



## Unit 32, Session 2

# Paul's First Journey

Acts 13–14

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**Story Point:** Paul and Barnabas told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus.

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The Holy Spirit chose Paul and another believer, Barnabas, for a special work. So they obeyed and left Antioch. God led Paul and Barnabas to tell the good news about Jesus to not only the Jews, but the Gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas traveled to Lystra. Paul healed a man there who had never been able to walk. The people saw what Paul had done, and they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods! They began to worship them, but Paul and Barnabas shouted, “No! We are not gods! We want to tell you the good news of God.”

Then some people showed up from cities where Paul and Barnabas had preached about Jesus. These people caused trouble so that the people in Lystra turned against Paul and Barnabas too. They threw stones at Paul and dragged him out of the city.

The next day, Paul and Barnabas went to

the city of Derbe. They told people there about Jesus, and many people believed. Then Paul and Barnabas went back to Lystra and to Iconium. They encouraged the believers there to continue in the faith.

*Christ Connection: Many people rejected the good news about Jesus, but God had a plan for Paul to share the gospel with Gentiles, no matter what troubles he faced. Many believed in Jesus. The church grew and the gospel spread so that people all over the world could be saved from their sin by trusting in Jesus.*



## EXPERIENCE the Story

*The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.*

- Use these words from the word bank to fill in the words missing from today's Bible story point: *Holy Spirit, Paul, Barnabas, Jews, Gentiles, Jesus*.

The \_\_\_\_\_ sent \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to tell  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ .

- What does this story teach us about God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What did the Holy Spirit help Paul and Barnabas do?

### CHRIST CONNECTION

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## APPLY the Story

- What was the church in Antioch doing when the Holy Spirit said to set apart Paul and Barnabas for the journey, and why was that important?
  
- After starting at Jewish synagogues in each location, where did Paul and Barnabas go next, and why?
  
- How can we share the gospel with people around us?

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## **APPLY** the Story

- Find Matthew 28:19-20 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Jesus for His promise to always be with us as we complete His mission of sharing the gospel and making disciples.

### **READ THE WORD**

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 13:2-3   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 11:1-2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 13:46-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 5:19-20         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 13:52    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 16:15           |