

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Paul and Barnabas Became Missionaries

ACTS 13

When Saul, Barnabas, and other men came to the church at Antioch that day, they did not know it was a special day. While they worshiped and taught about Jesus, the Holy Spirit sent a message. "I have something special for Saul and Barnabas to do," the Holy Spirit told the men. "Recognize them for this special work." The men placed their hands on Saul and Barnabas as a blessing and sent them to tell others about Jesus.



Saul (who was also called Paul) and Barnabas took a boat to Cyprus and preached about Jesus in the synagogues. In Paphos they met a government leader who wanted to hear what they were teaching, but a magician named Elymas did not want the leader to hear. Elymas made it difficult for Paul to teach. Paul stared right at the evil man and said, "You are changing God's words. You are evil. God will make you blind for a time because of this." Immediately, everything was dark for Elymas. When the official saw it, he was amazed by God's power and believed what Paul and Barnabas said about God.

Paul and Barnabas continued traveling. One day they listened as God's Word was read in the synagogue. Then the church leaders invited them to speak. Paul reviewed Jewish history with them. He reminded the people how God worked when they were in Egypt and in the desert. God gave them good land and judges to help them know what to do. And He gave them a great king named David.

Paul explained that John the Baptist preached about the One who was coming. This was Jesus, a descendant of King David. Paul showed them the Scriptures about Jesus and taught about Jesus' death and resurrection.

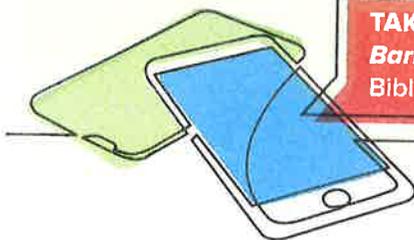
On the next Sabbath day, Paul and Barnabas returned to the synagogue to preach. This time even more people showed up to hear. This made some Jewish leaders jealous and caused problems for Paul and Barnabas.

"Since you reject what we say," Paul said, "we will share God's message with the Gentiles, who are not Jews." The Gentiles were excited to hear about Jesus. Many people believed in Jesus, and the good news spread throughout the whole area.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Acts 13:2

LIFE POINT: God chooses some people to go to other places and tell about Jesus.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul and Barnabas Became Missionaries* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, in today's Bible story your child learned that God calls people to go to other places to tell about Jesus. God wants all believers to tell others about the good news of Jesus. Paul and Barnabas were two missionaries whom God called and the church set apart to spread the gospel.



LIVE IT OUT

Research, or help your child research, well-known missionaries. Talk about their lives and what they sacrificed to tell others about Jesus. Start with Paul and his missionary journeys in the Book of Acts. Paul carried the story of Jesus throughout the known world.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Missionaries are Christians called by God to tell another group of people the good news about Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Acts 13:2

Monday: Mark 6:7

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 9:14

Wednesday: Romans 10:15

Thursday: Matthew 24:14

Friday: 1 Corinthians 6:19

Saturday: Acts 4:19-20

How Many People?

People come in all sizes, colors, and shapes, but they all need to hear about Jesus. How many of each of these can you find?

- People wearing glasses
- Teenagers
- People with light hair
- People wearing red clothing
- Adults
- People with dark hair
- People wearing hats
- Kids
- People with no hair



UNIT VERSE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 1:8 (CSB)

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God called Barnabas and Saul to be missionaries. God has plans for you, too. He may not want you to be a missionary, but He does want you to follow His plan. Take a moment to pray, asking God to show you at just the right time what He wants you to do.



QUESTION:

How many of these are called to be missionaries?

ANSWER:

Only God knows His plans. He will show each person at the right time.



Find Acts 13:2 in your Bible. Read the verse, putting your name in place of Barnabas and Saul.