



What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Week 26: February 2, 2025

Bible Story Point: As Paul traveled on his third missionary journey, he used every opportunity to tell people the good news about Jesus and to help the church.

Key Passage: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Paul Visited the Churches (Acts 18—21)

This session, we read of Paul's determination to extend Christ's invitation of faith to non-believers and to deepen the faith of those who were believers. No part of this third missionary journey proved to be easy. Even still, Paul knew his purpose was to proclaim the gospel to all who would listen, testifying to the grace he'd so freely received. What propelled Paul forward on his voyages, despite the dangers and troubles he faced? What drew others to listen to him, believing in the gospel he'd committed his life to proclaim?

In Acts 18:9, the Lord declared to the apostle Paul in a night vision, "Don't be afraid, but keep on speaking and don't be silent..." These words strengthened him amidst the legal allegations he faced in Corinth and even further as he traveled throughout Asia on mission for the gospel. It was Paul's steadfast conviction that made others hone in on the words he spoke about God's kingdom. They listened as he gave of his time, committing months and sometimes even years of his life to growing his disciples in the faith. He taught diligently and passionately, believing that God would be faithful to open the people's hearts toward His truth.

Paul faced opposition from idol worshippers in Ephesus, as well as from Jews who plotted against him as he began to set sail for Syria. The gospel was controversial on all sides—for all who did not believe Jesus was the only way to the one, true God. Even still, God protected Paul throughout this journey, and the missionary even declared that the value of his life could only be found in proclaiming Christ's truth.

Though Paul ventured to so many places, met so many people, and experienced so many different cultures, it all points back to the incredible God who safely led him on this journey for the spread of the gospel. Help your kids see that we serve the same God that Paul did, and that He is worthy of our trust and obedience as we set sail on mission—near or far—so that others would know His saving love in Christ. May we, too, seize every opportunity to share His love with all who may hear.

- Where did Paul go? Ephesus
- Who did he speak too? Twelve men who only knew about John the Baptist.
- What kind of trouble did Paul encounter? People who believed in many gods and did not like Paul's teaching.
- Who fell out of a window? Eutycus
- Where does our value come from? God created us for His Glory, to share the Gospel with everyone who will listen.
- How do you know God loves you and gives you a story to tell?
- Who can you tell about Jesus and demonstrate God's love too?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for making you who you are. Ask God to help seek lost people who are ready to listen to the Gospel and give you the confidence to share the great things God is doing in your life.

Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for February 5

Cubbies: Bear Hug 17– Matthew 6:11 “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Sparks: Recite the books of the New Testament. Matthew through 2 Corinthians

Hang Glider – Red Jewel 3:1 & 3:2 Name the two parts of the Bible & quote – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians.

Wing Runner – Green Jewel 2:3 – Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Sky Stormer – Green Jewel 2:3 – Acts 1:8, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

T & T's: – 3.3 Jesus is Savior

1 Peter 2:24, He Himself bore our sins on His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

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

Preview for Sunday, February 9th

We are here to Glorify God (Romans 15)

- What is the Title of this chapter in Roman's 15? The Example of Christ
- How does Paul tell believers to live? To care for your neighbor more than yourself.
- Who was Jesus' message always for? All people, not just Jewish people.
- How can we know Jesus' message was for everyone? Paul quotes several Old Testament verses explaining Jesus' message was for the Gentiles as well.
- What is Paul's message to the Christians in Rome? Jews and Gentiles to work together to share the Gospel.

Upcoming Activities:

February 3	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
February 4	Good News Club Begins (Tuesdays 2:45 - 4:15 through March 5)
February 7	Pickleball and walking Thursday Nights 6—8
February 8	Men's Breakfast 7:30 to 10am in Gym
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
March 2	VBS Directors Meeting 4:00 in Castle
March 10—14	Spring Break
March 16	Candy & Plastic Egg donations begin for Easter Egg Hunt

