



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 1: Commissioned  
Suggested Week of Use: June 2, 2024  
Core Passage: Acts 1:4-11,23-26

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### News Story Summary

Earlier this spring, the United States Navy commissioned the USS John L. Canley, the newest Expeditionary Sea Base ship in its fleet. The vessel will serve as a platform for various military operations, including the deployment of forces, equipment, and supplies. For example, it will be used as a holding area for airborne mine detection and as a floating base for special operations forces. It also can be used as a “lily pad” for moving equipment and cargo between ships and shore when a land base cannot be accessed.

For more about this story, search “USS John L. Canley Commissioned”

### Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, play a True/False game using the statements below. Encourage adults to use their phones or provide paper and pencils. Read the statements and direct adults to record their responses. Award a small prize for the most correct answers.

1. The U.S. Army is the oldest branch of the military. (True)
2. The Marine Corps is a part of the Navy. (True)
3. The U.S. Coast Guard is a part of the Marine Corps. (False)
4. In the U.S., women were first allowed to serve in combat roles in 2013. (True)
5. The Pentagon is the headquarters of the U.S. Navy. (False)
6. The U.S. military has bases in more than 175 countries around the world. (False)
7. The U.S. military has a branch dedicated to space operations. (True)

After the game, share about the commissioning of the USS John L. Canley. If possible, show adults photos of the ship. Talk about what it means to be “commissioned.” Affirm that it involves being set aside for service. Share that this session begins a study of the book of Acts with a look at our commission as Christ followers. Encourage adults to examine how they are fulfilling Jesus’s commission as they study the verses from Acts 1.

### Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, remind adults about the commissioning of the John L. Canley. Talk about how commissioning a ship is different from commissioning a person. Place adults into teams of three and give each a piece of paper and a pen. Direct the teams to create a job description for believers based on today’s verses. After a few minutes, allow teams to share their descriptions. Emphasize that our commission as Christ followers involves kingdom work. Challenge adults to find ways to put their commission into practice this week. Close with prayer.