

STORY

Paul's Third Missionary Journey - Acts 18:23 - 21:14)

TEACHER PRAYER

Lord God, heavenly Father, "Your Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path." Through Your precious, saving Word strengthen my faith and lead me into all truth. Bless my study and help me to teach Your lambs. Strengthen their faith as well. Bless the teaching of Your Word wherever it is proclaimed, and let Your Kingdom come. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

VOCABULARY

itinerant - traveling from place to place or on a circuit; a person who so travels

exorcist - one who casts out demons

OUTER AIM

Paul's third great missionary journey

INNER AIM

The Word of God is proclaimed; the Church grows

BACKGROUND (*Rupprecht, Bible History References, vol. 2, pp. 524-586*)

Acts 18:23-28 Paul left Antioch after some time to revisit the brethren in Asia Minor. He traveled through the provinces of Galatia and Phrygia, "strengthening the disciples." A man named Apollos came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent speaker and well-versed in the Scriptures. Aquilla and Priscilla instructed him more thoroughly. Paul went on to teach in Achaia. *Note:* This third missionary journey of Paul lasted about four years. Three of those years were spent in Ephesus, one of the largest cities of Asia Minor.

Acts 19:1-20 Paul at Ephesus. About 12 disciples were further instructed by Paul. They together with Paul taught in the Jewish synagogues for three months. Then Paul moved to the school of Tyrannus, where he and the disciples taught for two years. Everyone in Asia heard the Word of the Lord. Paul also performed many wonderful miracles.

Acts 19:21-41 Paul labored in Macedonia and Achaia. He planned to go to Jerusalem and then later on to Rome. While still in Ephesus, there was an uproar led by a man named Demetrius, the silversmith.

Acts 20:1-6 Paul again went into Macedonia, then on to Greece. There he labored three months. When the Jews again plotted against him, he headed for Syria. He returned through Macedonia.

Acts 20:7-12 Paul spent seven days in Troas. There Paul raised from the dead the man who had fallen asleep during his late night service and had fallen down from the upper loft.

Acts 20:13-21 - 21:14 Paul is heading for Jerusalem and the feast of Pentecost. He goes by ship. He is in a hurry. He makes various stops along the way. He stops at Miletus and calls for the elders of the church in Ephesus to meet him. He gives them his farewell. He goes on to Jerusalem. He's warned about what awaits him there. He's determined to go anyway.

STUDENT PRAYER TLH #507 1 and 6

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

Lord of Harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations far and near
See Thy light and learn Thy fear. Amen.

PRESENTATION

A map showing places mentioned in this lesson would again be helpful. This enables the students to better visualize where Paul and his companions sojourned.

APPLICATION

Paul the apostle was both pastor and missionary. He reached out to the unchurched and ministered to the church. He returned and revisited the churches and brethren seen on earlier missionary journeys. He also sent pastoral letters to them. He practiced what he preached. In his epistles, he stressed the importance of 'continuing in the things once learned' and 'confirming one another in the faith.' The same is still true today.

In this lesson we continue to see how "the Lord added daily to the church such as should be saved."

The missionary activity of Paul vividly demonstrates the Lord's promise; "So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Is. 55:11

PASSAGES

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

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Is. 55:11 - "So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Matt. 9:37-38 - "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

John 15:16 - "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give it to you."

HYMN CHOICES

Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening - TLH #502

Send Thou, O Lord, to Every Place - TLH #506

Thou Whose Almighty Word - TLH #508

Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Acts 18:23-21:14



The Story

The Apostle Paul's third missionary journey took him to the big city of Ephesus. Ephesus was a very old city. Paul brought a new idea there and it caused a big problem.

The people who lived in Ephesus did not know about the True God. The Ephesians believed in a make-believe goddess whom they called Diana. They said she was the daughter of Zeus, another make-believe god. There was a giant temple to Diana in Ephesus. Many tourists came every year and they bought small silver statues of Diana made by silversmiths. The silversmiths made a lot of money this way.

So what was the big problem? Paul had not been in Ephesus very long before the silversmiths became very angry at Paul. They were so angry that they started a riot. Why would they be so angry? They were worried because Paul told the people that Diana was an idol, a false god. He said that Jesus was the true God who saved them from their sin. This message is known as the Gospel. The silversmiths shouted

that Jesus would ruin their religion and their government! Everyone gathered in the streets, shouting and fighting. Some people came out of their houses and tried to grab Paul. A big riot started. Finally the city clerk made them let Paul go.

Paul was not frightened off by this trouble because the Holy Spirit gave him strength. Paul stayed in Ephesus for a long time so he could bring the Gospel to these people called Gentiles. (A Gentile is a person who is not a Jew.)

Paul was a missionary. He preached the Gospel to the people and told the people that Jesus loved them and died to save them. He told them that Jesus is stronger than death. He told them that Jesus rose from His grave so that we can all live in Heaven with Him when we die. Jesus took the punishment that we deserve for sinning. Many, many people believed what Paul said about Jesus.

The believers loved Pastor Paul. They kept him safe and listened to his sermons. They gave him money to take back to the

hungry Christians in Rome. They invited him to their houses, and learned from him and helped him tell more people about Jesus. They helped him travel across land and sea.

Paul was a good pastor to these believers. He was their friend. He wrote letters to people

who were worried. He preached sermons and hymns. This helped strengthen their faith in Jesus. He made sick people well and when a boy fell off a building and died, Paul brought the young man back from the dead. Paul served God faithfully while living in Ephesus.

Paul preached to the people in Ephesus and many became believers.

Activity One - In the table below there is a list of things Paul did as a missionary. Read each item in the list. In the second column, put a check mark after each thing that you could do. See if your teacher and your friends agree with you.

Paul Did This	✓ I Could Do This
Shared Jesus with his friends	
Wrote sermons and hymns	
Healed sick people	
Raised people from the dead	
Prayed for people	
Served God faithfully	

Activity Two - Make a poster to share with your friends. Write these words on your poster.

Jesus is the True God.
There are no other gods.

Draw a cross on your paper. Use the whole piece of paper so that your poster is easy to read from far away.

Activity Three - Color the pictures on the first page of the lesson. Each picture might remind you of some things that Paul did as a missionary. As you coloring, talk about how each picture is showing you how to be a missionary. Remember, you can be a missionary like Paul was.

Just like Paul, we can talk to others about Jesus so they can believe in Him.

Passages

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.”
Mark 16:15

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Romans 10:13

Hymn - TLH #496, Stanza 2

If you cannot speak like angels,
If yo cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you can not rouse the wicked
With the judgments dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.

Prayer

Dear God,
You are the only true God. Give us courage to tell others about You and Your Son Jesus. Help us spread that Gospel to others so they can go to heaven to be with You when they die.
In Jesus’ name we ask this. Amen.

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Prayer

O God the Savior of the whole world, sometimes we are afraid to spread Your word. Help us today to learn of someone who spread Your word to many parts of the world even when things became very dangerous. Give us the desire to hear Your Holy Word today so we, too, can learn to become missionaries for You. We pray this in Your name. Amen.



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long before those silversmiths became very angry. They were so angry that they started a riot. Why would they be so angry? They were worried because Paul told the people that Diana was an idol and that Jesus was the True God. This message is known as the Gospel. They shouted that Jesus would ruin their religion and their government! Everyone gathered in the streets, shouting and fighting.

Many people came out of their houses and tried to grab Paul. A big riot started. Finally the city clerk made them let Paul and his helpers go.

But Paul was not frightened off by this trouble. He stayed here in Ephesus



for a long time so he could bring the Gospel to the Gentiles. He was a missionary. He preached every day and told the people that Jesus loved them and died to save them. He told them that Jesus is stronger than death. Jesus rose from His grave so that we can all live in Heaven with Him when we die. He took the punishment that we deserve for sinning. Many, many people believed what Paul said about Jesus. And the Holy Spirit was always with Paul, helping him be brave.

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Activity One - Fill in the blank to tell what happened in our story. Use words from the box below.

angry riot Jesus Gospel missionary



1. Paul told the people in Ephesus about _____.
2. The people who made idols were _____.
3. The people caused a _____.
4. Paul was a good _____.
5. We can be like Paul by telling others the _____.

Activity Two - Look at the first column below. It lists things that Paul did as he worked as a missionary. In the second column, write **YES** if you could do the same thing. Write **NO** if you couldn't do what Paul did. Explain the reason for your answer. When you are done, compare your answers with your friends and your teacher.

Paul as a Missionary	Me as a Missionary (YES or NO? Explain.)
Was a good pastor	
Was a friend	
Wrote letters to worried people	
Wrote sermons	
Wrote hymns	
Healed sick people	
Raised people from the dead	
Wrote books of the Bible	
Wrote letters about the love of Jesus	
Trained people to become pastors	

Activity Three - Answer these questions.

1. Do you think Paul was afraid during his stay in Ephesus? Would you be afraid? Discuss with the class.
2. What was the most important thing Paul did while he was in Ephesus? Why do you think as you do?

Passages - The passages below help in understanding today's story. Explain how the passage fits the story.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:6

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

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

Hymn - Pick your favorite stanza from the hymn "*Send Thou, O Lord to Every Place*" (TLH #506) shown below. Tell why you like that verse. Try to keep our story today in mind as you choose your favorite stanza.

1. Send Thou, O Lord, to every place Swift messengers before Thy face, The heralds of Thy wondrous grace, Where Thou Thyself wilt come.	3. To bring good news to souls in sin, The bruised and broken hearts to win; In ev'ry place to bring them in Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
4. Thou who hast died, Thy vict'ry claim; Assert, O Christ, Thy glory's name And far to lands of pagan shame Send men where Thou wilt come.	5. Gird each one with the Spirit's Sword, The sword of Thine own deathless Word, And make them conquerors, conquering Lord, Where Thou Thyself wilt come.

My favorite stanza is number _____. I like it because...

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit, thank You for working in my heart to believe in Jesus. Please work in the hearts of the people that we tell about Jesus so that they believe in Jesus, too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Prayer

Lord, we know You are the only true God. Many in the world have not heard the precious Gospel message about what You have done to save everyone. Today we hear of one of Your followers who spent much of his life spreading that Gospel message. Help us gain strength and courage through our study so we boldly speak of You as You are, the Almighty God who made all and rules all the world. Amen.

The Story

The third missionary journey of Paul lasted about four years. Three of those years were spent in Ephesus, one of the largest cities of Asia Minor.



Ephesus was 1,000 years old by the time Paul reached it. While Paul was there, Ephesus was at the height of its glory, being the most prosperous business center of

that time.

There were many false gods and goddesses in Asia Minor at this time. The false goddess of Ephesus was Diana, daughter of Zeus, sister to Apollo. Ephesus enjoyed a sort of “sacredness” because the great temple to this make-believe goddess Diana lay just outside the city and was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Naturally, it attracted tourists by the thousands. Those tourists bought souvenirs, mostly small statues of Diana, made by silversmiths whose shops were everywhere in the city.

Paul had not been in Ephesus very long before he had those silversmiths so angry that they started a city-wide riot.

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with the workers of similar occupation, and said: ‘Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods (if they) are made with hands.’”

Demetrius and his followers convinced the citizens that Paul’s ideas would overthrow not only their religion but their government. Everyone gathered in the streets, shouting and fighting. So the whole city was filled with confusion, and surrounded Paul in the center of town. Paul and his companions were in danger of being seized by the mob. Finally the city clerk quieted the crowd because he was afraid that the Roman army would come to restore order if he did not.

Paul was not frightened off by this trouble. He saw this great city as a field full of ripe grain, ready to be picked. By that we mean that there were many people who would be going to hell when they died because they had not heard about Jesus and that He had died to forgive all sins of all people. Paul stayed in Ephesus for nearly three years for one reason: to bring the gospel to the Gentiles.

And there WAS opportunity in Ephesus! Here is the sad story the Ephesians believed to be true.

For thousands of years the mighty Zeus had ruled mortals from the clouds of Mount Olympus with thunder and lightning. When Zeus was angry he punished the guilty (or the innocent.) When Zeus



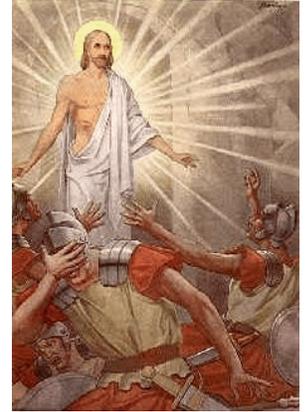
was bored he sent down other gods to cause suffering and misery. When good things happened it was because Zeus was pleased. When bad things happened it was because Zeus was angry.

Diana was the ruler of nature. She was the goddess who was credited with making farmers' crops grow or die. When people starved, Diana was given sacrificial offerings to encourage her to be more generous.

Quite a story, but the Ephesians believed it. They held holidays for their gods. Feasts and festivals to the gods were held in every home. These holidays were grand celebrations. Businessmen closed their shops. Gifts were given. Slaves were let go for a while. Even wars were put on hold.

You can see that these people needed to hear the truth. So Paul, full of the Holy Spirit, entered this great city and preached the Gospel about Jesus

Christ. He told them that there was a God who loved everyone in the world, not just the Jews. This True God sent His Son to die to take the punishment that all people deserved because of their sinfulness. He told them about the God who had risen from being dead. Faith is all that is needed to be saved by this Savior, Jesus Christ. God even creates that faith in man by the Holy Spirit through God's Word, the Bible.



Many people believed what Paul said about Jesus. All of Asia heard the Good News. The Holy Spirit was always with Paul, helping him preach.

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Activity One - Write AGREE or DISAGREE following each statement that follows. Be ready to explain why you answered as you did.

1. _____ Paul spent most of his third missionary journey in Ephesus.
2. _____ The people of Ephesus believed in many gods.
3. _____ The people in Ephesus needed to hear Paul more than most of the other people in the world.
4. _____ Saving faith must be faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
5. _____ Everyone in Ephesus was happy to hear the new message Paul was preaching about the Savior Jesus.
6. _____ Many of the people of Ephesus were greedy and wanted money.
7. _____ Paul left Ephesus because he was afraid for his safety.
8. _____ Paul's preaching was a failure because not everyone believed him.
9. _____ No one today could do what Paul did in Ephesus back then.

Activity Two - Use the following charts to determine which books of the New Testament Paul wrote and where he was at the time. List the books under the correct journey or location in the chart on the right.

Journeys	Dates
At Damascus	37-40 AD
First Journey	45-47 AD
Second Journey	51-53 AD
Third Journey	54-58 AD
Imprisonment in Judea	58-60 AD
Voyage to Rome	60-61 AD
Imprisonment in Rome	61-63 AD
Post-Imprisonment Journeys	63-67 AD



Book of the Bible	Dates
First Thessalonians	52 AD
Second Thessalonians	52 AD
First Corinthians	57 AD
Second Corinthians	57 AD
Galatians	55-57 AD
Romans	57-58 AD
Ephesians	62 AD
Philippians	62 AD
Colossians	62 AD
Philemon	63 AD
Hebrews	64-65 AD
Titus	64-65 AD
First Timothy	64-65 AD
Second Timothy	66-67 AD

First Journey

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Passages - Although Paul did not write all of the passages below, he certainly would agree with them since they all come from God's Word, the Bible. Explain how each of the passages below fits the life and work of Paul, especially as we hear about it in our story today.

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:6

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

Hymn - Answer the following questions about stanzas from Hymn # 506 from The Lutheran Hymnal:

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1. Which stanza tells us what our weapon is as we spread the news about the Savior Jesus? What is that weapon?
2. Which stanza tells us where we should take the saving message? Where should we take the Gospel?
3. Which stanza tells us what the good news is? What is the message we are to spread? The Holy Spirit has called us to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Prayer - Write a prayer in which, after addressing God in an appropriate manner, you thank Him for His work in your heart and life. Then ask God for strength to carry out the command to, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

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Prayer

Oh Almighty God in heaven, since the beginning of time man has created gods to replace You. There is no comparing those idols to your power and majesty. Today we will be studying a famous missionary who took this wonderful Gospel message of Your love and carried to those who knew only false gods. Help us take heart and gain courage from this story that we, too, become missionaries for You. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

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Diana (Artemis)

In those days of wickedness, cities claimed false gods as their own. The chief goddess of Ephesus was Diana, daughter of Zeus, sister to Apollo. Ephesus enjoyed a sort of "sacredness" because the great temple to the goddess Diana lay just outside the city and was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

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only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship." Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

They convinced the citizens that Paul's ideas would overthrow not only their religion but also their government. Everyone gathered in the streets, shouting and fighting. So the whole city was filled with confusion. Paul and his companions were in danger of being seized by the mob and harmed. Finally the city clerk quieted the crowd because he was afraid that the Roman army would come to restore order if he did not. *"For we are in danger of being called in question for today's uproar, there being no reason which we may give to account for this disorderly gathering!"* And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

But Paul was not intimidated by this outbreak. He saw this great city as a field full of ripe grain, ready to be picked. He stayed for nearly three years for one reason: to bring the gospel to the Gentiles. One of his strongest characteristics was his eagerness to take advantage of every opportunity to promote Christianity. He never passed up a chance to proclaim the news of the risen Lord and wrote in 1 Corinthians that *"a window was opened there."*



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Activity One - Summarize the story in two sentences. Use the following words in your summary: **Paul, Ephesus, Diana, greedy, riot, missionary, example, troubles**

Activity Two - Explain the following expressions and ideas from today's story.

1. In the second paragraph of the story, why is "sacredness" in quotation marks?
2. What was the real reason that the riot over Paul and his followers started?
3. In the last paragraph the city was described as , "as a field full of ripe grain, ready to be picked. "
4. In th e last paragraph, "...a window was opened there."

Passages

Read 1 Corinthians 3: 1-13. (page 4) Paul writes from Ephesus to the believers in Corinth as their pastor. Here God reveals, through Paul, a true pastor's heart. Write a paragraph that summarizes what God says of the work he (and all pastors) is doing. Conclude the paragraph by writing down, as a quote, the most important verse in this group.

Hymn - Answer the following questions about the stanzas of Hymn #502 (TLH)

1. Saints of God, the dawn is bright'ning, Token of our coming Lord; O'er the earth the field is whit'ning; Louder rings the Master's word: Pray for reapers, Pray for reapers, In the harvest of the Lord!	Who are the "reapers"? What is the "harvest of the Lord"?
2. Now, O Lord, fulfil Thy pleasure, Breathe upon Thy chosen band, And with Pentecostal measure Send forth reapers o'er our land, Faithful reapers, Faithful reapers, Gath'ring sheaves for Thy right hand.	What is happening when God "breath(es) upon Thy chosen band"? What is happening when reapers are "gath'ring sheaves for They right hand"?
3. Soon shall end the time of weeping, Soon the reaping time will come, Heav'n and earth together keeping God's eternal Harvest-home. Saints and angels, saints and angels, Shout the world's great Harvest-home.	When is the "end (of) the time of weeping"? Where is "God's eternal Harvest-home"?

Prayer

Lord God in heaven, You know that we often fail when You give us opportunities to talk to others about You. Please help us to overcome our fear and to speak of You and Your mercy and love in sending Your Son Jesus to die for all of us. It is only with Your help that we can get the Gospel message out to rescue people from death in Hell. Give us that courage, we pray. In the name of that Son Jesus we pray. Amen.

1st Corinthians 3:1-13

1Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. 2I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? 4For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?

5What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 7So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. 9For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

10By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

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