

## Lesson 3- The Missionary Spirit of the Early Church

### **Introduction:**

Begin with the introduction of the Acts of the Apostles. The children must be made aware of how the early Christians lived a life of unity and love, based on the teachings of Christ and the guidance of the Apostles.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQhkWmFJKnA>

– Acts of the Apostles

This video shows the Institution of the Church. The teacher must explain how they lived according to the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus, in prayer and unity. 90% of the chapter's Biblical reference is embedded in this video.

### **Saints for this Chapter:**

Story of Ananias of Damascus

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/st-ananias-a-saint-who-eased-paul-s-conversion> - Article

### **What Spirit must the children imbibe from this Chapter?**

Let's Mediate: Acts 4:32-37

Gist: The believers were of one heart and soul.

Who are Believers? (Let the children answer)

We are !- We have received the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Baptism. So we are the temples of the Holy Spirit. (emphasis on us being the Body of Christ i.e. the Church)

### **Word of God to learn:**

Acts 1:8

1 Cor 6: 19-20

### **Habit Formation:**

What can I do in my church?

1. Participate actively in catechism activities
2. Be attentive during the Mass
3. Participate in adorations
4. Maintain the decorum of the Church
5. Use your talents to glorify God (Teachers can help them identify)

### **Activity: ( any 2)**

- Find 5 saints in the New Testament, other than the Apostles.
- How can we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us?

- Have you been really faithful in loving and serving the Lord as you should?- Examine yourself and write a note to yourself writing about the present situation and how you would practice being spiritually strong.
- Difference between Early Church and Present Church.