

October 20
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
PAUL BECAME A MISSIONARY
(Acts 13-14)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul shared the good news about Jesus with anyone who would listen. Many people believed in Jesus, and the church grew. God wants us to tell others about Jesus so they can be saved from their sins.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is saved.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to save people. John 3:17

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Encourage boys and girls to walk with you around the classroom. Invite preschoolers to choose other ways to travel around the room such as hopping, walking on tiptoes, or taking very small or very large steps. After you have traveled around the classroom several times, end at the group time area.

SAY *We traveled around our classroom. Paul and Barnabas traveled to other cities. God told them that they had an important job to do. Listen to our story to hear how Paul and Barnabas went to tell the good news about Jesus.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins. Paul and Barnabas traveled from place to place, telling people this good news. Paul helped start many churches and wrote letters to the churches because he wanted them to know that **anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins.***

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at John 3:17. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Tell preschoolers to listen for the words "Son" and "Jesus" in the key passage." For the first time reading the verse, pause after saying *Jesus* and tell preschoolers to softly say Jesus' name. Read it again and tell them to say Jesus' name a little louder. Read it one more time, prompting preschoolers to cheer for Jesus when hearing His name.

SAY *God sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. God loves us so much that He made the way for us to be with Him forever one day. Trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior is the only way we can have life with God forever.*

5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask preschoolers the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. Who helped start the first churches? (*Paul and Barnabas*)
3. What good news did Paul and Barnabas share? (They shared that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.)

4. What good news about Jesus can you share with others? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
5. Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins.

SAY *Paul and Barnabas had an important job to do. They helped start the first churches. They traveled to different cities, telling people the good news about Jesus. In the city of Lystra, God used Paul to heal a man who could not walk. Some people even made trouble for Paul and Barnabas, but they continued to tell others about Jesus. Paul shared the good news about Jesus with anyone who would listen. Many people believed in Jesus, and the church grew. The Holy Spirit wants us to tell others about Jesus so they can be saved from their sins.*

6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY *Jesus, help us learn more about You and know what to tell others about You. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

MOVE, STOP, TELL

Tape pieces of red, orange, green, and blue construction paper on separate walls of the classroom. Play praise and worship music as the preschoolers walk, hop, or move around the room. When the music stops, tell them to find and move to a piece of construction paper. Call out a color and invite a volunteer at that color to tell one fact he or she knows about Jesus. The fact may be as simple as "Jesus loves me" or "Jesus loves you." Continue to play until each child has a chance to share a fact and move to a few locations in the room.

SAY *Paul and Barnabas traveled to different cities to tell people the good news about Jesus. Paul shared the good news about Jesus with anyone who would listen. You can also share the good news about Jesus with your family, friends, or anyone you meet.*

HEAL THE MAN

Print and cut apart "[Peter Heals](#)" printable (one per child). Provide crayons and encourage preschoolers to color the two pieces. When complete, place a brass fastener loosely on the dot to secure the two halves of the figure together. When attached loosely, the figure's legs should move freely. Review the Bible story.

SAY *Who healed a man that could not walk? Yes, Paul healed a man that could not walk! Paul also told the people about Jesus. We tell others about Jesus so they can hear and believe.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

As children color, talk about the Christ Connection.

SAY *Paul and Barnabas traveled to tell people about Jesus. We can tell people about Jesus too! God sent Jesus to save us because He loves us.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Storytelling Props are not included in the blue bin, but you may choose to bring them from home.

Open your Bible to ACTS 13-14 and tell the following Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

PAUL BECAME A MISSIONARY

STORYTELLING TIPS

Chant and clap: Each time you say, "Paul and Barnabas", pause and lead children to clap on each syllable of "Paul and Barnabas" as you say their name together again.

Travel around the room: Invite children to sit on the floor and listen to the Bible story. When you say that Paul traveled to Lystra, lead the children to stand up and move to another place to continue the story. Repeat when you say Paul traveled to Derbe.

Paul and his friend Barnabas helped start the first churches. The Holy Spirit told Paul and Barnabas that they had an important job to do. The church put their hands on Paul and Barnabas and prayed for them, and they left their city to go do the work God wanted them to do. **God led Paul and Barnabas to other cities to tell the good news about Jesus to both Jews and Gentiles—people who were not Jews.**

Paul and Barnabas went to the city of Lystra (LISS truh). A man was there who had not been able to walk his whole life. Paul healed the man! When the people saw this miracle, they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods! Paul and Barnabas shouted, “No! We are not gods. We are men just like you. We want to tell you the good news of God.”

Then some Jews came from the other cities Paul and Barnabas had visited. They made trouble in this new city, and the people decided to fight against Paul and Barnabas too. They threw rocks at Paul and dragged him out of the city.

The next day, Paul and Barnabas went to the city of Derbe (DUHR bih). They told the people about Jesus, and many of them believed. Finally, they returned to the church and told the other believers everything that God

had done on their journey and how God helped them share the good news about Jesus with everyone.

Christ Connection: Paul shared the good news about Jesus with anyone who would listen. Many people believed in Jesus, and the church grew. The Holy Spirit wants us to tell others about Jesus so they can be saved from their sins.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child’s sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today’s activity page to reinforce today’s Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

October 20
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Two Year Olds
PAUL BECAME A MISSIONARY
(ACTS 13-14)

CHRIST CONNECTION: God changes us to be like Jesus.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is saved.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God sent Jesus to save people. John 3:17

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

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SAY We traveled around our classroom. Paul and Barnabas traveled to other cities. God told them that they had an important job to do. Paul and Barnabas went to tell the good news about Jesus.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the **key passage phrase marker** at 1 Corinthians 12:12. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Lead preschoolers to learn the key passage phrase..

SAY Who is the church? Right! People who believe in Jesus are part of one church. Our key passage phrase says, 'The church has many people who help.' Every part of the church is important. We can all help each other!

ACTIVITIES

HEAL THE MAN

Print and cut apart **"Peter Heals" printable (one per child)**. Provide crayons and encourage toddlers to color the two pieces. When complete, place a brass fastener loosely on the dot to secure the two halves of the figure together. When attached loosely, the figure's legs should move freely. Review the Bible story.

SAY Who healed a man that could not walk? Yes, Paul healed a man that could not walk! Paul also told the people about Jesus. We tell others about Jesus so they can hear and believe.

PLAY A GAME

Gather toddlers to play a game similar to Simon Says with things that Jesus says. Only include things Jesus says; do not try to trick the toddlers. Use suggested statements such as: "Jesus says to love our neighbor," and encourage toddlers to hug their friends; or "Jesus says to tell others about Him," and encourage toddlers to tell a friend about Jesus; and so forth. Continue with things Jesus tells us to do. Review the Bible story.

SAY Jesus told Paul and Barnabas to tell others about Jesus. Did we just tell our friends about Jesus? Yes! Paul and Barnabas obeyed Jesus and we did too! We tell others about Jesus so they can hear and believe.

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

Paul and Barnabas traveled to tell people about Jesus.

Paul healed a man who could not walk.

Many people believed in Jesus.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Acts 13-14 and tell the following Bible story:

God had a special job for Paul. Paul and Barnabas were to go to cities to tell people about Jesus. The church put their hands on Paul and Barnabas and prayed for them. Paul and Barnabas went to Lystra (LISS truh). When Paul healed a man who could not walk, the people thought that Paul and Barnabas were like gods! But Paul and Barnabas said, "We are men, just like you! We are just men who love Jesus!" After that, Paul and Barnabas went to many towns to teach people about Jesus. Many people believed the good news.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.