

SUMMER 2025

Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

Faith acts when others are paralyzed by fear.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: We can be influenced by the opinions of others, especially if those opinions are held by the majority. How can so many people be wrong? Maybe I'm the one who is wrong. In those moments of doubt, the well-worn phrase, "One plus God is a majority" rings true. We need not fear that which strikes fear in others if we are obediently standing on God's Word and trusting Him.

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

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

Live It Out: Help your child learn the Bible verse: "Go everywhere and teach people about Jesus. Matthew 28:19-20." Say the verse together. Talk to him about Jesus every day.

Paul traveled to Athens. He went around the city telling the people about Jesus.

Some men heard Paul teaching about Jesus. They had never heard about Jesus, and they wanted to know more. The men asked Paul to go with them to a special meeting place on a hill. People came from all over Athens to listen to Paul preach about Jesus.

Paul said, "Men of Athens! I have walked around your city. I know you want to learn about God. God created the world and everything in it. He made all people, and He loves all people. He wants people to love Him." Paul told the people about Jesus, God's Son.

Some of the people did not understand what Paul was saying. Some people wanted Paul to come back and talk again. And some people believed what Paul said about God and Jesus. Paul helped people in Athens learn about Jesus.

KIDS

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34

Live It Out: Remind your child that her teachers are following God's commands to tell about Jesus. Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to one to thank him.

Paul was in Athens. He saw that the city was filled with idols. He went to the synagogue and the marketplace to teach about Jesus.

The people did not understand Paul's teaching. They people invited him to teach in the Areopagus, an outdoor place where people gathered.

Paul stood in the middle of the people and taught them about Jesus. Paul said, "People of Athens! Today I want to teach you about the one true God. The one true God made the world and everything in it. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. He does not live in idols or shrines or temples made by people. He gives life to everyone." Paul taught that God is alive.

Some of the people laughed at Paul. Others wanted to hear more. Some men and women in Athens became followers of Jesus.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-4a,8-14; 6:22-25

- Why do you think Rahab was so bold and decisive in choosing to hide the spies?
- When have you made a decision or commitment without understanding all the implications?
- How does your faith serve as an example to the people around you?

Live It Out: Because we live in a broken world, we will experience all kinds of difficulties. We might be tempted, at times, to despair or grow angry, sad, or fearful. We need to remember that our circumstances don't have power over our thoughts or emotions. Because of Jesus, we can live with joy and hope, no matter what we face.

Protecting the Israelite spies was a great risk for Rahab. If she was found out, she likely would have been killed. When we live for God and share our faith, it involves a certain level of risk as well. Encourage your student to take a risk in living out God's call on his or her life at school among peers, even if it means risking rejection from others.