

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 4/11/21

SCRIPTURE: Acts 13-14

LESSON: Paul's First Journey



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week celebrated Easter Sunday! What was your favorite part of celebrating Easter?

This week we are going to talk about Jesus' follower, Paul, what do you remember about Paul? Today we are going to learn about Paul's journey telling people about Jesus.

Obstacles, Obstacles - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn. Set up a multistage obstacle course for kids. Use furniture they have to crawl over or under. Give them special instructions for parts of it (bounce this ball three times, hop on one foot across this part).

Say - Each of those obstacles slowed down your progress of getting to the other side. Today we will talk about a man named Paul who faced many obstacles as he traveled around telling people about Jesus.



LESSON - PAUL'S FIRST JOURNEY

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Paul's First Journey](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Paul + Barnabas left their homes to obey God. (Kids repeat!)

The Holy Spirit chose Paul and another believer, Barnabas, for a special job! They obeyed and left their homes in Antioch. God led Paul and Barnabas to tell the good news about Jesus not only to the Jews, but also the Gentiles (people who were not Jews.)

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Paul + Barnabas preached the good news even when people didn't like it. (Kids repeat!)

Most of the Christian church at that time was made up of Jewish people who believed Jesus was the promised Messiah. These Jewish believers thought Jesus came only for God's chosen people BUT God wanted to share His promise with the entire world! This was new and strange info for most of the Gentiles, especially those who worshipped multiple gods and idols. There were people on the Jewish side AND the Gentile side who didn't agree with or like what Paul and Barnabas were saying! They even hit them with stones and threw them out of the city!

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

Paul + Barnabas wanted people everywhere to hear the good news. (Kids repeat!)

God was with Paul and Barnabas everywhere they went and He gave them the strength to continue to share the good news of the gospel even when things were really tough and people were trying to hurt and kill them! God gave them the power to keep going and the desire to continue to share the gospel with people even when things were tough.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

God wants people everywhere to hear the good news and trust in Jesus. (kids repeat)

Did Jesus only talk to and spend time with certain people? Did he only come to save certain people? No way!!! Jesus wanted everyone to hear the good news. He died so that everyone could be saved and know God. Jesus told His followers to share the gospel. Paul and Barnabas shared the gospel even when it was hard, and Jesus' followers have been sharing the good news ever since. And now you are hearing this good news! Are you going to keep this good news to yourself or are you going to tell someone else?



RESPONSE

Sing: [I am With You Always](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Psalm 40:5](#)

Pray: Dear God, thank you for the people who were faithful in sharing your love so I could hear the good news about you, help me to be faithful in showing others your love. Amen.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What did Paul and Barnabas do everywhere they went? *Preached the gospel (Acts 13:38,49; 14:1)*
- After they shared the gospel with the Jews, who did they share the good news with next? *Remind kids that when the Jews rejected the gospel, Paul and Barnabas went to the Gentiles to share the good news of salvation with them. God had chosen Paul to take the gospel to the Gentiles.*
- Is there someone in your life who needs to hear the good news that God loves them? *Help kids think of someone in their lives who seems lonely or sad or rejected who they could show God's love to.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of Paul + Barnabas.

Parent Share - Who does your family know who might need to be shown God's love?

Outdoor Pictionary - Use chalk to play pictionary. Take turns drawing objects for everyone else to guess. Chalk adds a fun extra challenge to the game!