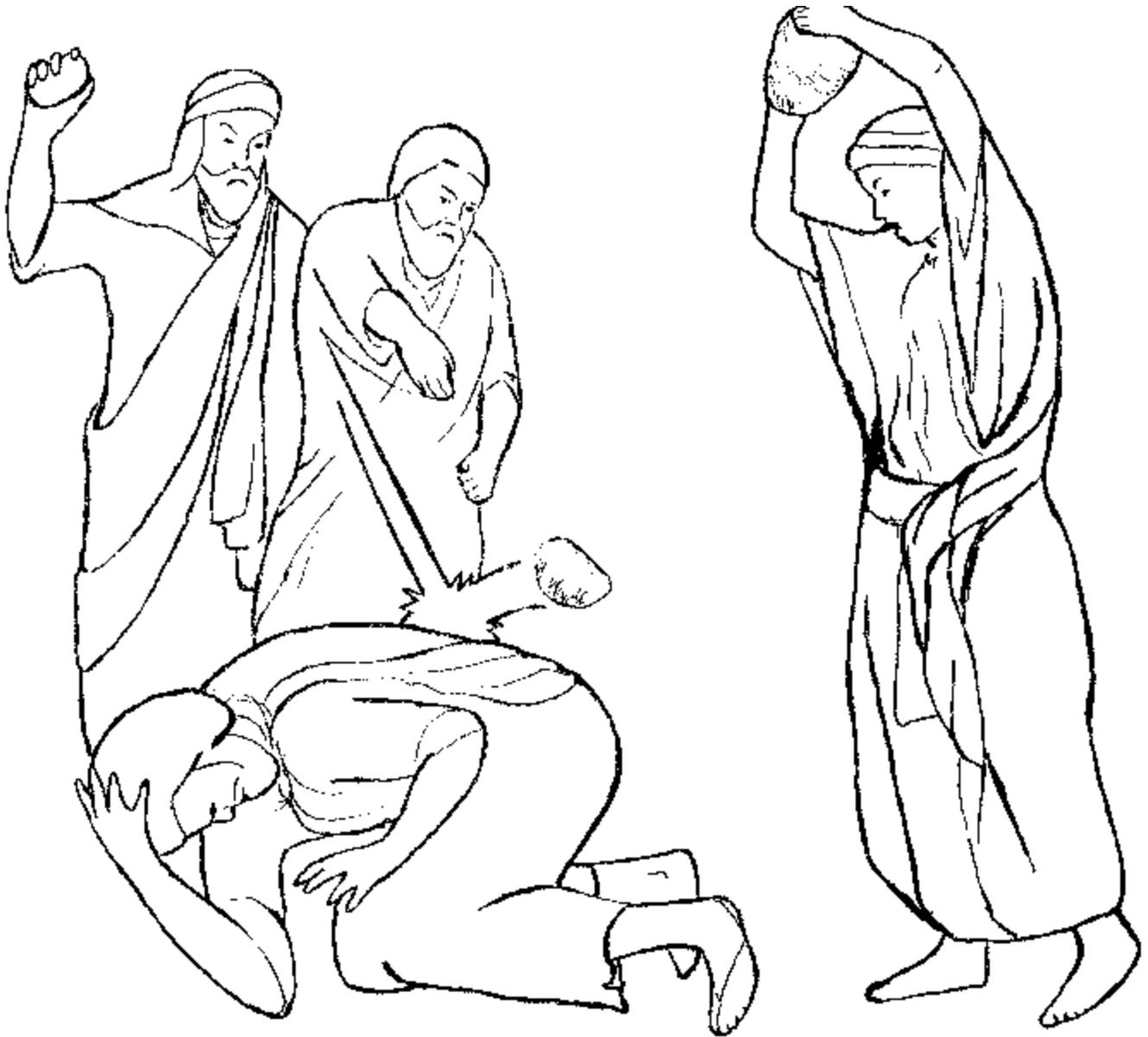


Paul's First Missionary Journey

Acts 13 - 14



The Story

God 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 ruler of the city, but a false teacher named Bar-Jesus tried to turn him away from God. With God's power, Paul made Bar-Jesus blind. The ruler of the land then became a believer.

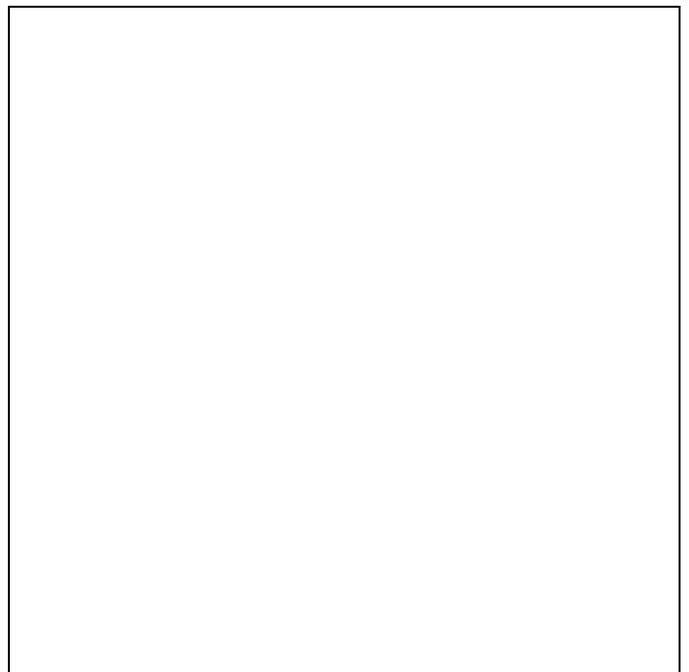
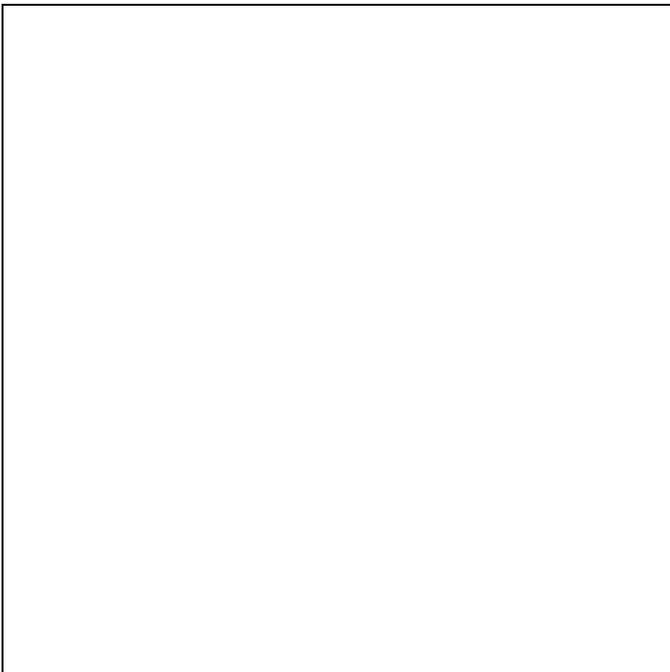
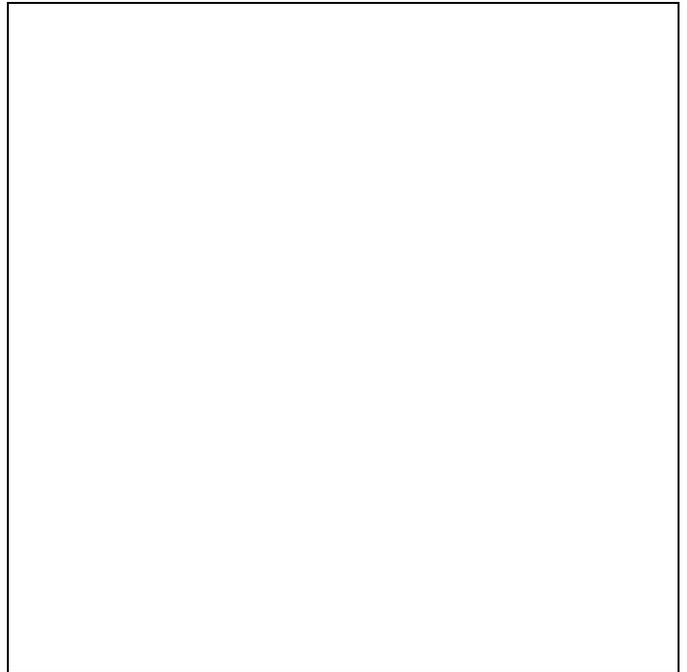
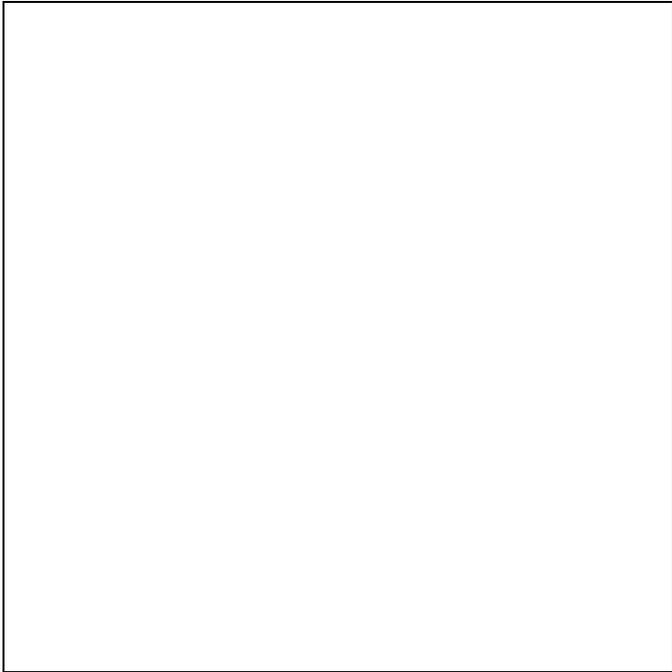
Then Paul and Barnabas went to another town named Antioch. Here Paul told the people how Jesus was promised and then came. He told them how He suffered, died on the cross, and rose again. He told them to feel sorry for their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior. Many people who weren't Jews, called Gentiles, 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 very far. But 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 people wanted to throw stones at them. They ran away to towns called Lystra and Derbe. In Lystra, Paul healed a man with bad legs. The man jumped and walked! When the people saw this, they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. They even tried to sacrifice to them. Paul and Barnabas told the people to stop. Then some of Paul's enemies found him and threw stones at him. But Paul got up and walked away! God kept him safe. The next day he and Barnabas went to Derbe.

The two men preached there for a while and then headed back home. They stopped to see all the new believers along the way and told them to trust in God. Finally they reached home and told how God had brought many people to faith in Jesus.

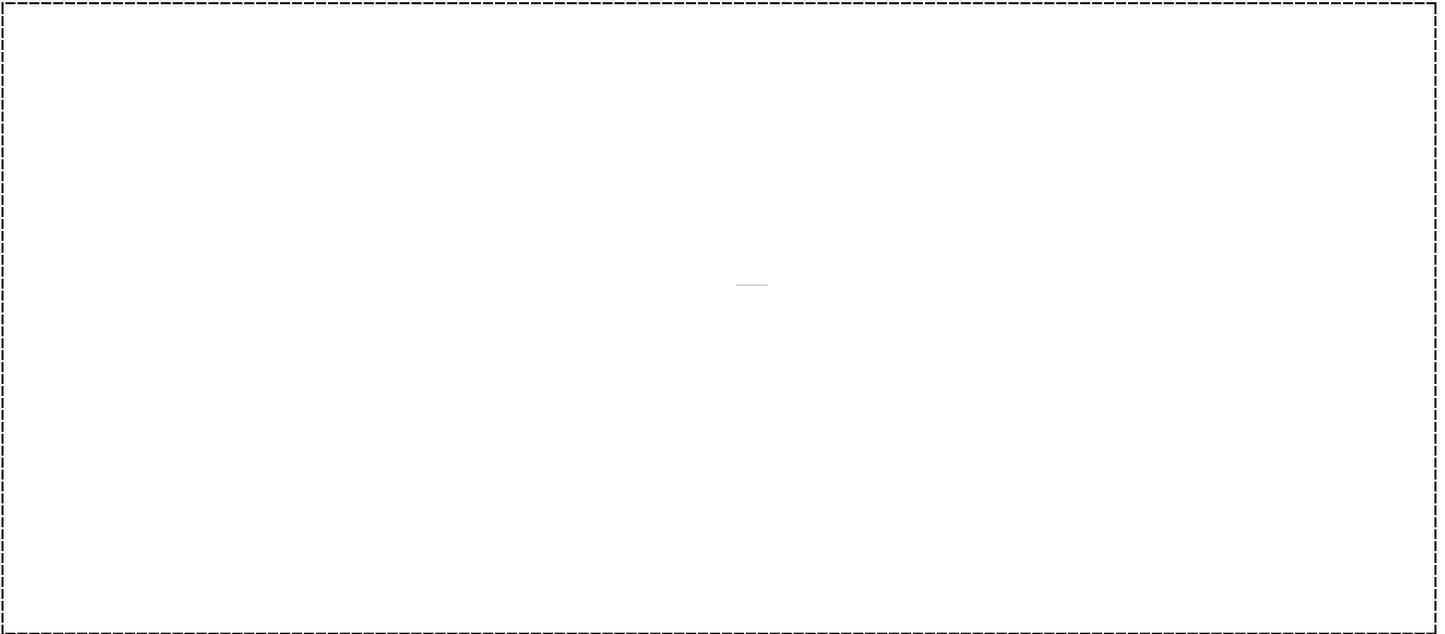
The Lord called Paul and Barnabas to preach the Gospel in far-off lands.

Activity One - Draw pictures of some of the things that happened in our story.

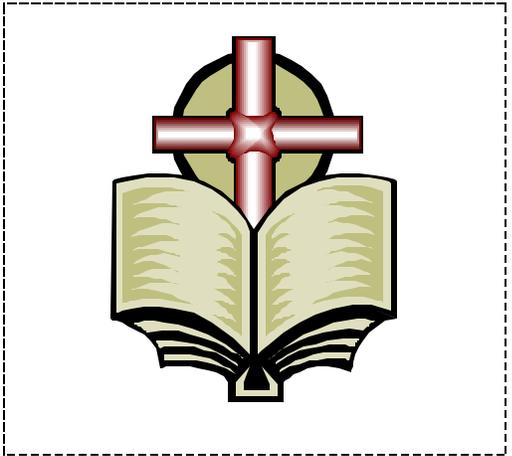


The Lord calls all believers to preach the Gospel to everyone.

Activity Two - 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 that name goes on the blank. The two inside pages will have "Jesus died for you!" and the picture of the Bible glued to them.



Jesus
died
for
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To

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 might Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Where-soe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.

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

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. Move us by the Holy Spirit to go and tell others about Your life, death and resurrection so that they too can know of salvation. In Your saving name we pray. Amen.