

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Paul Listened to God

ACTS 15:36-41; 16:1-12

When Paul and Barnabas had been missionaries for awhile, Paul spoke to Barnabas: "Let's go back and visit the believers in every town where we have preached. Let's see how they are doing."

Barnabas agreed. He wanted to take John Mark, but Paul did not want to take him because John Mark had left them on one of their other trips. So Barnabas took John Mark with him to Cyprus. Paul chose Silas, and they traveled through Syria and Cilicia. They helped the churches wherever they went.

In Lystra Paul met Timothy who was the son of a Greek father and a believing Jewish mother. People spoke well of Timothy, and Paul took him and traveled through towns, encouraging believers. The number of believers increased daily.

The Holy Spirit guided Paul and the men as they traveled. Instead of going to Asia or Mysia, Paul had a vision of a Macedonian man begging him to come and help. They immediately left, understanding that God was calling them to preach the gospel to Macedonia. They traveled to several towns in Macedonia, delivering the message of Jesus.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Acts 1:8

LIFE POINT: People can tell about Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will help them.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that people can tell about Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will help them. Paul submitted to the Holy Spirit's leadership about where to go and where not to go. The Holy Spirit empowered Paul to tell people everywhere about Jesus.

LIVE IT OUT

If your child is already a Christian, remind her that the Holy Spirit lives in her. Use a concordance to find references to the Holy Spirit and together read the verses. Emphasize that the Holy Spirit helps people tell about Jesus.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God works through people to do work in their communities and world.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Acts 1:8

Monday: 2 Peter 1:21

Tuesday: Acts 4:31

Wednesday: Micah 3:8

Thursday: Acts 5:32

Friday: 1 John 2:27

Saturday: Acts 2:4

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul Listened to God* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

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Unit 3, Session 2

CONNECTION POINT:

Relationships grow deeper with forgiveness.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Even in the best of relationships, we will hurt or disappoint each other. It's often easy to forgive a misunderstanding or unintentional mistake, but it's harder when the person "knows better" and does it anyway. Or it's a repeated blunder done again and again. And sometimes the hurt done is truly damaging. Some of us become hesitant to forgive, because by doing so, it feels like we're saying what happened was OK. But just as Jesus forgave us, we are to forgive 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 15:36-41; 16:1-12

Live It Out: Say with your child today's Bible Verse: "God helps me; I will not be afraid. Hebrews 13:6." Tell your child that God helps people tell others about Jesus.

On Paul's second trip, he chose Silas to travel with him to tell about Jesus.

In the city of Lystra, they met Timothy. Paul asked Timothy to travel with them and help them. They traveled to different towns and told people about Jesus. More people learned about Jesus.

Paul and his friends tried to travel to Asia, but God told Paul not to go that way. In a dream, Paul heard a man say, "Come and help us!" Paul knew his dream was from God and they should go to the place where the man lived.

Paul and his friends traveled to Philippi. Philippi was a large city. Paul and his friends began to tell people about Jesus. They stayed in Philippi for many days, doing what God wanted them to do.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 15:36-16:12

Live It Out: If your child is a Christian, remind her that the Holy Spirit lives in her. Find and read references to the Holy Spirit. Emphasize that the Holy Spirit helps people tell about Jesus.

Paul took Silas on a second journey and went to Derbe and Lystra.

While in those cities, Paul met Timothy. Timothy loved Jesus. Paul asked Timothy to travel with him to tell others about Jesus. Paul, Silas, and Timothy continued teaching the people and strengthening the churches in their faith. More people became followers of Jesus.

Paul and his friends traveled to Phrygia and Galatia. The Holy Spirit told them not to preach in Asia. They listened to God and kept traveling. Paul had a dream. In his dream, man from Macedonia called to him and said, "Come and help us!" Paul knew the dream was from God. The obeyed God and went there.

They left Troas and sailed to Philippi in the region of Macedonia. They stayed in Philippi telling people about Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-28, 32-33

- What can happen when you forgive someone?
- What keeps us from offering forgiveness to someone who has hurt us?
- How have you seen forgiveness deepen or restore a relationship?

Live It Out: When we are hurt by others, even our families, many times our natural response is anger or bitterness. However, when we live with the weight of these, it hurts everyone involved. Reconciliation and restoration involves our being willing to let go of the hurts we've experienced in order to bring healing. This benefits both the person who has hurt us, as well as ourselves. Ultimately, it reflects the character of God (who extended forgiveness to us even though we've offended Him) and brings glory to Him.

Talk with your student about any bitterness or hard feelings he or she may be holding onto. Is there a relationship that needs healing? Discuss ways he or she can forgive and discern whether there is still healing to be done in the relationship.