



Bible Character Study



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Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

Paul – spreading the good news.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to share the good news of Jesus wherever they go.



Lesson Takeaway:

Jesus wants us to share His good news with everyone and everywhere.



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Bible References:

Acts 13: 1 – 12; 16: 6 – 10.



Who was Paul?

Paul was a Jew, a Roman citizen, born in Tarsus but grew up in Jerusalem. He studied the Jewish law under an intelligent lawyer named Gamaliel (Acts 22:3, 25).

Previously, Paul hurt believers, that is, those who have put their faith in Jesus. He maltreated them and put some in the prison simply because they believed in Jesus (Acts 9: 1 – 2).



What did Paul do?

On the way to Damascus, where Paul was going to put more believers into prison, Jesus reached out to him (see Acts 9: 3 – 9). After this experience with Jesus, he became a very strong voice for Jesus. Everywhere Paul went, he talked about the good news that Jesus came to save those who were lost.

Paul spread the good news in many places during his time. He shared the good news on the ship, on the beach, in the temple, in public spaces, in people's houses, and even through writing letters. He travelled to many cities including Antioch, Cyprus, Lystra, Athens, Corinth, Macedonia, etc. These trips were called missionary trips.



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What did Paul do? - Continued

Apart from going on missionary trips, Paul also spread the good news about Jesus to kings and governors including Felix, Festus, Caesar and Agrippa. Paul was never afraid to tell people about Jesus. He said of himself, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Romans 1:16).

As Paul spread the good news of Jesus, he faced many hard and difficult times. He was not discouraged because of these hard times but continued sharing the love of Jesus (Acts 21: 27 – 36).

As Paul continued to share the good news, many more people put their faith in Jesus and became followers of Jesus. Believers were also encouraged and received the boldness to share the good news with others, just like Paul did.



What can we learn from Paul?

First, we need to understand that sharing the good news can only happen when we repent and accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. It was only after Paul put his faith in Jesus, that he was able to share the good news.

Have you put your faith in Jesus? Do you believe that Jesus came to die for your sin, rose again from the grave and is alive forever? Have you repented from your sins and asked Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour?

If yes, then, you are ready to spread the good news. If no, you can repent from your sins and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour today, so, you too, can spread the good news of salvation.



What can we learn from Paul? - Continued

Second, wherever Paul went, he told people about Jesus. He was not afraid or ashamed to talk about Jesus. What about you? Don't be afraid or ashamed to talk about Jesus to your friends, neighbours, and families (Luke 9:26).

Third, Paul was not discouraged because of the hard times he had while telling people about Jesus. You too can be bold and strong as you tell people about Jesus. People might laugh at you or say unkind words about you, don't be discouraged.

Keep talking about Jesus, keep sharing His love with others. Tell them about how he saved you from sin. Tell them about how much He loves and cares for you. People need to hear about Jesus in our world today. And you can help spread the message of salvation to everyone you meet.



Memorize:

Mark 16:15 - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.



Scenario review:

You have just started a new school. During lunch break, some students were discussing, "Well, some people believe God created the world, but I tell you that there is no proof that this is true". One student said, "Some would even say that Jesus loves them. How is this possible? And then another student said, "Guys, let me tell you. I know it is true that Jesus loves us all. He came to die for our sin ..."

What will you do? Why did you make that choice?



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Remember:

Jesus wants us to share His good news with everyone and everywhere.



Let us pray:

Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, into the world to save me from my sin. I believe Jesus died, rose again and is alive forevermore. Through Jesus, we have the good news of Your unending love, mercy and forgiveness. Please help me to share this good news to everyone and everywhere. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen!



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