anyone!*
- 8 Agent Timothy (Paul's Young Apprentice)**  
*You are never too young to make a difference in the world!*

## **DECORATING FOR THE SERIES**

Unit 2 is the first of our Mystery Adventures. The theme is secret agents, spies, codes and all things TOP SECRET! You can dress to that theme, fill your set with props and wear costumes that make it obvious you are a secret agent. Shades are a must, at least at the beginning – they can be hard to wear the whole service! Keep in mind that the Mystery Adventure theme is repeated every year, so you will be able to reuse backdrops, props and costumes again for the next Outdoor Adventure next Spring. We do this so your investment in props and costumes is not just for this eight-week series – but can all be used again next year!

**PLEASE POST PICTURES** of your set in the Kidology Facebook Group! You'll inspire others and share ideas, and you'll make my day!

## **SMALL GROUP OPTIONS?**

If you incorporate small group discussion time into your service, there are several options available to you. Small Group leaders can use the TAKE IT form to lead a discussion. Kids can do the activity, look up the verses, review the theme verse, and answer the discussion questions. You can still send the TAKE IT paper home for parents to use as well. You may also find an activity from the lesson that small groups can use instead of during large group. Typically, it Bible Curriculum offers more ideas than time allows so you should be able to find extra activities to do during a small group time.

## LESSON FLOW?

Each lesson focuses on one “Agent” (disciple, apostle or follower) of Agent 01 (Jesus) and focuses on one aspect of that agent that we can learn from and emulate in our life. The only exception is that in Lesson Two, the Agent is Bartholomew, but the lesson focuses on the Holy Spirit. Rather than reduce the Holy Spirit to a mere “agent,” I chose instead to highlight one of the lesser-known disciples and refer to the Holy Spirit as “The Helper”. We all are Bartholomew – we may not be as well-known as or think of ourselves as “important” as others, but we share the same Holy Spirit and have equal opportunity to live for God and make a difference in the world. There might not be as much written about some disciples, but I think we’ll learn in heaven that each of them had incredible impact and stories to tell!

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## *Crack the Code of Life*

10-7-3-1 – Kidology has a fun Gospel Code resource, created by Children’s Pastor Stanley Mearse, available on the site at [Kidology.org/10731](http://Kidology.org/10731). It includes a cool foldable Gospel Tract you can use for the Lesson One Live It, but you may find you want to use this code and provided resources throughout the series, even though it is not written into the curriculum.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, IDEAS** or see any corrections we need to make to the curriculum, please do not hesitate to let us know through our Kidology Facebook Group: [Kidology.org/facebook](http://Kidology.org/facebook) will take you right there!

**FOLLOW UP TO UNIT 1:** If you taught Secrets of the Ancient Scrolls, feel free to keep up the challenge for kids to memorize the Books of the Bible and post their name and photo to your WALL OF SCHOLARS. This is a skill that will serve them well for life! The younger they learn it, the easier it is!

See the *HOW TO USE it* document included in your downloads for a detailed description of every element each lesson.

*I had a BLAST writing this series for you and pray that God will use it to help your kids get exciting about reading their Bible and drawing closer to God!*

*Pastor Karl Bastian*