

Paul and Barnabas Share the Good News

Bible Point: God wants us to share the good news about Jesus.

Bible Verse:

“And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:31

Prayer

- Read Isaiah 30:21, Acts 13:1-5
- Is your ear tuned to the Lord’s voice and your heart to his directions?
- Pray: Dear Lord, help me to be ever alert to your guidance as I teach your children. Let me be your tool as we study your Word. Help us to be bold and share gospel with others. j

After Saul decided to follow God, he traveled to many different cities telling the people there about Jesus. Saul also used a different name. His new friends called him Paul. Paul wanted everyone to know that he had changed and was now a follower of Jesus.

Paul and his friend Barnabas loved telling people that Jesus came to be our Savior. So they went to the church in the city of Antioch to help the people there learn more about Jesus. The church in Antioch was a growing church! The church members cared for each other, told others about Jesus’ love, and spread God’s love all over their city. In fact, Antioch was the first place that Jesus’ followers were called Christians! They prayed, worshipped, and even sent money when other churches needed it.

One day when the leaders of the Antioch church were worshipping, something amazing happened! We’ll worship God by singing...

Let’s all sing and praise the Lord. (to the tune of *Old Macdonald had a Farm*)

Ho-ho-hosanna!
Jesus lives forevermore.
Ho-ho-hosanna!

He’s the Son of God,
Who showed his love;
Praise to God in heav’n above!
Let’s all sing and praise the Lord.
Ho-ho-hosanna!

(Repeat.)

Say: While the church leaders were worshipping, God spoke to them and told them to set apart Barnabas and Paul for a special job. Then the church leaders prayed and put their hands on Paul and Barnabas to show their blessing and to show that they were obeying God.

Then continue: Paul and Barnabas said goodbye to their good friends, and they boarded a ship. Paul and Barnabas sailed to the city of Salamis, on the island of Cyprus. There they told everyone the good news that Jesus loves them and died for them. This was the beginning of an exciting journey full of great adventures!



Point to the picture of Paul and Barnabas leaving from Antioch and say:

Ask: • Who called Paul and Barnabas? (God.)

• What did God want them to do? (A special job; tell people about Jesus.)

• What did the church leaders do for Paul and Barnabas? (They prayed for them; they put their hands on them; they sent them away.)

Say: Paul and Barnabas went away to tell people in different countries about Jesus.

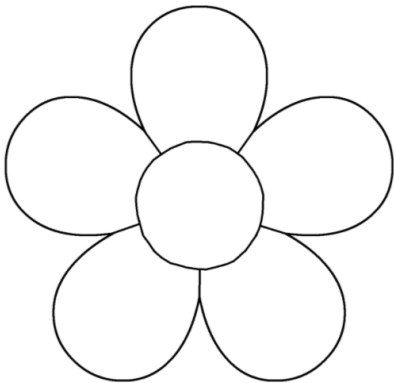
Ask: • What do we call people who tell others about Jesus? (Missionaries.)

Say: Paul and Barnabas were missionaries. Today there are thousands of missionaries who travel to different parts of the world to tell the good news about Jesus. God wants us to share the good news about Jesus, too, right here where we live. Let's have some fun as we practice telling people the good news about Jesus.

Say: Our Bible verse is from Acts 16:31 and says: "Believe in the Lord Jesus." Let's tell everyone! Near or far, here or there, we can tell people everywhere!

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