

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Display a map:**
Show a map of Paul's missionary journeys. Trace Paul's first journey as you tell the Bible story.
- **Move:** Move around the front of the room as you tell the Bible story, reflecting Paul and Barnabas' movement between cities.

Paul's First Journey

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28

Saul, who became known by his Roman name, Paul, was with the church in Antioch. The Holy Spirit chose Paul and another believer, Barnabas, for a special work. So they obeyed and left Antioch to do the work. God led Paul and Barnabas to tell the good news about Jesus to not only the Jews, but the Gentiles—or people who were not Jews.

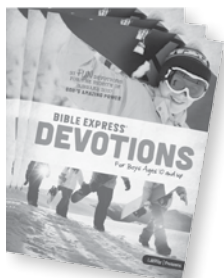
Paul and Barnabas traveled to Lystra (LISS truh), and Paul healed a man there who was lame; the man had never been able to walk. The people saw what Paul had done, and they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods! They began to worship them, but Paul and Barnabas tore their clothes and shouted, “No! We are not gods. We are men just like you! We want to tell you the good news of God.”

Then some people showed up from Antioch and Iconium (igh KOH nih uhm), cities where Paul and Barnabas had preached about Jesus. These people caused trouble so that the people in Lystra turned against Paul and Barnabas too. They threw stones at Paul and dragged him out of the city. They thought he was dead, but the believers in Lystra gathered around Paul, and he got up.

The next day, Paul and Barnabas went to the city of Derbe (DUHR bih). They told people there about Jesus, and many people believed. Then they went back to Lystra and to Iconium. They encouraged the believers there to continue in the faith. They told the believers that they would face suffering because they believed in Jesus. Paul and Barnabas also chose leaders for the churches there.

Finally, Paul and Barnabas returned to the church at Antioch. They reported everything God had done on their journey and how God had helped them share the good news with the Gentiles.

Christ Connection: Paul and Barnabas faced many people who rejected the good news about Jesus. But God had a plan for Paul to share the gospel with Gentiles, no matter what troubles Paul faced. Many believed in Jesus. The church grew and the gospel was shared so that people all over the world could be saved from their sin by trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior.



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Match the Shadows

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INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a line connecting each vehicle to its shadow.



KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus.

BIBLE STORY:

PAUL'S FIRST JOURNEY

- The Holy Spirit sent Paul and Barnabas to tell people about Jesus.
- Paul healed a man who could not walk.
- Some people made Paul and Barnabas leave the city.
- Paul and Barnabas went to another city to share the good news.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Who gave Paul power to heal the man who could not walk?
- Was everyone always happy to hear the good news from Paul?
- When might it be hard for you to share the good news? Who can help you?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Watch online videos of athletes in wheelchairs as a family.
- Visit a local hospital. Prayerwalk the halls and pray for patients who are open to it.

Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 30, Session 2

How Does It Grow?

Match each person, place, or thing with what helps it grow.



Mark the Way I

Unscramble the clues to draw the route of Paul's first missionary journey.

1. PAUL AND BARNABAS LEFT _____ IN SYRIA
 _____ ATOCHNI
 AND SAILED TO _____ AND THEN TO _____
 PRUSCY ANCHOIT.
2. FROM THERE, PAUL AND BARNABAS TRAVELED THROUGH
 _____ TO _____. PAUL HEALED A MAN THERE.
 MUNICOI ASTRLY
3. NEXT, THEY WENT TO _____. THEN PAUL
 BEDRE
 AND BARNABAS WENT BACK THROUGH _____
 ASTRLY,
 _____ AND ANCHOIT. THEY SAILED PAST
 MUNICOI, AND ANCHOIT. THEY SAILED PAST
 _____ TO _____ IN SYRIA.
 PRUSCY ATOCHNI



The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.