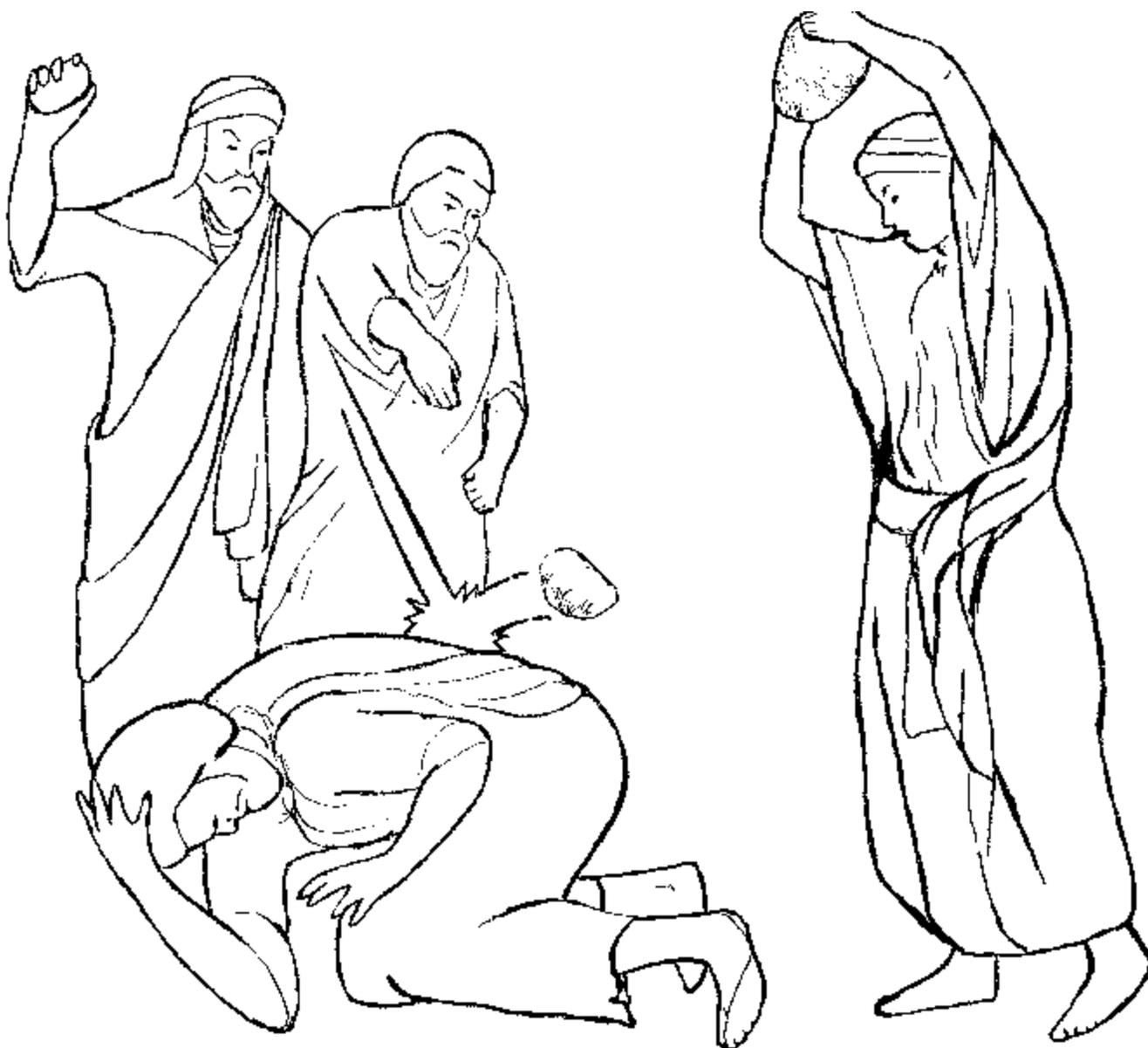


# Paul's First Missionary Journey

Acts 13 - 14



## The Story

The Holy Spirit told the believers in Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas to preach. They were to tell people far away about Jesus. So Paul and Barnabas took a boat to Cyprus. They preached to the governor about Jesus. At the same time, a false teacher named Bar-Jesus tried to turn the governor away from God. Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit and made Bar-Jesus blind. The governor then became a believer.

Then Paul and Barnabas headed to another town named Antioch. This town was in Pisidia. Here Paul told the people how Jesus had been promised for many years and finally came. He told them how Jesus suffered, died on the cross and rose again. He told them they should feel sorry for their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior. Many Gentiles, people who weren't Jews, became believers. But the next week, when Paul and Barnabas preached again, many Jews who didn't love Jesus spoke against them. Paul and Barnabas didn't stop preaching, though, and God's Word spread through the whole area. Finally, Paul and Barnabas were sent away.

Next Paul and Barnabas went to Iconium. They preached about Jesus, and many Jews and Gentiles became believers. Then Paul and Barnabas heard that some Jews and Gentiles were going to stone them. They ran away to towns called Lystra and Derbe. In Lystra, Paul healed a man with crippled legs. The man leaped and walked! When the people saw this, they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. They even tried to offer sacrifices to them. Paul and Barnabas told the people to stop. Then some of Paul's enemies found him and threw stones at him. It looked like they had killed Paul, but he got up and walked away! God kept him safe. The next day Paul and Barnabas went to Derbe.

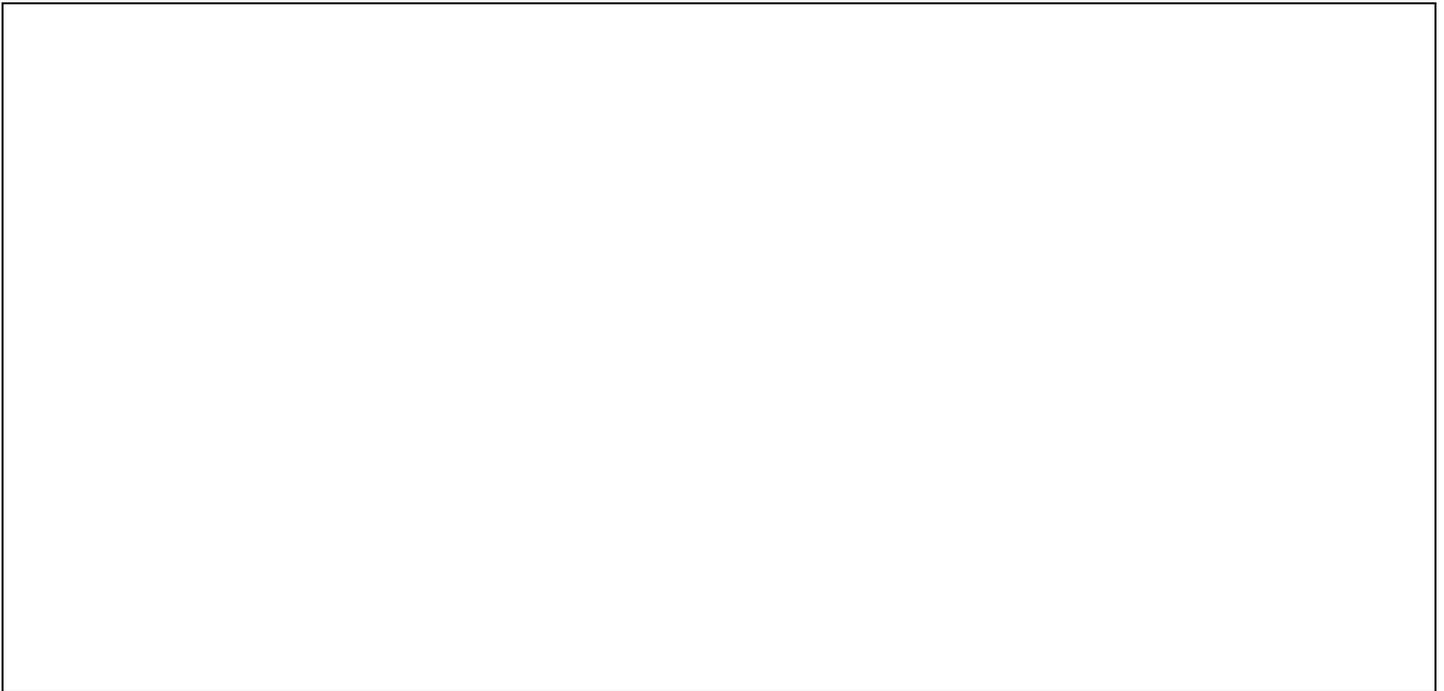
In Derbe, the two men preached for awhile and then headed back home to Antioch. They stopped to see all the new believers along the way and told them to trust in God. Finally, they reached Antioch and told the believers there how God had brought many people, including Gentiles, to faith in Jesus. The people were surprised and joyful.

***The Lord called Paul and Barnabas to preach the Gospel in far-off lands.***

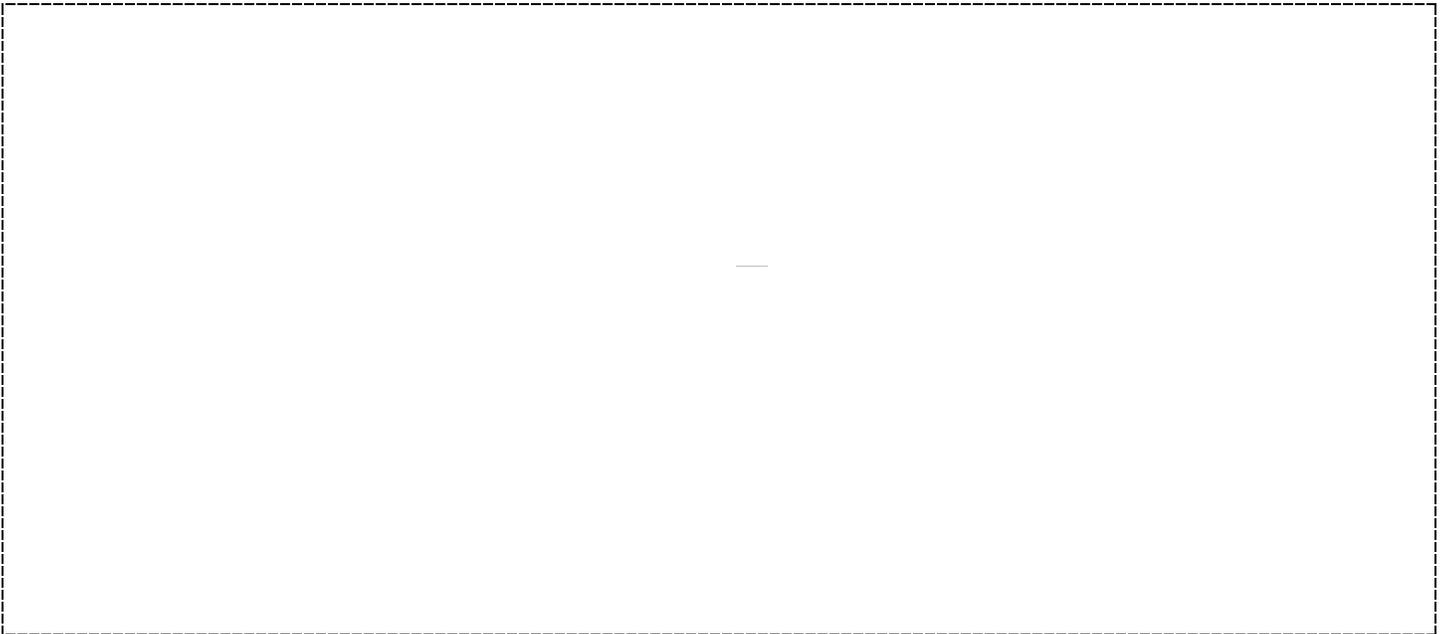
**Activity One** - Match each place where Paul and Barnabas went with what happened there.

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| 1. _____ Antioch            | A. Bar-Jesus was struck with blindness.                               |
| 2. _____ Cyprus             | B. The people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods.                    |
| 3. _____ Antioch in Pisidia | C. The Holy Spirit told Paul and Barnabas to preach.                  |
| 4. _____ Iconium            | D. Paul preached a long sermon about Jesus.                           |
| 5. _____ Lystra             | E. Paul and Barnabas preached here awhile.                            |
| 6. _____ Derbe              | F. Paul and Barnabas heard they were going to be stoned and ran away. |

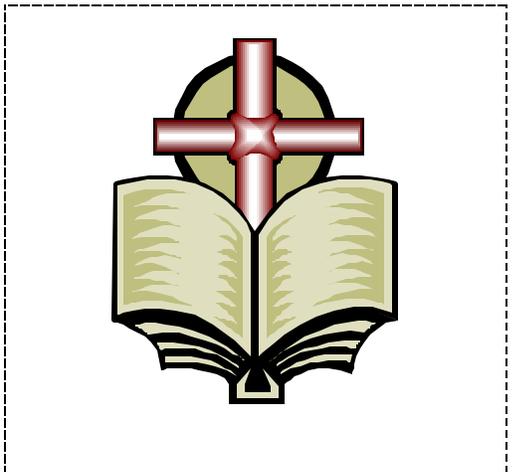
**Activity Two** - Now draw a picture of how you could share God's Word.



**Activity Three** - Make a book. Cut out the shapes. The large rectangle will be folded in half to make the book. The box with "To \_\_\_\_" should be the cover. The children think of someone and write their name on the blank. The inside two pages will have "Jesus died for you!" and the picture of the Bible glued to them.



Jesus  
died  
for  
you!



To  
\_\_\_\_\_

*The Lord calls all believers to preach the Gospel to everyone.*

## Passages

Mark 16:15 - "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Romans 10:13 - "For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

## Hymn - TLH #507 v. 1-4

Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word,  
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n  
Life to beings meant for heav'n.

Tell of our Redeemer's love,  
Who forever doth remove  
By His holy sacrifice  
All the guilt that on us lies.

Tell them how the Father's will  
Made the world and keeps it still,  
How His only Son He gave  
Man from sin and death to save.

Tell them of the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us up to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.

## Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,  
Your precious Gospel is for everyone. Help us love Your Word more and more. Lead us by the Holy Spirit to go out and tell others about Your life, death and resurrection. Then they too can know about salvation. In Your saving name we pray. Amen.