

Off the Shelf: Week 11 (Nov. 17-23) | Bible Reading Plan

WEEK ELEVEN

Hello, and welcome to week eleven of the Off the Shelf bible reading plan. Last week we finished a two-week study about Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension. This week we will be reading from the book of Acts. As a reminder, the book of Acts is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. This book captures the account of Jesus' followers after he ascended into Heaven. It gives us an understanding of the beginnings of the Church, the difficulties they faced, and the spread of the Gospel message.

DAY 1 | Today we will read Acts chapter two. This chapter records the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and was a Jewish holiday that occurred 50 days after Passover. This chapter is incredibly important because it marks the beginning of the new covenant and the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all Jesus followers. Before this event, the Holy Spirit only came on specific individuals at specific times. Today, [read Acts Chapter 2](#).

DAY 2 | Today we will read Acts chapters three and four. These chapters contain the beginning of Peter and John's journeys to live out Jesus' final instructions to make disciples of all nations. In these chapters, we see Peter performing a miracle and speaking through the power of the Holy Spirit. These actions led to Peter and John being arrested. To learn more, today [read Acts chapters 3 and 4](#).

DAY 3 | Today we will read Acts chapters six and seven. These two chapters contain the powerful story of the martyrdom of Stephen. While this is a sad event, it is also an incredible testimony to Stephen's faith. Today, [read Acts chapters 6 and 7](#).

DAY 4 | Today we will read Acts chapter 9. This chapter captures the account of Saul's conversion. Not only is this a compelling story of transformation, but Saul becomes the Apostle Paul, who ends up writing the majority of what we now call the New Testament. Today, [read Acts chapter 9](#).

DAY 5 | Today we will read Acts chapters thirteen and fourteen. While the Apostle Paul was not one of Jesus' disciples, he was one of the key people God chose to spread the good news of Jesus throughout the known world. The book of Acts records the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys. Today we will read about the first of those journeys. Today, [read Acts chapters 13 and 14](#).

Thank you for joining us this week. Join the conversation at [Off the Shelf Facebook Group!](#)

THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS



Also, If you are looking for a challenge, it's not too late to jump into the Bible in 90 days plan. This plan is designed to walk you through the Bible over the course of just three months. That works out to 12 pages of reading each day—a commitment, but certainly manageable, and one that's well worth making.

Start plan here: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/13-bible-in-90-days>

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