

# Acts-Revelation

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## Paul helps a man

Acts 14:8-20

**Younger Verse**

God showed us how much He loved us. Romans 5:8

**Older Verse**

God showed how much He loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful. Romans 5:8 (CEV)

**Welcome Time**

Talk about how it feels so great to be well after a person has been sick. Share how today's lesson is about someone who got well.

**Bible Story**

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

As Paul and Barnabas were traveling, they stopped in the town of Lystra. While they were there, they found a crippled man who could not walk. He listened to Paul and Barnabas as they were telling people about Jesus.

Then suddenly, Paul looked directly at the man. He called out, "Stand up on your feet!"

The man instantly jumped up and began to walk!

When the crowd saw what happened, they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. They shouted in their own language, "The gods have come down in human form." They did not realize that God was the One who healed the man.

When Paul and Barnabas saw what was happening, they rushed into the crowd and tried to explain the truth about Jesus.

Paul shared that they were only human and the reason they came was to tell everyone the good news about Jesus Christ.

News spread fast about Paul and Barnabas. Some men from another city heard about Paul and Barnabas. They did not like them because they did not believe in Jesus. These men came into the city and spread wrong rumors about Paul and Barnabas.

The crowd that once was ready to make them heroes now began to get angry with Paul. In fact, they were so angry that they picked up big rocks and began hurling them at Paul until he fell to the ground.

The people dragged Paul's body out of the city, thinking that he was dead.

**Lesson Goals**

Tell what happened to the man  
Describe how Paul was bold and courageous  
Understand what it means to stand up for Jesus

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Many of Jesus' followers were so sad to hear about Paul. They found his body outside the city and made a circle around him and probably prayed.

Suddenly, Paul's body began to move! He was alive! Paul got up and went back into the city.

Paul was not afraid to go back into the city, even after people had tried to kill him. He knew that he must do what God told him to do. Paul and Barnabas left the next day, but later returned again to help the Christians and encourage them to stand up for what was right.

Paul was very bold and courageous as he went from town to town telling people about Jesus. He knew that Jesus had changed his life for the better and wanted everyone to know the good news of how to get to Heaven.

Do you know how to get to Heaven? The only way is to believe in Jesus and trust Him with all your heart. If you ask Him, Jesus will forgive all the bad things you have done and take you to Heaven one day.

When we believe in Jesus, God asks us to tell others about Him, like Paul did. Do you know how to tell someone else about Jesus? Tell them what He has done for you and how He can change their heart.

**Learning Activities**

Help the kids see the importance of telling others about Jesus.

**Memory Verse Activities**

How do we show people that we love or like them? (Wait for answers) Talk about how God showed us how much He loved us—by having Jesus die for us. That's amazing love!

**Prayer Time**

Ask God to help us be bold and courageous like Paul.

**Clean Up/Snack time**

Share snacks together and talk about what it means to tell someone about Jesus.

Planning for April 18th  
Paul and Barnabas separate  
Acts 15:36—16:5

Preschool Lesson  
For  
Paul helps a man

Paul and his friend Barnabas walked from city to city telling people about Jesus. One day, they visited a town and saw a man who could not walk. He listened very carefully to Paul and Barnabas as they were telling people about Jesus.

Suddenly, Paul looked at the man and asked him to stand up! The man believed and stood up!! Everyone was so excited! They could not believe what had just happened! A man who was crippled could now walk!!

News spread about what had happened. Everyone was telling the news to their friends and family. Everyone wanted to know how the man was made well.

Paul explained that God helped the man walk. He shared how Jesus changed his life and how they could believe in Jesus.

Other people did not like what Paul was saying. They told lies about Paul and the crowd got very angry. They picked up big rocks to hurt Paul.

Paul fell to the ground and the people took his body outside the city.

When his friends heard the news, they made a circle around Paul and prayed for him.

Suddenly, Paul began to move! Paul got up and thanked his friends.

Then, he did an amazing thing...he went back into the town! He was not scared. He wanted them to know how much God loved them. He had lots of courage to tell others about Jesus.

God wants us to tell others about Jesus too! It's fun to help others know how much God loves them!

Sing, "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
Paul heals a crippled man

To dramatize the story, bring crutches and an ankle wrap. Choose a volunteer and wrap their ankle. Act out the story!

Mold play dough or clay. Using a stick or pencil, make the word “Bold” in the clay. Let it harden. Remind the kids of Paul’s boldness and courage.

Create ankle bracelets out of yarn or thread. Remind the kids to be bold and tell others about Jesus like Paul and Barnabas did.

Let the kids see how hard it is to do things when a person is handicapped. Bring crutches or a wheelchair if one is available. Talk about how we can encourage and help those with special needs.

One example of someone who is overcoming her handicap is Joni (pronounced like Johnny) Erickson Tada. Joni was paralyzed when she dove into shallow water when she was a girl. She began to use her mouth to write and paint. She paints beautiful pictures. She is a Christian and tells others about Jesus. God has used Joni to help many people face their handicaps and see how God can use them to do amazing things!  
(Teachers: please be sensitive to the needs of students with handicaps.)

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