

**STORY**

Paul's First Missionary Journey - Acts 13-14)

TEACHER PRAYER

O dearest Jesus, You have called me to "feed Your lambs." As I study Your saving Word and prepare my lesson, enable me to lead the children to You, their Lord and Savior. Help me to share the good news of salvation with them and instill in them a fervent zeal for Your Word and a sincere desire to share it with others. "Your Word is Truth." Amen.

VOCABULARY

synagogue - a church or place of worship

sorcerer - a false prophet who tries to predict the future

proconsul - the Roman governor

proselytes - converts to the Jewish faith

OUTER AIM

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

INNER AIM

The Lord blesses the preaching of the Gospel with fruits.

BACKGROUND Rupprecht *Bible History References, Vol. 2*, pp. 539-555.

Paul the apostle, by God's grace, became one of the greatest missionaries of all time. He was once known as Saul, the great persecutor of the church. After his conversion on the road to Damascus, Saul became known as Paul, one of the great missionaries of the church. A Jew by birth, he was called by God to spread the Gospel of Christ to Jew and Gentile alike. He is known to us as the "apostle to the Gentiles." In this lesson, we follow him on his 1st great missionary journey.

Acts 13:1-12 Paul and Barnabas on Cyprus

vs. 1-3 A growing, thriving early Christian congregation was located in Antioch in Syria. Led by the Holy Spirit, this congregation called and sent Saul (Paul) and Barnabas to do foreign mission work. It was at Antioch that Jesus' followers were first called Christians. This church at Antioch had five great prophets and teachers in its midst. The Lord chose Paul and Barnabas to help spread the Gospel to lands and people far away.

vs. 4-12 The island of Cyprus was the first place they went. Cyprus was Barnabas' home. He had originated from there. John Mark accompanied them on their journey. They preached in the synagogue of the Jews. While on Cyprus, a man named Sergius Paulus, the Roman governor of the island, was brought to faith. A Jewish false prophet and sorcerer, named Bar-jesus, or Elymas, was struck with blindness by Paul. The Lord used this miracle together with Paul's testimony to convert the Roman governor.

Acts 13:13-52 Paul and Barnabas in Pisidia

Paul and Barnabas left the island of Cyprus and headed to Asia Minor (present-day Turkey). John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem. Perhaps he was unwilling to go to the Gentiles with the Gospel at this time. Their first stop was Perga in Pamphylia, then they headed for Antioch in Pisidia.

v. 14 Their first stop was the synagogue of the Jews.

vs. 15-41 The rulers of the synagogue invited Paul and Barnabas to speak. They stood up and proclaimed Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord. Paul preached, outlining Israel's long history, God's abundant grace, and His precious promises. Paul's sermon began with Abraham and touched on such things as Israel's enslavement in Egypt and deliverance, the 40 years in the wilderness, the occupation of Canaan, the period of the judges, kings, and prophets . . . down to the days of John the Baptist and Jesus. He spoke at length concerning Jesus' bitter sufferings and death and glorious resurrection. He urged all to repent of their sins and to believe on Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Some of the Jews were hesitant to believe, but the Gentiles wanted to hear more. The Jews opposed Paul and Barnabas and their testimony. Paul and Barnabas announced that they would bring the Gospel to the Gentiles. The Word of the Lord spread. Paul and Barnabas were persecuted and moved on to Iconium.

Acts 14:1-7 Paul and Barnabas in Iconium

v. 1 They first spoke at the local synagogue. Many Jews and Gentiles believed.

v. 2-3 Unbelieving Jews stirred up opposition. Paul and Barnabas continued preaching and teaching and doing miracles there for some time.

v. 4-7 More opposition and persecution came from some Jews and Gentiles. Paul and Barnabas fled to Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding countryside.

Acts 14:8-20 Paul and Barnabas at Lystra

Paul healed a crippled man. The heathen in that city viewed Paul and Barnabas as gods and prepared to worship them. Paul proclaimed the true God. More persecutions arose. Paul was stoned but miraculously survived. He and Barnabas departed.

Acts 14:21-28 Paul and Barnabas at Derbe

They preached at Derbe also. Many believed. They then retraced their steps and returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch. They sought to strengthen and confirm the brethren in their faith. They also labored in other cities and towns along the way, finally coming to Perga. Then they returned to Antioch in Syria to give a full report to the church. The door of faith had been opened to the Gentiles. Their missionary trip had been a great success. The Lord was building His church.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dearest Lord Jesus, Your precious gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes." Therefore, richly bless the preaching of the Gospel far and wide. "Add to the Church daily such as should be saved." Help us love Your Word more and more. Move us to pray for our missionaries and their work. Move us all to do what we can to "preach the Gospel to every creature and thereby make disciples of all nations." In Your saving name we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION

The Lord's great Commission is very clear. . . "make disciples of all nations". . . "preach the Gospel to every creature." Jesus was not only "the Glory of His people Israel, He was a Light to lighten the Gentiles." In this lesson we see just how true this was. Paul and Barnabas reached out to Jew and Gentile alike. Wherever they went, they first sought out the Jews. Then they reached out also to the Gentiles.

As you present this lesson to your children, a map outlining where Paul and Barnabas went would be very helpful and meaningful. The map would help them pinpoint the places mentioned in this lesson.

As the lesson proceeds, remind your students that the Lord was guiding Paul and Barnabas, and also blessing their efforts.

Note also that the preaching of the Gospel invited opposition from Jews and Gentiles alike. The Lord was with His servants. . . blessing and keeping them.

APPLICATION

The Lord calls His people to preach the Gospel. He also sends them to the places He Himself has chosen. He opens certain doors; He closes others. “The Lord adds daily to the church such as should be saved.”

The Lord called Paul and Barnabas to preach the Gospel at Antioch. He has called each of us into His service as well.

We are called to preach the Gospel. “The Lord will give the increase.”

Whenever and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, opposition is certain to arise. It can be expected. Our Lord has said, “If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”

The Lord will bless and keep His people today, as He did Paul and Barnabas long ago.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Beginners

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.”

Middle

Matthew 28:18-20 - “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always,”

Romans 8:14 - “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

I Cor. 12:3b - “No one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”

Upper

Isaiah 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.”

I Tim. 2:4 - “God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

II Pet. 3:9 - “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise . . . but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any

should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

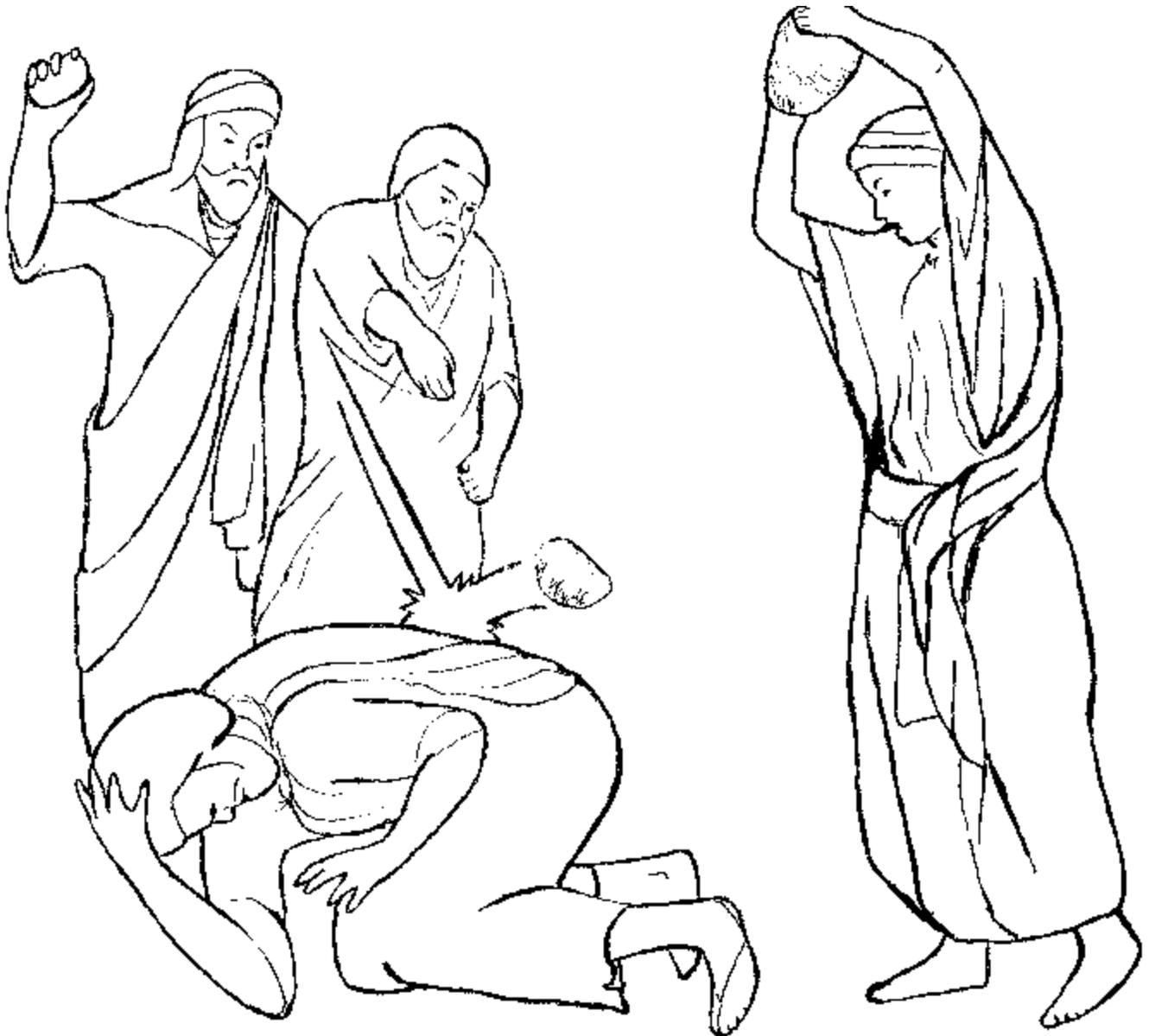
HYMN CHOICES

From Greenland's Icy Mountains - TLH #495

Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying - TLH #496

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Acts 13 - 14



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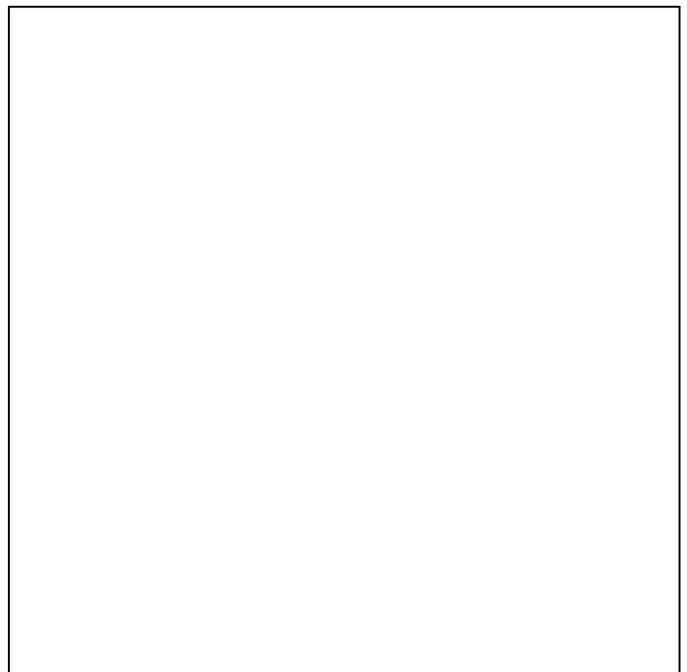
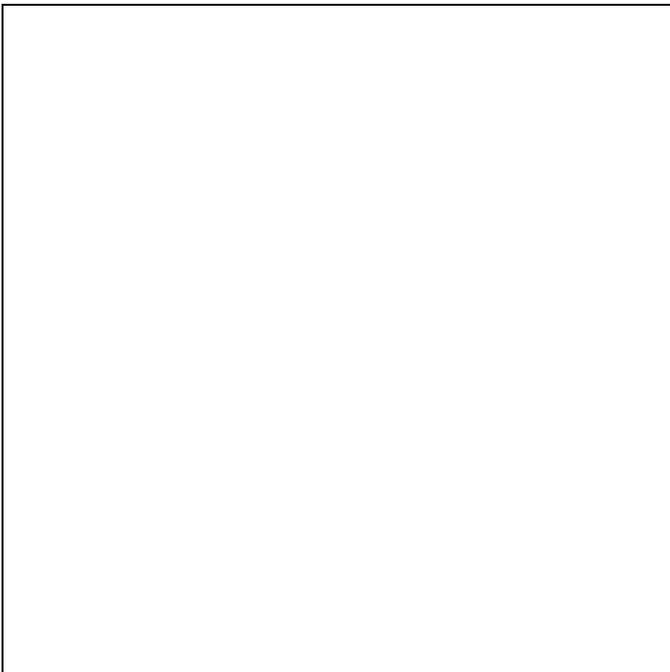
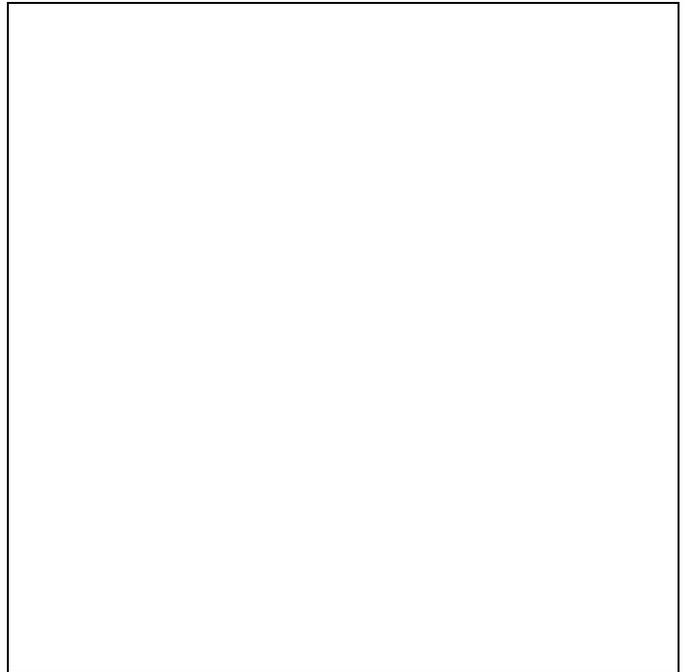
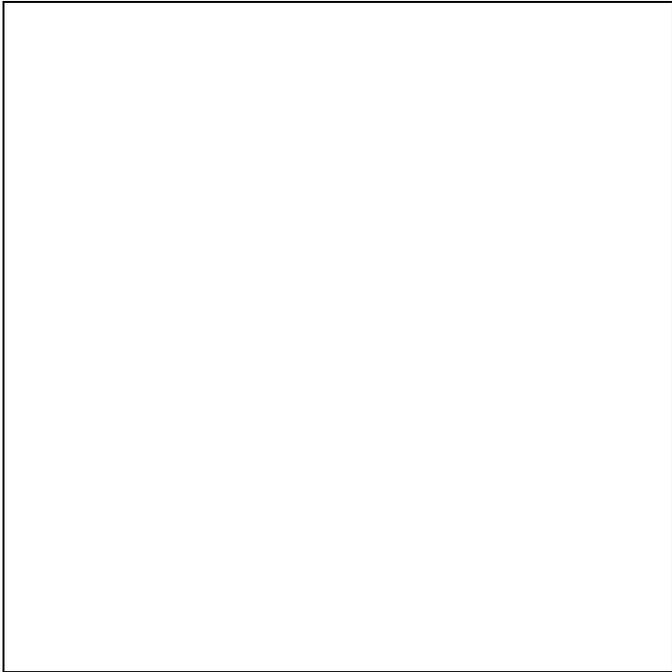
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The two men preached there for a while and then headed back home. They stopped to see all the new believers along the way and told them to trust in God. Finally they reached home and told how God had brought many people to faith in Jesus.

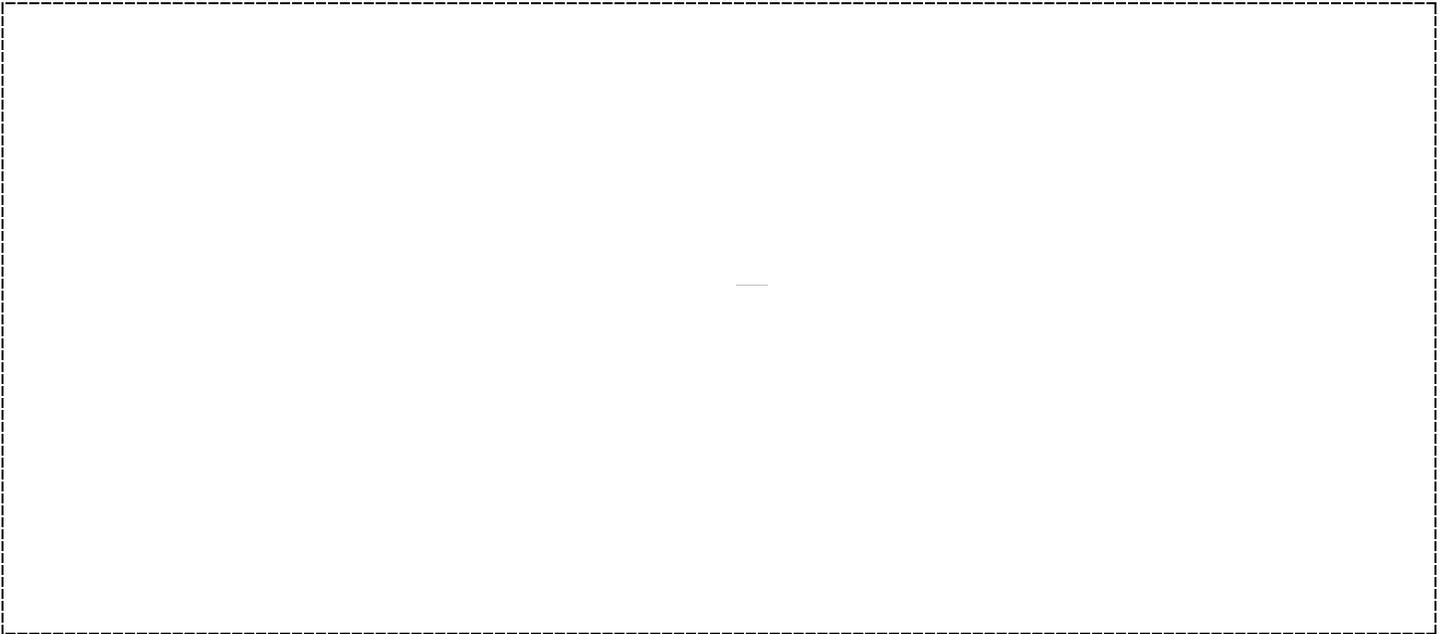
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Activity One - Draw pictures of some of the things that happened in our story.

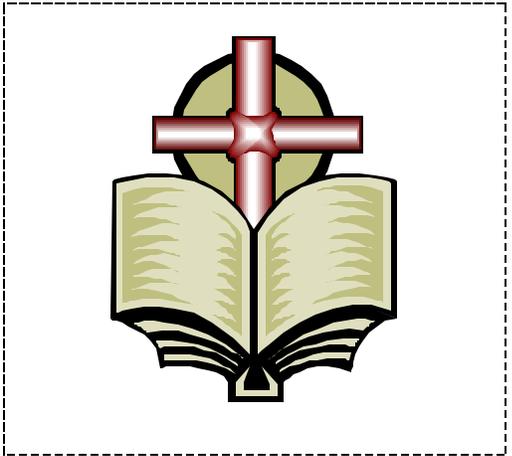


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Activity Two - Make a book. Cut out the shapes. The large rectangle will be folded in half to make the book. The box with "To ____" should be the cover. The children think of someone and that name goes on the blank. The two inside pages will have "Jesus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



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Passages

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Hymn - TLH #507 v. 1-4

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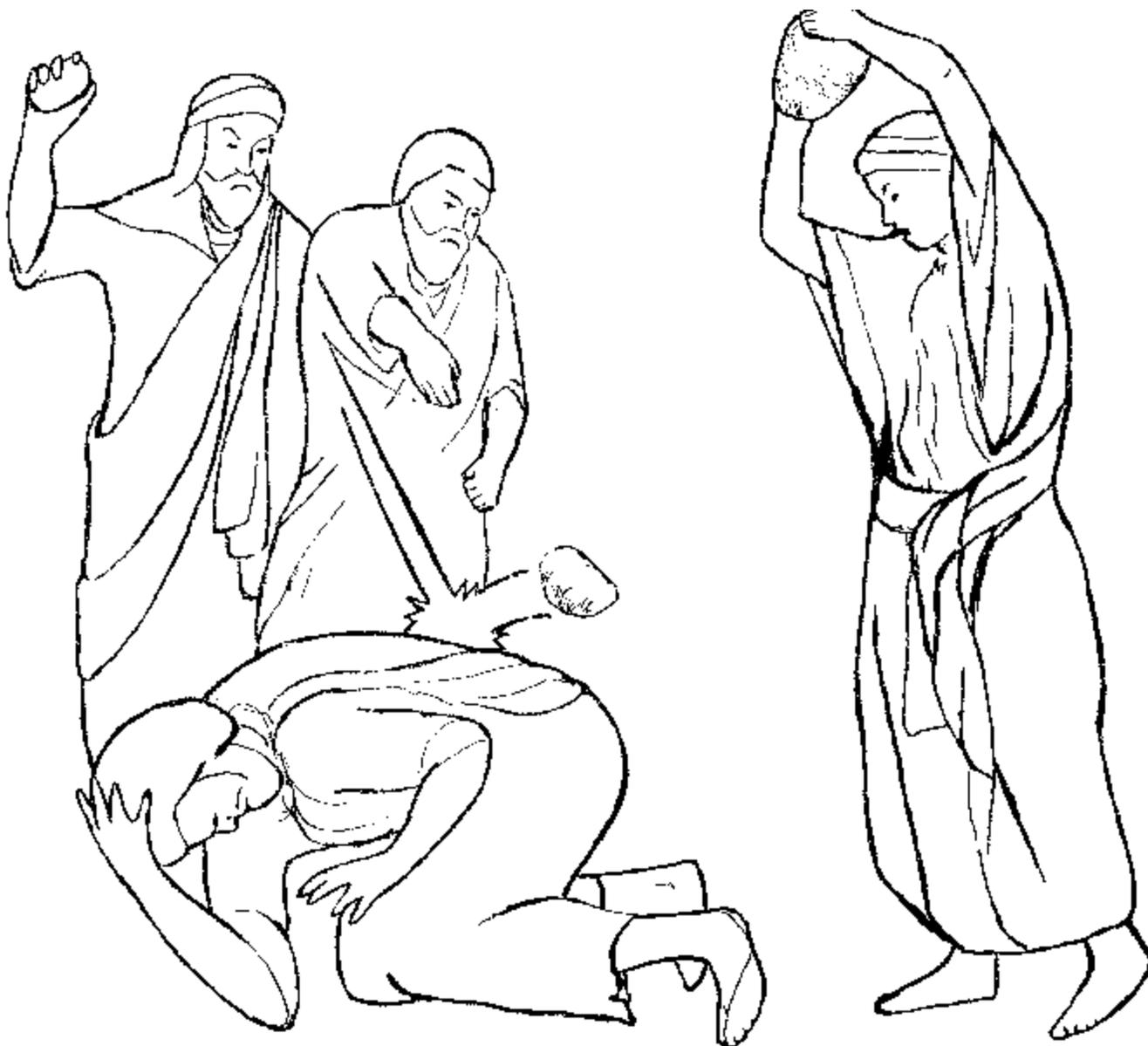
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Prayer

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Acts 13 - 14



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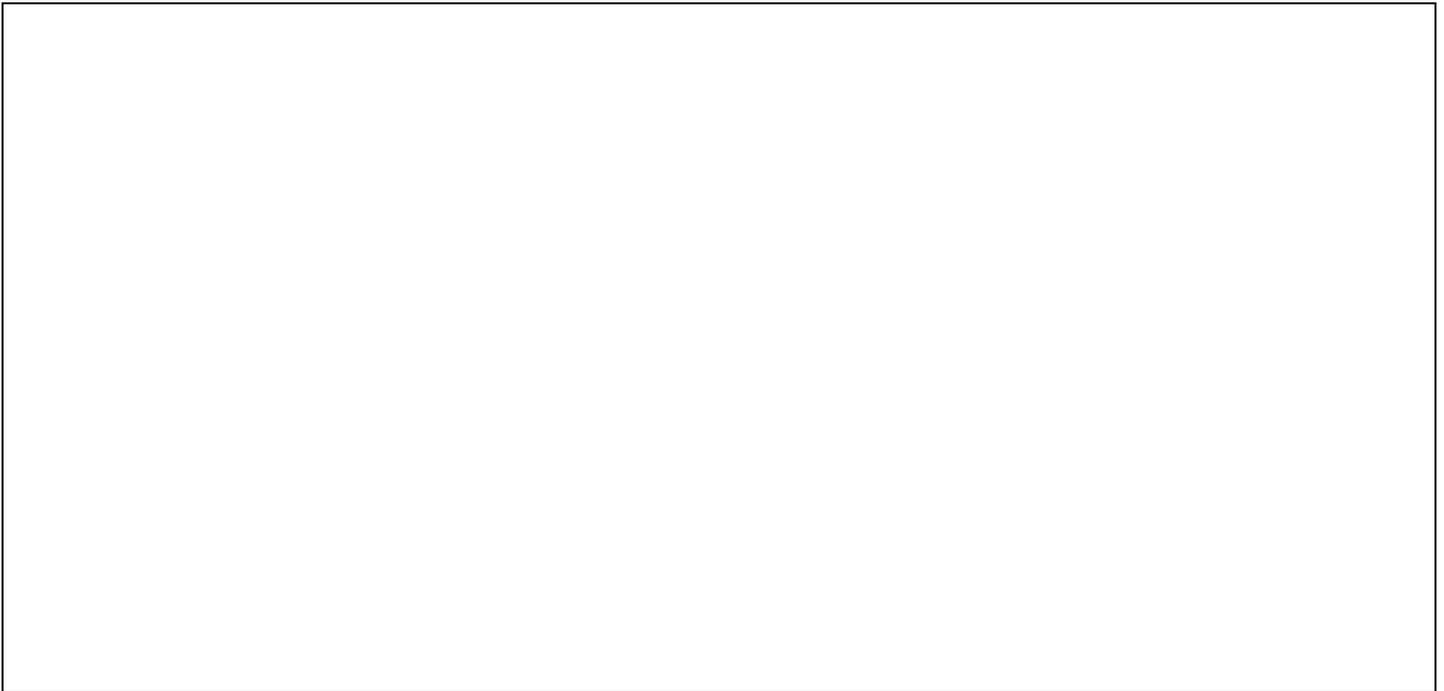
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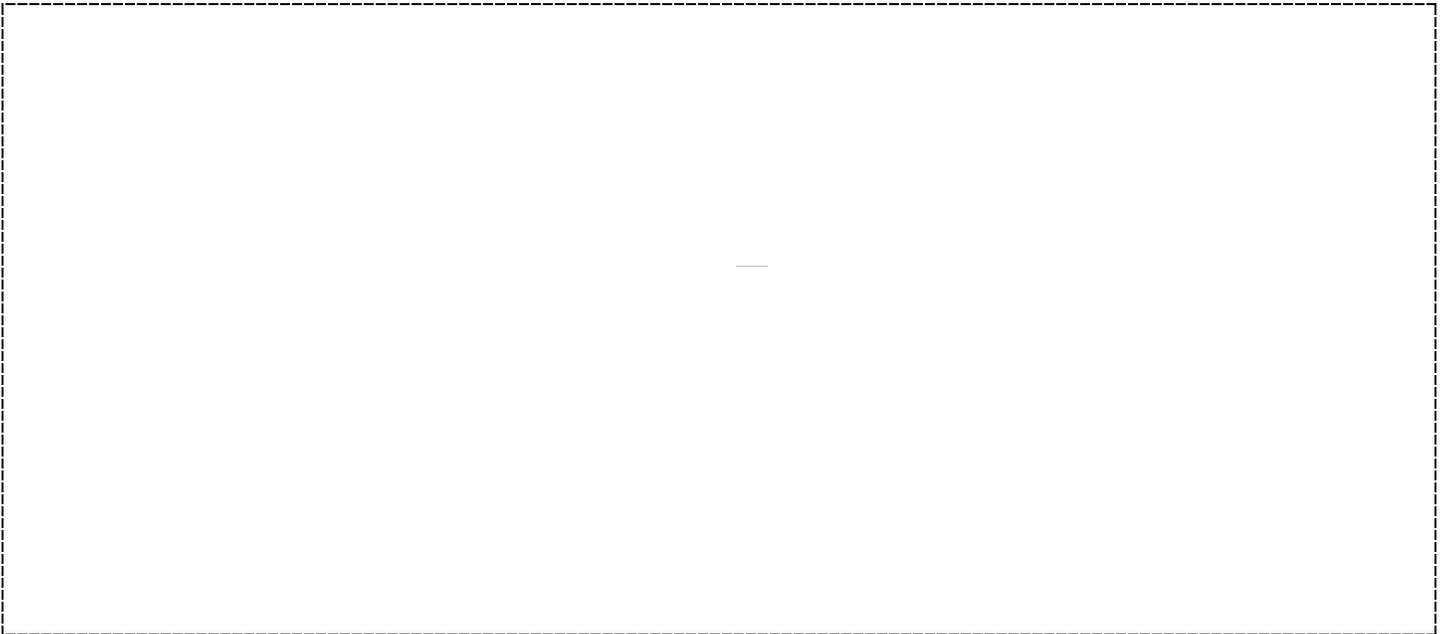
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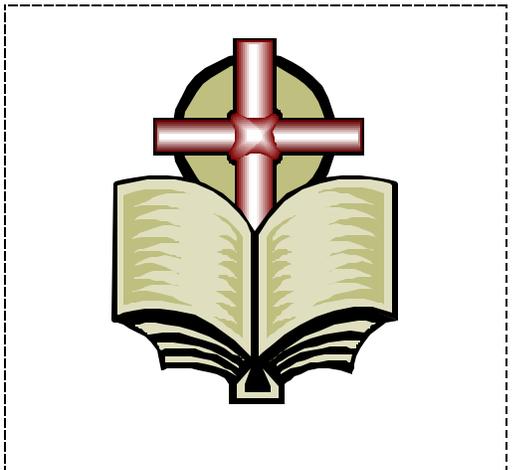
Activity Two - Now draw a picture of how you could share God's Word.



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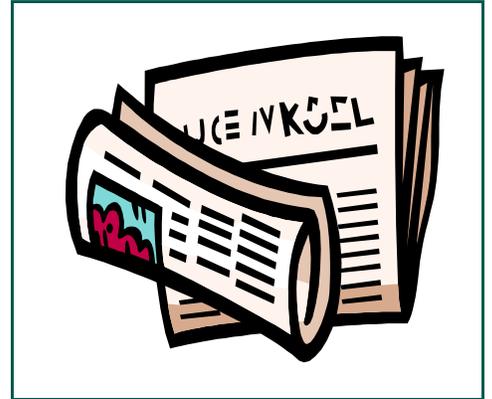
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Acts 13 - 14

Name a good story.
What is the best story you could tell?
To whom could you tell it?

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In Iconium {1}Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed. {5}And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, {6}they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.

In Lystra {8}And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. {9}This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, {10}said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

{11}Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness

of men!" {12}And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

{14}But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out {15}and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, {18}And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

{19}Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. {20}However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

In Derbe {21}And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, {22}strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

{23}So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they believed. {26}...They sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. {27}And when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

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

What the Story Tells Us - Unscramble the places visited and then match each place with what happened there.

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What God's Word Tell Us - See if you can list four other Bible stories where God's Word was spread. You can use your Bible.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Your Turn - Take turns naming 2 people you know who haven't heard about Jesus. Write their names below.

Prayer - Make up a prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to guide you to talk to the people you listed above. You may make the prayer together as a class.

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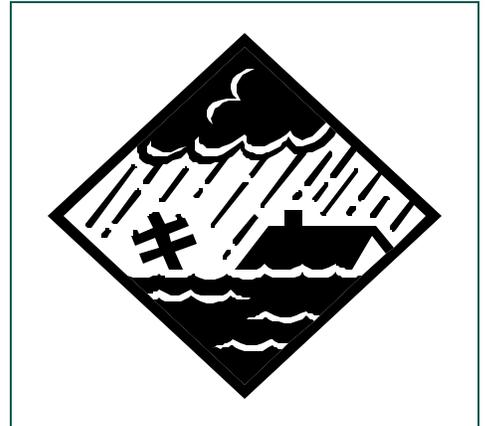
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Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

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Joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations far and near
See Thy light and learn Thy fear. Amen.

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Everyone in the world are caught in something much more dangerous than this.
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{48}Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

{49}And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. {50}But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. {51}But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

In Iconium. {1}Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed. {5}And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, {6}they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.

In Lystra. {8}And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. {9}This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, {10}said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

{11}Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices,

saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" {12}And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

{14}But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out {15}and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, {18}And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

{19}Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. {20}However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

In Derbe. {21}And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, {22}strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God." {23}So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they believed.

{26}...They sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. {27}And when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

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

What the Story Tells Us - Unscramble the places visited and then match each place with what happened there.

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| 1. _____ SRYPUC _____ | A. Bar-Jesus was struck with blindness. |
| 2. _____ YTALSR _____ | B. The people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. |
| 3. _____ MUONCII _____ | C. The Holy Spirit told Paul and Barnabas to preach. |
| 4. _____ BEEDR _____ | D. Paul preached a long sermon about Jesus. |
| 5. _____ TINHCAONIIDAIPS _____ | E. Paul and Barnabas preached here awhile. |
| 6. _____ NACITHO _____ | F. Paul and Barnabas heard they were going to be stoned and ran away. |

What God's Word Tell Us - Discussion Questions.

1. How did the different people in this story receive Paul and Barnabas' preaching?
2. Why did Paul say God's Word would be spread to the Gentiles more (Acts 13:46-47)?
3. Why can we be just as bold as Paul and Barnabas in preaching God's Word (Isaiah 55:11)?
4. What are some ways we can help spread the Gospel?

Your Turn - Take turns naming 2 people you know who haven't heard about Jesus. Write their names below.

Prayer - Make up a prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to guide you to talk to the people you listed above. You may make the prayer together as a class.

Inner Aim - 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."

Isaiah 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.

1 Timothy 2:4 - (God Our Savior) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Hymn - TLH #507

Spread, oh, spread, thou might Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'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.

Up! The ripening fields ye see.
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

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.