

Paul's First Journey

Discussion Questions

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.

Preschool Review Questions:

1. Who told Paul and Barnabas they had an important job to do? (the Holy Spirit)
2. What was Paul and Barnabas' important job? (to travel to other cities to tell the good news about Jesus)
3. What did Paul and Barnabas do for the man in Lystra who could not walk? (Paul healed the man.)
4. When people tried to stop Paul and Barnabas from telling about Jesus, did they give up? (No!)
5. What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make followers of Jesus from every nation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

K - 5TH GRADE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss:

1. Who decided that Paul and Barnabas should go on a missionary journey? (the Holy Spirit, Acts 13:2)
2. How did the people of Lystra react to Paul and Barnabas at first? (They worshiped Paul and Barnabas as gods, Acts 14:11-13)
3. What did Paul and Barnabas do everywhere they went? (preached the gospel, Acts 13:38,49; 14:1)
4. How should we react to those who reject Jesus? Guide kids to see that Paul and Barnabas preached to the Gentiles when the Jews rejected their message. Help kids understand that we are called to love everyone, even our enemies, but that when people reject the gospel, we can simply share with others, instead of taking it personally.
5. Who will accept and who will reject the gospel? Lead kids to realize that we cannot know who will accept the gospel and who will reject it. That is part of the reason it is so important to share the

gospel with everyone we meet. Only God knows who will and will not believe, and it's not our job to cause people to believe, only to tell them the truth so they have the chance to.

6. What should we do if we are nervous or afraid to share the gospel? Guide the kids to see that Paul and Barnabas preached no matter what hard times they faced. They were set apart for the work, and they prayed, worshiped God and fasted before going out. We too can prepare for life on mission by praying, worshiping God, studying His Word, and fasting.

SAY • Paul and Barnabas told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus no matter what trials they faced. And with the Holy Spirit's power, we can boldly share the gospel.

Journal and prayer

Give a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Whom can I tell about this story?