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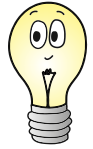
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A wise guide



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STORY 1: Paul (Saul) at Antioch

Helping in God's work

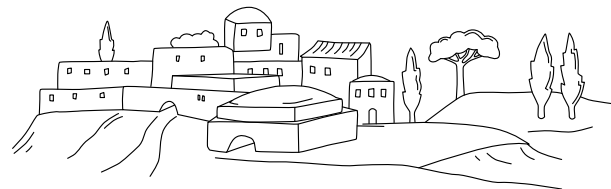


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Acts 11: 19-30

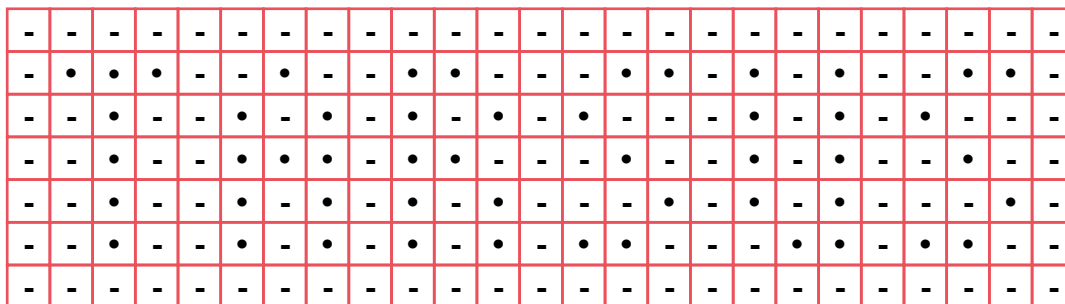


KEY VERSE:
Acts 11: 26
Ask someone to help you find this verse.

Many years had passed since Saul (who is also called Paul) met Jesus. He had now gone back to the city where he had been born.



Q: Colour the squares which have a dot to find the name of the city.



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In the meantime, the Good News about Jesus was spreading and God's church was growing. Some believers had gone to live in a city called Antioch. There, they were able to tell the Good News to people who had never heard it before. Many people believed in Jesus.

Q: Fill in the missing words to tell what happened.

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Some believers went to live in A _____.

They told the people there about J _____.

Many people b_____ in Him.

Soon the church at Jerusalem heard about the great things that were happening in Antioch. The believers there were so excited that they decided to send someone straight away to find out more. They chose a man called Barnabas.

Barnabas was very pleased when he got to Antioch. Yes - it was true! There were many new believers! Barnabas did all he could to teach the believers and to encourage them to love Jesus.

Q: Whom did the church in Jerusalem send to Antioch? Circle the answer.

Stephen Saul Barnabas Philip

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Barnabas was so busy at Antioch that he needed a helper. God reminded him of Saul, whom he had got to know some years before. Off he went to Tarsus and found Saul and brought him back to Antioch.

Q: Whom did Barnabas get to help him at Antioch? Circle the answer.

Philip Saul Stephen John

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Barnabas and Saul spent the next year in Antioch, teaching the believers there. During that time, the believers in Jesus Christ were first called "**Christians**".

The name 'Christian' means someone who trusts in Jesus Christ.

Q: How long did they spend in Antioch? Circle the answer.

1 year 10 years 1 month 3 years

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Finally, Barnabas and Saul left Antioch for Jerusalem. Antioch was an important starting place for Saul. Here he began his work as a **missionary** - the work that God had planned for him.

A missionary is someone who is willing to go to a place, usually a foreign country, to teach them about God.

The Bible teaches that God still uses Christians in His work. They can help to spread His message to others.

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Q: Find and circle the words hidden in the Word Search.

They are hidden across or down.

Jerusalem
Tarsus
Saul
Barnabas

Do you know anyone who is a Christian?



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STORY 2: Paul (Saul) in Cyprus

Telling others about Jesus



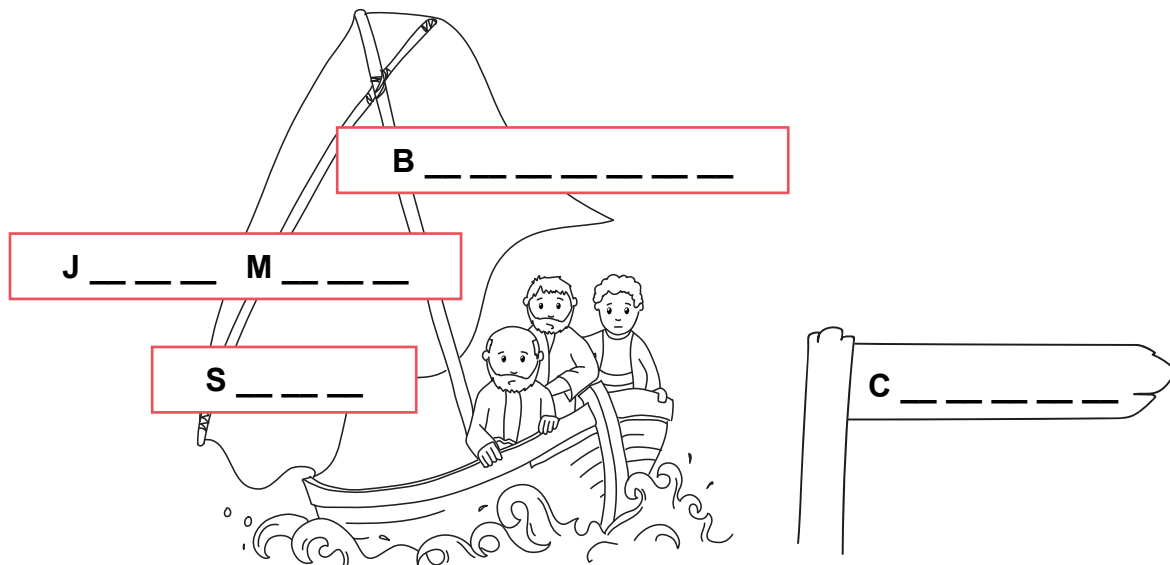
READ:
Acts 13: 1-12



KEY VERSE:
Matthew 28: 19
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

One day the Christians in Antioch were gathered together. Among them were Barnabas and Saul. The Holy Spirit made it clear to the other leaders that Barnabas and Saul were to do a special work for God. So after praying about it, Barnabas, Saul and John Mark (Barnabas' nephew), set off in a boat for Cyprus.

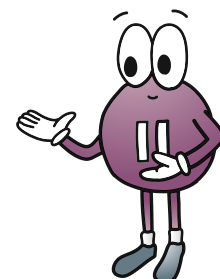
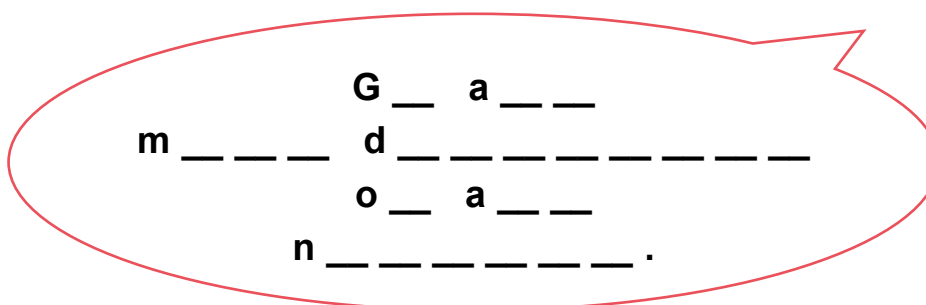
Q: Name the three men who went on the boat journey and fill in where they were going.



These men were obeying Jesus who had said, "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Jesus wanted the Good News about Himself to reach every land. Now it was being taken to an island across the sea.

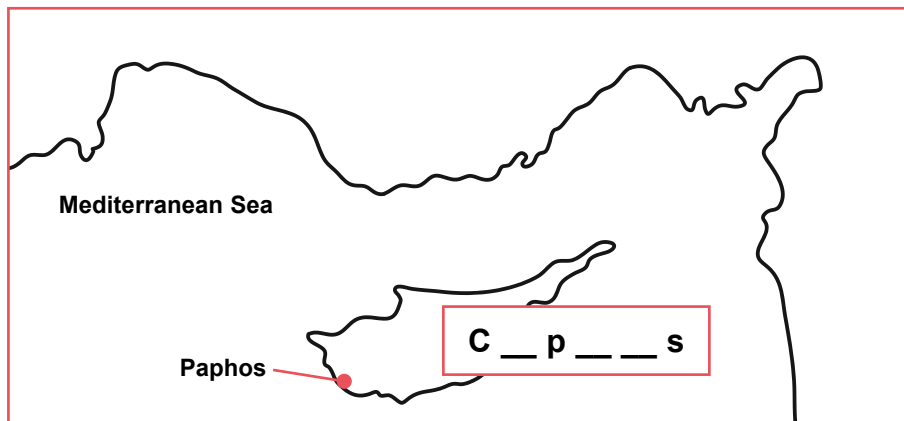
Q: Fill in the missing letters in the speech bubble to remind you of the command Jesus had given, which is the Key Verse.



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When they arrived, they travelled around the island, preaching the Good News.

Q: Complete the map. Colour the sea blue.



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At a place called Paphos, they met a magician who worked for the governor of Cyprus. When the governor heard of Barnabas and Saul, he was very keen to meet them because he wanted to hear the Word of God. The governor listened carefully but Elymas, the magician, tried to stop him from believing.

Saul knew that the magician was doing the devil's work. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Saul told him that he was doing evil and that God would make him blind. As soon as Saul had spoken, Elymas became blind! He searched around, trying to find someone to lead him.

Q: Draw lines to complete the sentences.

Elymas, the magician

wanted to listen to God's Word.

The governor

did not want to believe.

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Q: What happened to Elymas? Colour the correct answer.

He could not hear.

He could not walk.

He could not see.



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From that time, the Bible changes Saul's name to **Paul**. Paul was able to do this miracle because God's power was at work within him. Now the governor had seen the greatness of God's power. All that he had seen and heard helped him make the right choice - to believe in Jesus.

We're not told why Saul's name was changed. Paul means 'small' so he may have wanted others to think of him as 'small' and Jesus as great!

TOTAL:

STORY 3: Paul meets Lydia

A lady believes in Jesus



READ:
Acts 16: 6-15



KEY VERSE:
Acts 2: 21
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*

Perhaps you have visited another country for your holidays. Maybe you have crossed the border between two countries. Paul and his two friends, Silas and Timothy, travelled many miles, going from country to country. As they were doing God's work, the Holy Spirit showed them exactly where God wanted them to go. No matter where they went, there were lots of people who needed to hear the Good News about Jesus.

Q: Who were Paul's two friends?

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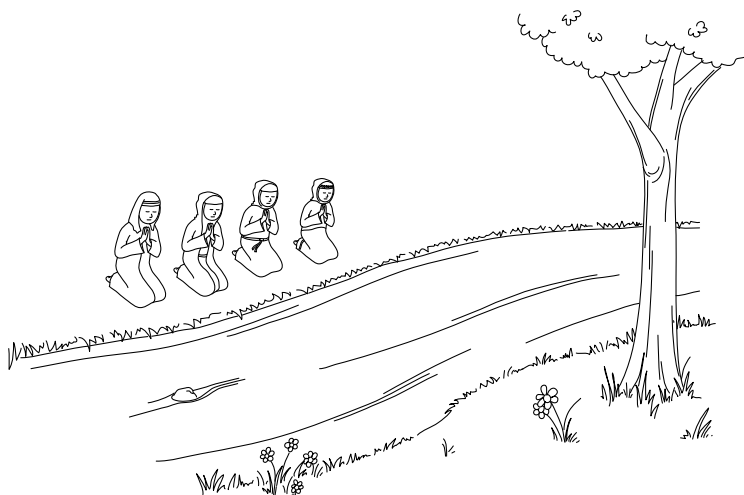
Eventually they arrived at a seaside town. That night, Paul had a vision (special kind of dream), in which a man from Macedonia (Greece) stood and pleaded with Paul to come over and help the people there. Paul knew that this was God's way of making it clear where they should go next.

Q: Decorate the message that the man from Macedonia gave Paul.

Come over
and help us!

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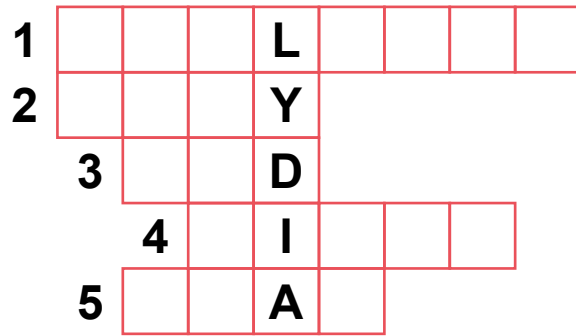
Quickly they found a ship going there. Soon they arrived at a large city called Philippi. On the Sabbath day, Paul and his friends went outside the city to the river bank. There they found some ladies who had come to pray.



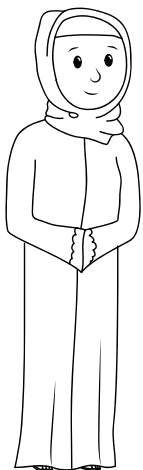
One of them was called Lydia. She had believed in God for a long time, but had never heard how God's Son, Jesus, had come from Heaven and died on the cross so that she could be saved from her sin.

Q: Fill in the letters on the Word Grid.

1. Paul travelled to the large city of
2. On the Sabbath day they went outside the
3. Lydia believed in
4. The ladies were beside the
5. They had come to

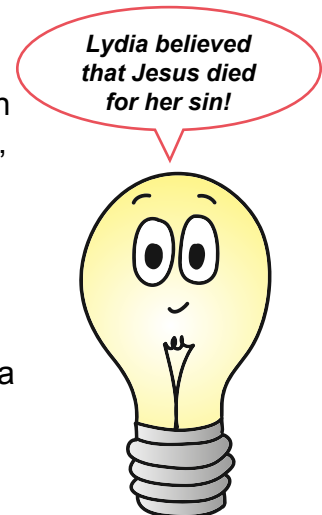


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Lydia listened carefully to all Paul said. Although it was the first time she had heard the message, Lydia knew in her heart that it was true. That day she became a believer in Jesus. She was so glad that Paul had come to her city.

Lydia's family became Christians too. After Lydia and her family were baptised, she invited Paul and his friends to come and stay in her house.



Q: Which sentences are RIGHT (✓) and which are WRONG (x)?

Lydia had heard Paul's message before.

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Lydia's family became Christians too.

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Lydia was the only one baptised.

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Lydia invited Paul and his friends to stay in her home.

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When Paul crossed over to Greece, he brought the Good News to Europe for the very first time. The Bible reminds us that all kinds of people can be saved, and so become Christians. It doesn't matter who they are or where they live!

TOTAL:

STORY 4: Paul and Silas in jail

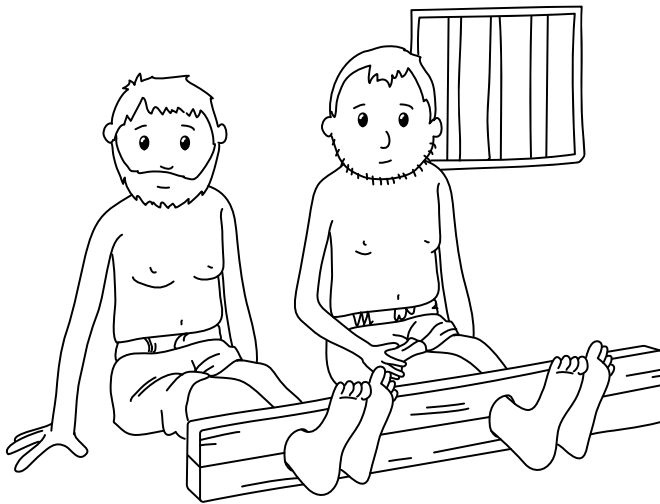
A whole family believes in Jesus.



READ:
Acts 16: 16-34



KEY VERSE:
Acts 16: 31
*Ask someone to help
you find this verse.*



I wonder if you've ever ended up in trouble when you were doing your best to be helpful? That's what happened to Paul and Silas.

One day in Philippi, they helped a slave girl, but her owners became very angry. They dragged Paul and Silas to the market place and told lies about them.

After a dreadful beating, they were thrown into jail. There the jailer left them, chained up with their feet locked in heavy blocks of wood called stocks.

If all of that happened to you, you probably wouldn't be feeling very cheerful! But at midnight, the other prisoners could hear Paul and Silas praying and singing hymns to God. Even though their backs were sore from the beating they had received, they still were able to praise God.

Q: Draw lines to complete the sentences.

Paul and Silas

They were given

They were thrown

At midnight

a dreadful beating.

they were singing.

helped a slave girl.

into jail.

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Suddenly there was another sound. Everything rattled and shook - doors opened and chains fell off. It was an earthquake!

At once the jailer awoke, jumped up and noticed all the doors were open. That was the worst thing that could ever happen - all the prisoners would escape and he would be blamed! He felt so worried that he took his sword and was just about to kill himself.

But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” The jailer called for a light and rushed in to Paul and Silas.

“What must I do to be saved?” he asked. He wasn’t asking to be saved from the earthquake, which had frightened him and made him think about his life. He knew he needed to be saved from the punishment he deserved for his sin.

Paul and Silas replied,

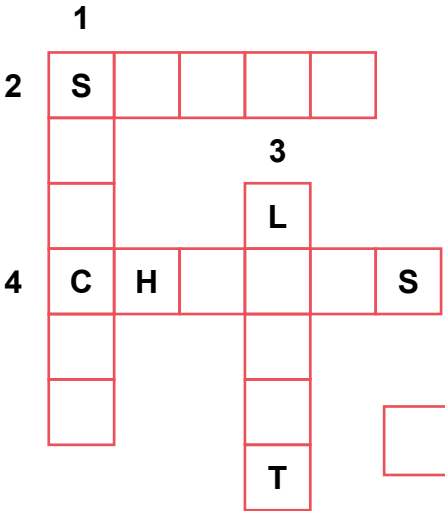
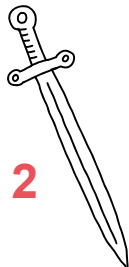
“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”

Q: Decorate the words above.

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Paul and Silas explained to the jailer and his family that Jesus died on the cross for their sin. Soon they all willingly believed in Jesus. The jailer bathed the sore places where Paul and Silas had been beaten. He took them to his house and gave them a meal. Then all the people in the jailer’s family were baptised.

Q: These four things are mentioned in the story. Use the pictures to complete the Word Grid.



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What a happy night it was for that family - a night they would remember for the rest of their lives. They had believed in Jesus and were saved from their sins.

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