



**Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus can be forgiven of their sins and be right with God.**

**Week 21:** December 29, 2024

**Bible Story Point:** God had a plan for Paul to share the Gospel with Gentiles, no matter what troubles he faced.

**Key Passage:** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (John 3:17)

**Sunday Night:** (Preschool & Children)

**Paul became a Missionary** (Acts 13–14)

The beginnings of Paul's journey as a missionary in Acts 13–14 showcased the power and providence of God, even amid harsh persecution. From being sent out and set apart by the Holy Spirit to being wrongly celebrated as gods and experiencing mistreatment and stonings, Paul remained fixed on the hope he found in Jesus. No matter the circumstances he faced, he kept proclaiming Jesus' name and paving the way for the gospel to be known around the world.

What patterns do we see in Paul's life that propelled the gospel farther? What role do hardships play in our spiritual lives as we, too, seek to live on mission for Christ and His good news of salvation?

As we read of Paul's journeys, we find that he continually sought to abide in Christ through the spiritual disciplines of fasting, prayer, and sharing the gospel. We also see that he did not back down from difficult situations; not even false prophets and sorcerers could derail him from proclaiming God's truth! Despite the grueling hassles of life on the road and not having a place to call home, Paul chose obedience to God's calling above any earthly comfort as he trusted the glories of heaven far outweighed any momentary affliction.

While many insulted Paul, opposed him, and rejected the words of life he spoke, he shook the dust off his feet and pressed on, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit that filled Paul and sustained him on his missionary journeys also lives in us who trust in Christ. Paul's dependence on the Spirit and his obedience to the gospel mission provide a model for us to follow as we seek to live on mission.

Encourage your kids to recognize Paul's perseverance and how the love of Jesus compelled him to share the gospel no matter the difficulties he faced. Ask the Lord to assist you as you live out this conviction through teaching it to the next generation of Christ followers.

- Who was set apart for special work? Paul and Barnabas
- What church were they associated with? Church at Antioch
- What was the special work? Go to different cities to tell them about Jesus.
- Was their task easy or hard? They had difficulty most places they went.
- What are some road blocks you encounter in growing your faith?
- What is one thing you can do to build your faith?
- Who can you turn to who can help you build your faith?

**Practice:** Say (Memorize) Key passage

**Pray:** Thank God for carrying you during times of difficulty. Ask God to give you the courage and strength to follow Him more closely.

## Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for January 15

**Cubbies: Bear Hug 15**—Matthew 1:21 “...Call His name Jesus: for He will save His people from their sins.”

### Sparks:

**Hang Glider** – John 14:6, Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me.”

**Wing Runner** – Red Jewel 2.4 Requires Parent Signature, Green Jewel 2.1 – Peter 1:25, But the word of the Lord remains forever.

**Sky Storm**– Matthew 28:6, He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. AND 1 John 5:12, Whoever has the Son has life; Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

### T & T's – 3.1 Jesus is Fully God

John 10:30, I and the Father are one.

### Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, January 5

### Jesus can Forgive Anyone (2 Corinthians 5)

- Do we fear God? No, Jesus came to rescue sinners.
- Who did Jesus die for? All people
- If you are in Christ? You are a new creation.
- As believers, what are we called to be? Ambassadors for Christ (Representative of Jesus Christ)

### Upcoming Activities:

January 15	Wednesday Night Activities resume.
January 16	Pickleball and Walking Resumes
January 24—25	Magnified—VBS Preview Conference
January 26—29	Life Action—Thirst Conference
February 3	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
February 4	Good News Club Begins (Tuesdays 3: - 4:15 through March 5)
February 9	2nd Annual Chili Bowl Cook off—Kids Camp Fund Raiser
February 16	Preschool Appreciation Lunch and Training
February 20—28	Our Calling Mission Trip
February 21	Youth Spud Night
February 20	Legacy Conference

