

PAUL'S FIRST JOURNEY

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

MAIN POINT: Christians tell about Jesus.

The Bible Story

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul. The Holy Spirit said, "Send Paul and Barnabas to other cities to tell people about Jesus." The church put their hands on Paul and Barnabas and prayed for them. Paul and Barnabas got in a boat and traveled to Lystra. When Paul healed a man who could not walk, the people thought that Paul and Barnabas were gods! They tried to give them gifts, but Paul and Barnabas stopped them. "We are not gods! We are just men who love Jesus. Worship only Jesus," Paul said. After that, Paul and Barnabas went to many towns to teach people about Jesus. Many people believed the good news.

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- * The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul.
- * Paul and Barnabas told people about Jesus.
- * Many people believed the good news.

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Babies Activities



LOOK IN THE BIBLE

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Acts 13–14. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul. Paul and Barnabas told people about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.** [*Pray.*]



SING A SONG

Sing the chorus of “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go.” If you are unfamiliar with the tune, check it out online before class.

“Wherever He leads, I’ll go. [*Repeat.*]

I’ll follow my Christ who loves me so.

Wherever He leads, I’ll go!”

SAY: The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul. He has a special job for all who love Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS!**



MAKE FOOT ART

Provide heavyweight paper and washable finger paint. Carefully paint a baby’s foot and press it gently onto his paper. Wipe his foot immediately. Write the Main Point on his paper.

SAY: **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.** Paul and Barnabas told people about Jesus as they traveled. People believed the good news.



WALK WITH BABIES

Place a baby on her back and gently move her feet in a walking motion as you talk to her. Gently hold older babies by their hands or under their arms and help them walk.

SAY: Paul healed a man who could not walk. Many people believed the good news. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Gospel Gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

Toddler Activities



CIRCLE TIME (5 MINUTES)

Provide Bibles for toddlers. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Acts 13. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the Main Point and pray.



MAKE BOAT ART

Cut out semi-circles from brown construction paper, one per toddler. Help toddlers glue the semi-circle flat side up on construction paper. Use a clean square of bath tissue for toddlers to glue above the circle to make a sail. Draw a mast connecting the sail to the boat. Write the Main Point on each toddler's art.

SAY: The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul. Paul and Barnabas told people about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



JOURNEY WITH PAUL FLANNELGRAPH

Gather the "Journey with Paul" printables, felt, and supplies. Use the Paul figure from the previous week as you tell the story.

SAY: Paul and Barnabas told people about Jesus. Many people believed the good news. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PLAY WITH CARS AND TRUCKS

Provide various transportation toys for toddlers to play with. As toddlers play, ask them questions about how they came to church that day: in a car, a bus, or a boat? Did they walk?

SAY: The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul. Paul traveled many places to tell people about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



EXAMINE BIBLE MAPS

Provide Bibles that contain maps of Paul's journeys. Invite toddlers to look at the maps and fingerwalk where Paul traveled.

SAY: Paul and Barnabas told people about Jesus. Many people believed the good news. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Bonus Teaching Hour

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TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PAINT WITH WATER

Provide heavyweight paper, painting smocks, small cups of water, paintbrushes, and watercolor paint for each toddler. Play music as toddlers paint. Keep wipes handy for cleanup.

SAY: The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul. Paul and Barnabas told people about Jesus. Sometimes they went on boats; sometimes they walked on land. Many people believed the good news about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PLAY IN THE BOAT

Use painter's tape to make a boat outline on the floor. Invite toddlers to hop in and out of the boat.

SAY: The Holy Spirit had a special job for Paul. Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



SORT ITEMS

Provide counting manipulatives, large beads, blocks, or other items for toddlers to sort by color or shape. Set apart two of their shapes. Mention that Paul and Barnabas were set apart.

SAY: Many people believed the good news about Jesus because God sent Paul and Barnabas to them. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Main Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.