

SUMMER 2025

Unit 1, Session 1

CONNECTION POINT:

Living by faith begins with a righteous relationship with God.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: The foundation and strength of one's faith rests in the object of one's faith. In what are you trusting? In whom are you trusting? The only One we can trust unwaveringly is God, but that trust is based on who He is, not on who we think He is or how we want Him to act. That trust leads us to want to please Him and live in right relationship with Him.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 13

Live It Out: Write on paper *God chose Paul and Barnabas to do His work. Acts 13:2.* Give your stickers to decorate the paper. Review the Bible story as she works.

Paul and Barnabas were teachers in the church at Antioch. God wanted them to go to people and tell them about Jesus. The men in the church prayed for Paul and Barnabas. The church sent them out as missionaries.

Paul and Barnabas sailed to an island called Cyprus. They taught people about Jesus.

Next they sailed to many other places. Everywhere they went, they told the people about God and that Jesus was God's Son. Many people wanted to hear more about Jesus.

In one town, Paul taught about Jesus in the synagogue. The people asked Paul and Barnabas to come back the next week and teach them more about Jesus. A large crowd came to hear Paul. Some of the people believed Jesus was God's Son; other people did not believe.

Paul and Barnabas continued to tell people about Jesus in many different places.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 13

Live It Out: Help your child find stories about missionaries. Discuss their lives and sacrifices made to tell others about Jesus. Read Acts 13:2 together. Say that God chooses missionaries.

Saul, Barnabas, and other men worshiped and taught about Jesus in the church at Antioch. God called Paul and Barnabas to be missionaries. The men prayed and sent them away.

Saul and Barnabas sailed to an island called Cyprus. They met a government leader who wanted to hear what they were teaching, but a man made it difficult for Paul to teach. Paul rebuked the man and God made him blind. The official saw and believed Paul and Barnabas.

Paul and Barnabas continued their mission. In a synagogue, church leaders invited them to speak. Paul reminded the people how God cared for them by sending Jesus.

Some Jewish leaders caused trouble for Paul and Barnabas. Paul told them they would only spread the good news to the Gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas continued to travel and to teach about Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-9,17-22; 8:20-22

- When have you found it difficult to stand out from the crowd?
- How do you think you might have felt if God came to you with the news of the flood?
- How do your worship practices show that you're willing to make significant sacrifices for God?

Live It Out: God created people to live in relationship with Himself. As we grow in knowing Him more deeply, we become more and more like God. And as we are like Him, we reflect Him to the world around us. This all begins with a close relationship with God.

Our relationship with God is personal. However, this doesn't mean that it's private, and we are called to live out our faith within the church community. This week, look for ways you and your family can be involved in your church. Connect with a Sunday school class or a small group that meets regularly.