

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Paul and Barnabas Became Missionaries

ACTS 13

When Saul, Barnabas, and other men came to the church at Antioch that day, they did not know it was a special day. While they worshiped and taught about Jesus, the Holy Spirit sent a message. "I have something special for Saul and Barnabas to do," the Holy Spirit told the men. "Recognize them for this special work." The men placed their hands on Saul and Barnabas as a blessing and sent them to tell others about Jesus.

Saul (*who was also called Paul*) and Barnabas took a boat to Cyprus and preached about Jesus in the synagogues. In Paphos they met a government leader who wanted to hear what they were teaching, but a magician named Elymas did not want the leader to hear. Elymas made it difficult for Paul to teach. Paul stared right at the evil man and said, "You are changing God's words. You are evil. God will make you blind for a time because of this." Immediately, everything was dark for Elymas. When the official saw it, he was amazed by God's power and believed what Paul and Barnabas said about God.

Paul and Barnabas continued traveling. One day they listened as God's Word was read in the synagogue. Then the church leaders invited them to speak. Paul reviewed Jewish history with them. He reminded the people how God worked when they were in Egypt and in the desert. God gave them good land, judges to help them know what to do, and a great king named David.

Paul explained that John the Baptist preached about the One who was coming. This was Jesus, a descendant of King David. Paul showed them the Scriptures about Jesus and taught about Jesus' death and resurrection.

On the next Sabbath day, Paul and Barnabas returned to the synagogue to preach. This time even more people showed up to hear. This made some Jewish leaders jealous and caused problems for Paul and Barnabas.

"Since you reject what we say," Paul said, "we will share God's message with the Gentiles, who are not Jews." The Gentiles were excited to hear about Jesus. Many people believed in Jesus, and the good news spread throughout the whole area.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Acts 13:2

LIFE POINT: God chooses some people to go to other places and tell about Jesus.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, in today's Bible story your child learned that God calls people to go to other places to tell about Jesus. God wants all believers to tell others about the good news of Jesus. Paul and Barnabas were two missionaries whom God called and the church set apart to spread the gospel.

LIVE IT OUT

Research, or help your child research, well-known missionaries. Talk about their lives and what they sacrificed to tell others about Jesus. Start with Paul and his missionary journeys in the Book of Acts. Paul carried the story of Jesus throughout the known world.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Missionaries are Christians called by God to tell another group of people the good news about Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Acts 13:2

Monday: Mark 6:7

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 9:14

Wednesday: Romans 10:15

Thursday: Matthew 24:14

Friday: 1 Corinthians 6:19

Saturday: Acts 4:19-20

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul and Barnabas Became Missionaries* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

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Unit 3, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

Encouragement strengthens relationships.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: It's good to know when someone has our back or is standing with us. No soldier wants to go into battle alone, and none of us likes to stand up and be the lone voice in a meeting. There's great encouragement when someone is standing with us all need encouragers in our lives. In turn, we can strengthen our relationships when we offer the same support and encouragement to others.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 13

Live It Out: Look for some books about missionaries to read with your preschooler. Explain that missionaries have different jobs but the main thing they do is tell people about Jesus.

God wanted Paul and Barnabas to go to many places and tell people about Jesus. The men in the Antioch church prayed for Paul and Barnabas and sent them out as missionaries.

Paul and Barnabas sailed to Cyprus. They taught about Jesus in the synagogue, a place where people went to pray and learn about God.

Then they sailed from Cyprus and went to many other places. Everywhere they went, they told the people that Jesus was God's Son. Many people wanted to hear more about Jesus.

In one town, the people asked Paul and Barnabas to come back and teach them more about Jesus. Some of the people believed Jesus was God's Son; other people did not believe.

Paul and Barnabas continued to be missionaries and tell people about Jesus in many different places.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 13

Live It Out: Help your child research missionaries. Talk about what they had to sacrifice to tell others about Jesus. Start with Paul in the Book of Acts.

The Holy Spirit told the Antioch church to send Barnabas and Paul to tell people about Jesus. The church prayed for them and sent them off.

Paul and Barnabas sailed to the island of Cyprus. They taught people about Jesus. They taught many people and performed miracles through Jesus' power.

Paul and Barnabas traveled to Pamphylia. They went to the synagogue to teach the people. Paul told the people that Jesus is God's Son. He told how Jesus died on the cross and came alive again so their sins could be forgiven.

Gentiles as well as Jews wanted to hear more from Paul and Barnabas. The Jewish leaders became angry. They began to say unkind things to them. When the Gentiles heard that God loved them, they trusted in Jesus. Paul and Barnabas continued to tell people about Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Acts 9:26-28; 11:21-26

- What risks do you take when you put yourself on the line for an outsider?
- How do we intentionally grow into the role of an encourager?
- What are some things that might get in the way of people using their spiritual gifts in the church?

Live It Out: According to God's design, our family is the place we're to experience His love in the most powerful ways. God calls us His children, which means we are the objects of His love and affection, and He desires that we'd experience the same within the context of our earthly family relationships. This is why it's so important that we intentionally use our words and actions to show love and encouragement to our parents, siblings, and other family members.

This week, encourage each member of your family in a goal he or she is trying to reach. Pray specifically for these challenges and the struggles your family members are facing.