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“He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son,  
but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgraceful son.”

**– Proverbs 10:5**

Summertime—especially for those of us who live in places that have cold, snowy winters—can provide much-needed breathing room. The days are longer and warmer, and the winter blues are gone. We can spend more time outside exercising, playing sports and enjoying the sunshine.

The Bible has a lot to say about getting the most out of each season we experience. The verse above from Proverbs says that a prudent, or wise, person gathers when the season and conditions allow. If you have ever lived in a farming community, you know summers are a busy time on a farm because the crops are ready to be harvested and the days are long enough to do the work. This summer, how can you best use your time? What important things would you like to accomplish? Perhaps you would like to rebuild relationships with family and friends, get physically fit, memorize more Scripture or work on another area of self-improvement.

As you read through the book of Acts (also known as the Acts of the Apostles) over the next few months, take inspiration from the apostles and how they took advantage of every opportunity to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Ask God to show you how to use your time wisely this summer.

## **Where Are My Roadmaps?**

If you received a Crossroads lesson recently, you probably wondered why you did not also receive a Roadmap. Roadmaps were originally designed to give students something to study between lessons. The Roadmaps that accompanied our older courses like *Great Truths of the Bible* and *Survey of the Bible* provided an opportunity for students to reflect on their life and their spiritual walk with their mentors.

As of June 1, Crossroads has discontinued Roadmaps for several reasons:

- Our new courses, *Who Are You?*, *Who Is Jesus?* and *What Is the Bible?*, were written to include more reflective questions that encourage students to share personal details with their mentors.
- Because of Crossroads' growth, we are moving toward printing more materials in our office instead of having them printed by an outside company. The size and format of Roadmaps make them difficult to print with our equipment.
- Currently, not very many Crossroads students complete and submit Roadmaps.
- We have begun providing a Scripture reading and prayer guide in each *Just for Students* newsletter, which allows thousands of Crossroads students to read Scripture and pray together each day. This guide will take the place of Roadmaps.



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## From the Operations Department

- Please don't send *Just for Students* or the crossword puzzles back to Crossroads. They are yours to keep!
- If you move to a new facility or go home and want to continue your lessons, please let us know. To continue studying from home, please wait until you are living there to send us a note with the address.
- Please remember that in Tier 1, a different mentor reviews each lesson. In Tiers 2 and 3, each student is paired with a personal mentor.
- We will send the next *Just for Students* newsletter to you in September.

## Scripture Reading and Prayer Guide

Date	Passage	Reading Topic	Prayer Focus
June 1	Acts 1:1–11	Jesus' final words	For patience to wait on God's timing
June 2	Acts 1:12–26	Matthias replaces Judas	For God to raise up workers
June 3	Acts 2:1–21	The Holy Spirit comes	For the Holy Spirit to fill you
June 4	Acts 2:22–47	Peter's first sermon	Ask God what sins you need to confess

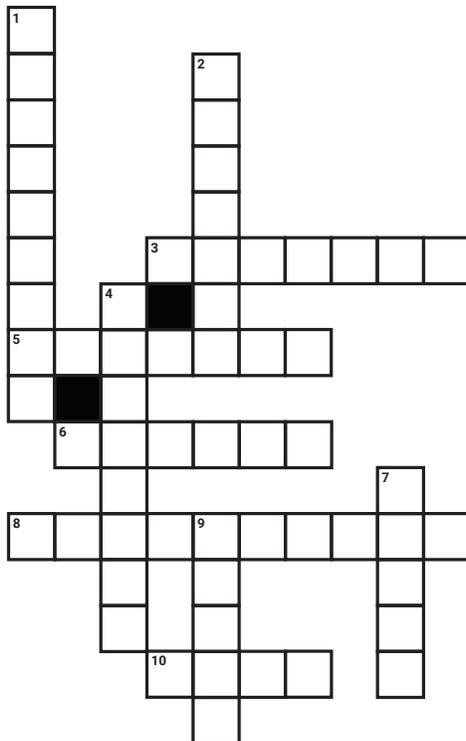
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June 5	Acts 3:1–16	God heals through the apostles	For God to heal the sick
June 6	Acts 3:17–26	Peter preaches about repentance	Thank God for sending His Son
June 7	Acts 4:1–12	Peter and John arrested	For strength to endure persecution
June 8	Acts 4:13–22	Peter and John testify boldly	For boldness to share the Gospel
June 9	Acts 4:23–37	The first Christians are strengthened	For God to strengthen His children everywhere
June 10	Acts 5:1–16	Ananias and Sapphira	For an honest heart
June 11	Acts 5:17–42	The apostles arrested	For courage to obey God
June 12	Acts 6:1–7	The Church grows	For the growth of the Church at your facility
June 13	Acts 6:8–15	Stephen arrested	For persecuted Christians everywhere
June 14	Acts 7:1–19	Stephen testifies about the patriarchs	For your spiritual leaders
June 15	Acts 7:20–50	Stephen testifies about Moses	For our country's lawmakers
June 16	Acts 7:51–60	Stephen is put to death	For strength to forgive those who wrong you
June 17	Acts 8:1–25	Simon tries to buy the Holy Spirit	For a pure heart
June 18	Acts 8:26–40	Philip and the Ethiopian	For increased faith in Jesus Christ
June 19	Acts 9:1–20	Saul (Paul) believes in Jesus	For enemies of God to come to faith
June 20	Acts 9:21–30	Believers question Saul's conversion	For discernment to see as God sees
June 21	Acts 9:31–43	Tabitha raised from the dead	For God to do miracles in your life
June 22	Acts 10:1–26	Cornelius and Peter have visions	For God to supernaturally reveal His will to you
June 23	Acts 10:27–48	Peter's revelation for the Gentiles	For the Gospel to spread throughout the world
June 24	Acts 11:1–18	Peter shares hope for the Gentiles	For God to fill your heart with love for others
June 25	Acts 11:19–30	The Church continues to grow	For friends and family who don't know Jesus
June 26	Acts 12:1–25	Herod attacks the apostles	For people who oppose God
June 27	Acts 13:1–12	Paul and Barnabas's travels	For God to reveal His calling in your life
June 28	Acts 13:13–25	Paul preaches in a synagogue	Thank God for preachers of the Gospel
June 29	Acts 13:26–52	Forgiveness of sins through Jesus	For forgiveness of your sins
June 30	Acts 14:1–20	Paul stoned and left for dead	For Christians facing death for their faith
July 1	Acts 14:21–28	Appointing Church elders	For our elders in the faith
July 2	Acts 15:1–21	Jerusalem Council	For freedom from trying to earn God's love
July 3	Acts 15:22–41	Letter to Gentile believers	For new believers to grow in their faith
July 4	Acts 16:1–15	Paul's vision about Macedonia	For spiritual vision
July 5	Acts 16:16–40	Paul and Silas in prison	For strength to endure what imprisons you
July 6	Acts 17:1–15	Trouble in Thessalonica	For relief from your troubles
July 7	Acts 17:16–34	Paul's speech in Athens	For God to use you to share His Word
July 8	Acts 18:1–17	Paul opposed in Corinth	For God to order the steps of your life
July 9	Acts 18:18–28	Apollos teaches about Jesus	For God to bring Christian friends into your life
July 10	Acts 19:1–22	Paul preaches in Ephesus	For God's Spirit to fill the earth
July 11	Acts 19:23–41	Riot in Ephesus	For peace in your facility/community
July 12	Acts 20:1–12	Eutychus raised from the dead	For God to raise dead things to life
July 13	Acts 20:13–38	Paul's farewell	For friends who will soon be released
July 14	Acts 21:1–26	Paul goes to Jerusalem	For the Christian Church everywhere
July 15	Acts 21:27–40	Paul arrested again	For integrity within the justice system
July 16	Acts 22:1–21	Paul's testimony	For opportunities to share your testimony
July 17	Acts 22:22–30	Paul's Roman citizenship	For courage to speak the truth
July 18	Acts 23:1–11	Paul testifies to leaders	For our leaders in government
July 19	Acts 23:12–35	A plot to kill Paul	For God to protect you from the plans of the devil
July 20	Acts 24:1–27	Trial before Felix	For wisdom in your legal battles
July 21	Acts 25:1–27	Trial before Festus and Agrippa	For judges to judge fairly
July 22	Acts 26:1–32	Paul gives his testimony again	For an opportunity to share Jesus with a friend
July 23	Acts 27:1–12	Paul sails to Rome	For your family and community
July 24	Acts 27:13–44	The storm and shipwreck	For safety in the storms of life
July 25	Acts 28:1–10	Paul on Malta	For God to help you use your time wisely
July 26	Acts 28:11–31	Paul in Rome	For the ministry of Crossroads

## Crossword Puzzle: The Acts of the Apostles

Use the clues below to fill in the words.

- Words can go across or down.
- Letters are shared where two words cross each other.
- Scripture quotations are taken from the NIV Bible.



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1. The name of the Jewish holy day on which the first Christians received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1)
2. After leaving Athens, Paul taught in this city for a year and a half. (Acts 18:1–11)
4. The name for non-Jewish people, many of whom welcomed the message of Jesus. (Acts 11:1–3)
7. He was a sorcerer who wanted to pay the apostles to gain the power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:9–24)
9. He and Paul were in prison together. (Acts 16:25–30)

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3. He and his wife, Sapphira, tried to deceive God and the apostles. (Acts 5:1–2)
5. The first man the disciples chose to oversee the care of poor widows. (Acts 6:1–6)
6. Paul spoke about the unknown God of the Greeks in this city. (Acts 17:16–29)
8. “John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Acts 1:5)
10. Also known as the apostle Paul. (Acts 13:9)

