Paul's First Journey

Activity Ideas

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 13-14

STORY POINT: Paul and Barnabas told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 28:19-20

• REVIEW MEMORY VERSE: 1 Chronicles 16:31

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Paint with Shoes

Print the key passage on a sheet of heavyweight paper for each child. Squirt paint on foam plates. Show a child how to gently dab the sole of a baby or doll shoe into the paint and press it to his paper. Encourage him to make shoe prints across the paper. Set artwork aside to dry.

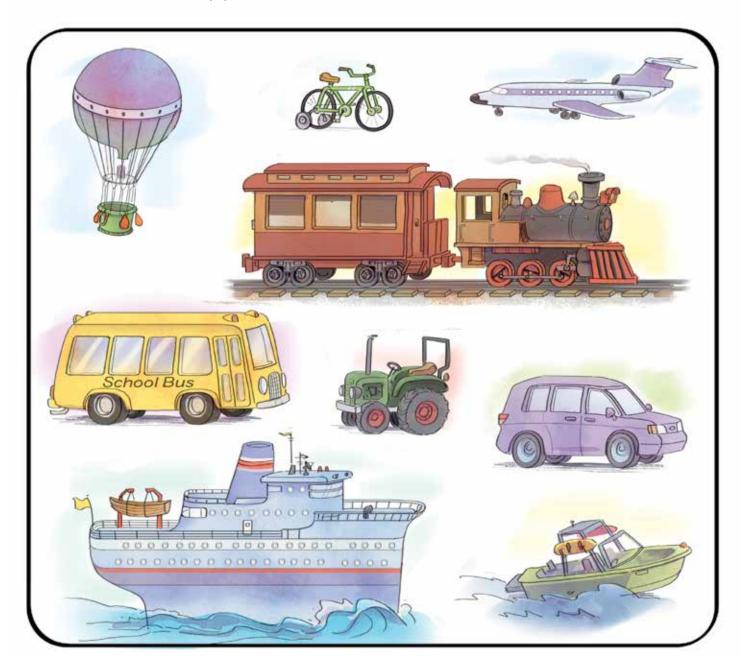
SAY • Paul and Barnabas knew what their mission was. They obeyed the Holy Spirit by traveling, mostly on foot, to many cities and nations so that people could hear the good news about Jesus. The Holy Spirit also wants us to tell others about Jesus. What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make followers of Jesus from every nation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome Home Report

SAY • Paul and Barnabas told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus. When Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch at the end of their journey, they reported all that God had done through them and how God helped them share the good news with the Gentiles. Let's recreate what it might have looked like if a news station from today were there to report on their journey. Allow the group to brainstorm different roles such as news anchors, reporters, witnesses, meteorologist, traffic reporter, camera operator, and so forth. Then assign parts. Lead kids to work as a team to create their own news show. Consider recording the news report, or invite another class to the performance.

Let's Go!

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the ways you have traveled.



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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God led Paul and Barnabas to other cities to tell the good news of Jesus.
- Paul healed a man in the city of Lystra then Paul and Barnabas told the people the good news.
- Paul and Barnabas told people in the city of Derbe about Jesus.
- Many people believed in Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 28:19-20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

• What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make followers of Jesus from every nation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How do you think Paul and Barnabas' friends in the church felt about sending them off?
- Why would Paul not give up spreading the good news of Jesus when people tried to stop him?
- Name someone you can tell about Jesus. Pray for that person.

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

• Use *The Gospel: God's Plan for Preschoolers* poster to practice sharing the gospel as a family. Access it at gospelproject.com.







Church Search

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the key words from the bank hidden in the grid below.



Word Bank Antioch Lystra Iconium Derbe Paul Barnabas Jews Gentiles

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BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The Holy Spirit chose Paul and Barnabas to spread the gospel.
- Paul and Barnabas traveled to many places, sharing the gospel everywhere they went.
- Paul and Barnabas told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus.
- Many people believed and the church grew.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 28:19-20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

• What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why is it important to share the gospel with everyone?
- How should we respond when people reject Jesus?
- What kinds of difficulties might we face for sharing the gospel?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

• Gather lots of coins. Work with your kids to sort the coins by different qualities, such as color, size, or value. Discuss God's love for all people despite differences.



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