

Paul's First Missionary Journey

Session 2024-16

April 21, 2024

Hi Tweens,

Opening Prayer

Lord, forgive me for (list any sins that you have committed). Holy Spirit, remind us all to forgive each other and other people, and please help us to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive". In Jesus Name. Amen.

The story in this week's lesson "**Paul's First Missionary Journey**" is from the book of Acts. The book of Acts records the continuation of Jesus' ministry and the history of the early church. After Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit came and empowered Jesus' followers to share the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world. Jesus' ministry continued through His faithful followers, and many people received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. **Enjoy this week's story!**

Bible Passage: ACTS 13:1-14:28

Memory Verse: Luke 24:46-47 NLT

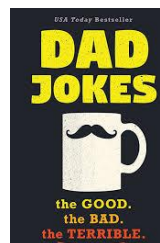
⁴⁶ And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. ⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations,[a] beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'

Bible Verse: ACTS 13:38 NLT

"Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins.

Text Truth: Through Jesus, we can be forgiven of our sin, and by believing in Him, we can be justified.

Bible Skills Spotlight: Know the Bible is God's revelation about Himself and how He rescues us and transforms us. Know the Bible teaches God's gift of salvation came through Jesus' sinless life, death, and resurrection.



Q: How do celebrities keep cool?

A: They have many fans.

Shine!

Wednesdays

Kid friendly dinner at 5:30pm

Program starts at 6:00pm

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Here are your 3 ministries to pray for:

1. House of Blessings in Thailand
2. Austin and Amanda Gayno in Ghana
3. Joe and Bethany Bindeman in France

"What is the longest amount of time you have been gone on a trip?"

What is the furthest place you have traveled from home?"

"In today's session, we will learn about Paul's first missionary journey."

"The Bible is God's revelation about Himself and how He rescues us and transforms us."

"In our previous sessions in the book of John, we learned about Jesus' life on earth."

"Today, we begin in the book of Acts. Earlier in Acts, Jesus rescued and transformed Paul."

ENJOY THIS WEEK'S STORY!

While the leaders of the church in Antioch (also called Syrian Antioch) worshiped and fasted, the Holy Spirit told them to set aside Saul—also called Paul—and Barnabas because they were called to be missionaries. The church leaders fasted, prayed, and sent Paul and Barnabas out to tell others the good news of Jesus.

Paul and Barnabas traveled to the island of Cyprus and began to proclaim the gospel in the Jewish synagogues. John Mark was also with them assisting them. Then, they traveled to the city of



Perga. At this time, John Mark left and returned to Jerusalem instead of finishing the trip. Paul and Barnabas continued to the city of Pisidian Antioch.

On the Sabbath, Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogue. The leaders of the synagogue invited Paul and Barnabas to speak any word of encouragement they had to the people. Paul stood up and said, "Fellow Israelites who fear God, listen." Paul then reminded the people of their history from Egypt to King David, a man after God's own heart. God promised that from David's family, God would send the Savior, Jesus.

Paul continued by explaining that Jesus had been put to death, but God raised Him from the dead. Then, Jesus appeared for many days to His followers, who are now His witnesses. Paul explained that the prophecies from the Psalms and Isaiah made to the Jewish people had been fulfilled. Paul said, "Through Jesus, the forgiveness of sin is being told to you. Everyone who believes is justified (declared right with God) and forgiven through Jesus because you cannot be justified through the law of Moses."

The Jewish people asked Barnabas and Paul to come again the next Sabbath and speak to them again. Some of the people followed Paul and Barnabas to ask them more questions. The next week, most of the town gathered to hear Paul and Barnabas, but the Jews started to insult Paul. Paul and Barnabas explained that they were called to speak to the Jewish people first, but because they were rejecting Jesus and eternal life, Paul and Barnabas would now tell the Gentiles. The Gentiles rejoiced and many believed in Jesus and received eternal life. God's Word spread through the region. But the Jewish people were not happy, and they created trouble for Paul and Barnabas. So, Paul and Barnabas traveled to Iconium and Lystra to tell more people about Jesus. Eventually, they traveled home to

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Antioch and shared all that God had done and how the gospel was reaching the Gentiles.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE BOOK OF ACTS

READ ACTS 13:2-4

“Paul and Barnabas were commissioned as missionaries to share the good news of Jesus. At the beginning of their journey, they traveled to the island of Cyprus, where Barnabas was from. They proclaimed the gospel there, and John Mark—Barnabas’ cousin—was along on the trip assisting them.”

“As Paul traveled on this journey, he proclaimed the good news that **through Jesus, we can be forgiven of our sin, and by believing in Him, we can be justified.**”

Justified or **Justification** means ‘to be declared righteous by God.’ When you trust in Jesus as Savior, God sees Jesus’ sinless life and His sacrifice on the cross for your sin when He looks at you instead of your sin.”

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to **cameronfamily10@gmail.com**. Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch, or come to church Sunday morning, call a friend, do well in school, and remember **GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

The Tween Teachers



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Watch is video from the BibleProject called "Paul's Missionary Journey: Acts 13-20":

<https://youtu.be/fglSbcGSr3A?si=DzsUltm8Opkpioj->

