



# The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

## Department of Christian Education

MAKING DISCIPLES through "events that **FORM** and **TRANSFORM**"

### Sunday School Lessons Unit One

"Seeds of New Growth"  
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We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

During the Fall Quarter (*September-October-November*) we will explore the formation and growth of the Christian community as Luke tells the story of the church in the Acts of the Apostles. The first unit is entitled **Seeds of New Growth**.

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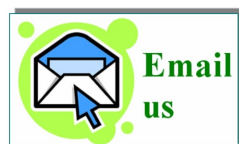
At critical times in their lives, people search for strength to weather the storm. Where do they find the necessary strength? The followers of Christ raised their voices together to God in prayer and were filled with strength from the Holy Spirit to speak God's word with boldness.

#### Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To examine the apostles' prayer for strength to speak with boldness and continue Jesus' ministry while under political distress
- ✓ To share insights into prayer as a means through which Christians can remain strong voices for change and effective ministries today
- ✓ To ask God in bold prayers to empower their mission and ministry

#### Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Make a list of issues that your congregation and/or denomination is facing. Pray each day through the Holy Spirit leaders and members alike will discern how to address these issues.
- Identify places in the world where Christians are being persecuted. Learn what you can how these groups are being oppressed, by whom, and what they are doing to hold fast to the faith. Intercede for these brothers and sisters in prayer. Take whatever other action you can to assist these people.
- Pray that you will witness boldly for Christ whenever you see an opportunity to do so.



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