

THE CHURCH IN NEW YORK CITY
CHILDREN'S MEETING LESSON (Pre-K&K)

Lesson #95

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SUBJECT: Paul's Missionary Journeys – The Spreading of God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Acts 11:19-30; Acts 13 & 14; Galatians 4:13-14

AIM: To see God's great purpose to redeem (or save) the whole world.

MEMORY VERSES: **John 3:17** "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Or "For God sent...his Son...that the world through Him might be saved."

CONTENT: After the Lord Jesus had died, rose from the dead and went back to be with His Father, His friends continued to tell the world about Him. Paul was one who loved to tell the world what the Lord Jesus had done. He wrote many letters to other believers in the Lord. In one of his letters, he said that he wanted to tell everyone about Jesus who died, rose from the dead and is coming again. Not only did he write many letters, but he also traveled to many, many places to tell people about Jesus.

Many times Paul sailed the ocean and traveled over the land with other believers. Once Paul and a believer named Barnabas sailed to a very large city, called Antioch. At a place where the Jews gathered in this city of Antioch, Paul told the people that many years before, God had promised that Jesus would come. There, almost the entire city came to hear him. He told them that Jesus came for ALL nations to be the Savior of the world. The Jews did not want to hear that, but the Gentiles (those who were not Jews) were glad to hear it. They were glad to hear this GOOD NEWS because God had loved them also. Some bad people tried to throw stones at Paul and Barnabas. Paul and Barnabas left to go to another city. Paul went from City to city and traveled for distances. Later he would be called Paul, the MISSIONARY.

A "missionary" is a "sent-one" who travels to far places to tell people about Jesus. Jesus was sent by His Father from heaven to this earth so that the world through Him might be saved. After the Lord Jesus was raised from the dead, He gathered His disciples together and told them, "As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you."

Paul and others were sent by the Lord Jesus to be the tellers or witnesses of all the wonderful things the Lord had done when He was on the earth. (Suggestion: As you tell this lesson emphasize how difficult it was to travel in Paul's day compared to today's traveling and how long it took to go from city to city. A map showing Paul's journeys would be helpful – there are some in the files.)