

**WEEK 1: THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY**  
**DAY 1: PAUL AND BARNABAS WERE SENT OUT**

**Acts 13:1-3**

1. Welcome to more lessons on the book of Acts. We are happy that you are going on in this study with us. We hope you still remember the important verse in Acts 1. It tells the parts of the book of Acts.

Say Acts 1:8 to yourself. Now write the three parts in the book of Acts.

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2. We have already learned about the first two parts: Witnessing in Jerusalem. Witnessing in Judea and Samaria. Now we will study the third part: Witnessing to the ends of the earth. We will see the work of the first missionaries or sent ones. Today we learn:

The great missionary in the third part of Acts is Paul, first called Saul.

A missionary is different from other Christian workers because

- (1) He goes to new places.
- (2) He goes to plant churches.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 13:1 to 3. Whom did the Holy Spirit choose to go with Barnabas as a missionary? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The Holy Spirit chose Barnabas and Saul. Saul was now sometimes called Paul. The Holy Spirit chose these men to witness to the ends of the earth. He chose them to be missionaries or sent ones. I am sure you have met some missionaries. Perhaps you wonder just what a missionary is. Perhaps you wonder how a missionary is different from other Christian workers. We will try to find out these things in today's lesson.

First, what do you think a missionary is? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. There are many thoughts about what a missionary is. Some of these thoughts are true. Some of them are not true. Some people think a missionary is a white person who came across the sea to preach.

Do you think someone from your church can be a missionary? \_\_\_\_\_

5. I think someone from your church can be a missionary. A missionary is called by God and sent out by the church to plant churches in new places. We especially want to think about planting churches in new places. It is this work that makes a missionary different from other Christian workers.

Acts 13:2:

the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul (or Paul) for the work to which I have called them."

Was Paul called by God to work? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Paul was called by God. The Holy Spirit chose him. We have seen how Jesus sent out disciples. In the first two parts of Acts we saw the work of Peter and others around Jerusalem. In the third part we will learn about Paul. He is sometimes called the greatest missionary. Remember the words Christ spoke about him.

Acts 9:15:

he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel.

From this verse, what was Paul called to carry? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. He was called to carry the name of Jesus. He was called to take it to Gentiles and kings and Jews. He was called by God and sent by the church. He was called to new places to plant churches.

Who is the great missionary we learn about in the third part of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. This missionary is Paul. Many men are called to preach. But some are called to preach in a special way. They are called to be missionaries. They are called to new places. God is still calling missionaries today. Remember what Jesus said when he left the earth.

Matthew 28:19:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

To whom did Jesus say these words? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Jesus spoke these words to his disciples. Some people think these words were only for the disciples with Jesus at that time. We believe these words were given for all disciples of Jesus for all time. If you are a follower of Jesus, these words are for you. They tell you to be a witness. Some witnesses are called to plant churches in new places.

What do we call a person who is called by God and sent by the church to plant churches in new places? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. We call him a missionary. Here in Africa we have many pastors and evangelists. But we also have African missionaries. Some churches in Nigeria have sent more than 100 of their own people as missionaries. A missionary is different from other church workers.

(1) He goes to new places.

(2) He goes to plant churches.

Can you think of a place where Jesus is not known where your church could send a missionary? \_\_\_\_\_ Write the name of this new place. \_\_\_\_\_

11. We will talk about these places together. A missionary is called by God to go to special places. He is sent by the church to plant churches. This is what Paul did. Barnabas helped him.

Does a missionary go to new places or to places which already have churches?

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12. A missionary goes to new places. It is places where Jesus is not known. It is places where there is no church. He goes to plant churches. In the first two parts of Acts, the disciples worked in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

Who is the great missionary in the third part of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_

13. This missionary is Paul. He began to go to the ends of the earth. He went to places far away from Judea and Samaria. We will learn about his journeys in the weeks that follow. We have many churches near us. But there are still many places which do not have churches. We must send missionaries there.

How is a missionary different from other Christian workers?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) He goes to plant churches.

14. A missionary is different because he goes to new places. He goes where people do not know Christ and there are no churches. It is not enough to go and tell people about Jesus. We must help them receive Him. We must help them meet together to learn about Christ and to fellowship.

What does a missionary go to plant? \_\_\_\_\_

15. He goes to plant churches. He does not go to buy and sell or see new things. He does not go to teach people his own customs or to become a great leader. He goes to tell them about Christ. He goes to help them start their own church and lead it themselves.

What person goes to plant churches? \_\_\_\_\_

16. A missionary does this. We need many Christian workers. We need pastors and teachers and deacons and evangelists. But we also need missionaries. We cannot only think about ourselves. We must find the missionaries God is calling and send them out.

How is a missionary different from other Christian workers?

(1) He goes to new places.

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17. A missionary goes to new places. He goes to plant churches. Many missionaries were sent out in the book of Acts. But we hear more about the work of one missionary.

Who is the great missionary in the third part of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. We learn about the missionary, Paul.

How is a missionary different from other Christian workers?

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19. A missionary is different because he goes to new places. He goes to plant churches. Read about these people. Write Yes beside those who are missionaries. Write No beside those who are good church workers, but are not missionaries.

\_\_\_\_\_ Seth bought some papers telling the way of salvation. He went to his relatives and gave them the papers.

\_\_\_\_\_ A Bible school student visited a friend in another tribe. He heard of a village where there were no Christians. He told his church and they sent him to plant a church there.

\_\_\_\_\_ A young man named Samuel became a Christian. He went to Bible school. When he finished he went home and became pastor of his home church.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yohanna was a Christian trader. He went to market on the other side of the valley. There he met mountain people who did not know Christ. God spoke to his heart. His church sent him to live there and start a church.

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20. Talk about these in class.

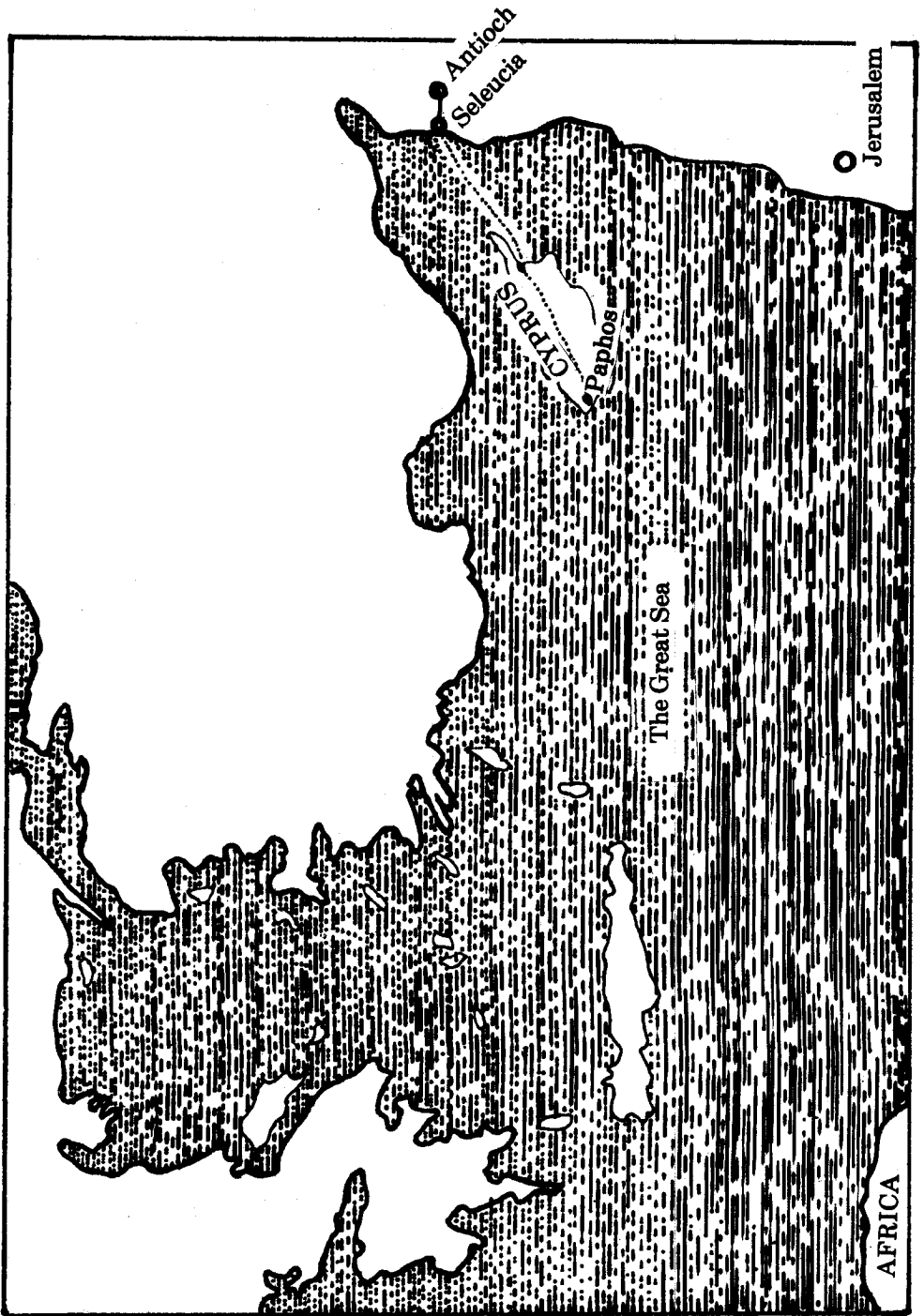
Who is the great missionary in the third part of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_

How is a missionary different from other Christian workers?

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# The First Missionary Journey



**WEEK 1: THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY**  
**DAY 2: THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS SAW GOD'S POWER**

**Acts 13:4-12**

1. Who is the great missionary in the third part of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_

How is a missionary different from other Christian workers?

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2. The great missionary in Acts is Paul. A missionary is different because he goes to new places. He goes to plant churches. Today we will see how the missionaries began their journey. They soon met the power of Satan. This is what we will learn.

(1) From the meeting of Paul with Elymas we see that the power of the Holy Spirit is greater than the power of a sorcerer.

(2) This teaches us to go to God and not sorcerers when we have problems.

Take your Bible now and read the exciting story. Read Acts 13:4 to 12. Read verse 4 again. When they took the ship at Seleucia, where did they go? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. They went to a place called Cyprus. Paul and Barnabas were sent by the church in Antioch. We have learned that this Gentile church was growing and giving. They sent Paul and Barnabas to Seleucia to take a ship. In the ship, the missionaries went to the island of Cyprus.

Find these places on the map facing this page. With your pencil, follow the line from Antioch to Seleucia. Fill in the line going to Cyprus and across to Paphos.

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4. Here on the island of Cyprus, God showed his power. Many people want to know about power. They want to know whose power is greatest. On Cyprus the missionaries met a sorcerer named Elymas.

Acts 13:7:

He was with the proconsul (or governor), Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned (or called) Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

Why did the governor call Barnabas and Saul to his house? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The governor wanted to hear the word of God. He wanted to know about God's power. The missionaries began to tell him about Christ. But Elymas was also there. He argued with them. He tried to keep the governor from believing in Christ.

What kind of person was Elymas? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Elymas was a sorcerer. He worked for the governor. He was afraid the governor would believe the missionaries. If the governor became a Christian he would not listen to Elymas.

Acts 13:9:

But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, "You son of the devil ... will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?"

Look carefully at this verse. By whose power did Elymas work? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. He worked by the power of Satan. Paul called him the son of the devil. God warned his people about such people in the Old Testament. I do not know what names you use in your village for these people. God used many names to show that all the ways Satan works are wrong.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12:

There shall not be found among you any one who ... practises divination, a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a medium, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord.

Does God want us to trust the power of these people? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. God does not want us to follow the power of Satan. The power of the Holy Spirit is greater than the power of sorcerers. The governor of Cyprus had to choose. There were two ways before him. He could listen to the missionaries and trust God. Or he could listen to the sorcerer.

If you were the governor, which way would you choose? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The governor was trying to choose. God helped him through Paul. Paul looked hard at Elymas and said who he really was.

Acts 13:9-11:

But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit ... said, "You son of the devil ... the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind and unable to see the sun for a time."

Who was Paul filled with when he said these words? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. He was filled with the Holy Spirit. God was showing whose power is greater. Just at the beginning of missionary work we see a meeting of true and false. We see a fight between the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of Satan.

Acts 13:11-12:

Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him (Elymas) and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred.

When the power of the Holy Spirit overcame the power of Satan, what happened to the sorcerer? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to the governor? \_\_\_\_\_

11. The sorcerer became blind. And the governor believed.

From the meeting of Paul with Elymas on Cyprus, whose power is greater? Is it the power of sorcerers or the power of the Holy Spirit?  
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12. The power of the Holy Spirit is greater. We must never forget this. We must let God show His power. The governor of Cyprus did not know whom to believe.

Let us say that your son is sick. You do not know what is wrong with him. Your uncle wants you to go to the sorcerer in your village. He wants to find out who is making your son sick.

What will you do? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Talk together about this in class. Paul later wrote to the Philippians about whom they should trust. They should go to God with their problems.

Philippians 4:6:

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

From the meeting of Paul with Elymas on Cyprus, whose power is greater? Is it the power of sorcerers or the power of the Holy Spirit?  
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14. The power of the Holy Spirit is greater. Paul showed this on the island of Cyprus. He showed it to Elymas the sorcerer. He showed it to the governor of Cyprus. He showed it to the people there and to us.

Where does this teach us to go when we have problems -- to sorcerers or to God?  
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15. It teaches us to go to God. We should not go to those who use the power of Satan. Sometimes it is hard to know whose power people are using. Sometimes they are like Elymas. Elymas said he was a prophet of the Jews. But he was a false prophet. We cannot believe everyone who says he works by the power of God.

Write some ways to find out if a man is truly working by the power of God.

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16. It will be good to talk about this in class. You will have many good answers. If a man is working by the power of God, he will love God. He will believe in Christ. He will obey him. He will study the Bible. He will live a good life before God.

Where does the meeting of Paul with Elymas teach us to go when we have problems?

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17. We should go to God. We should not go to the servants of Satan. Stop now and ask God to help you believe this. Ask him to help you obey him when trouble comes. Ask him also to show his power to others through your life.

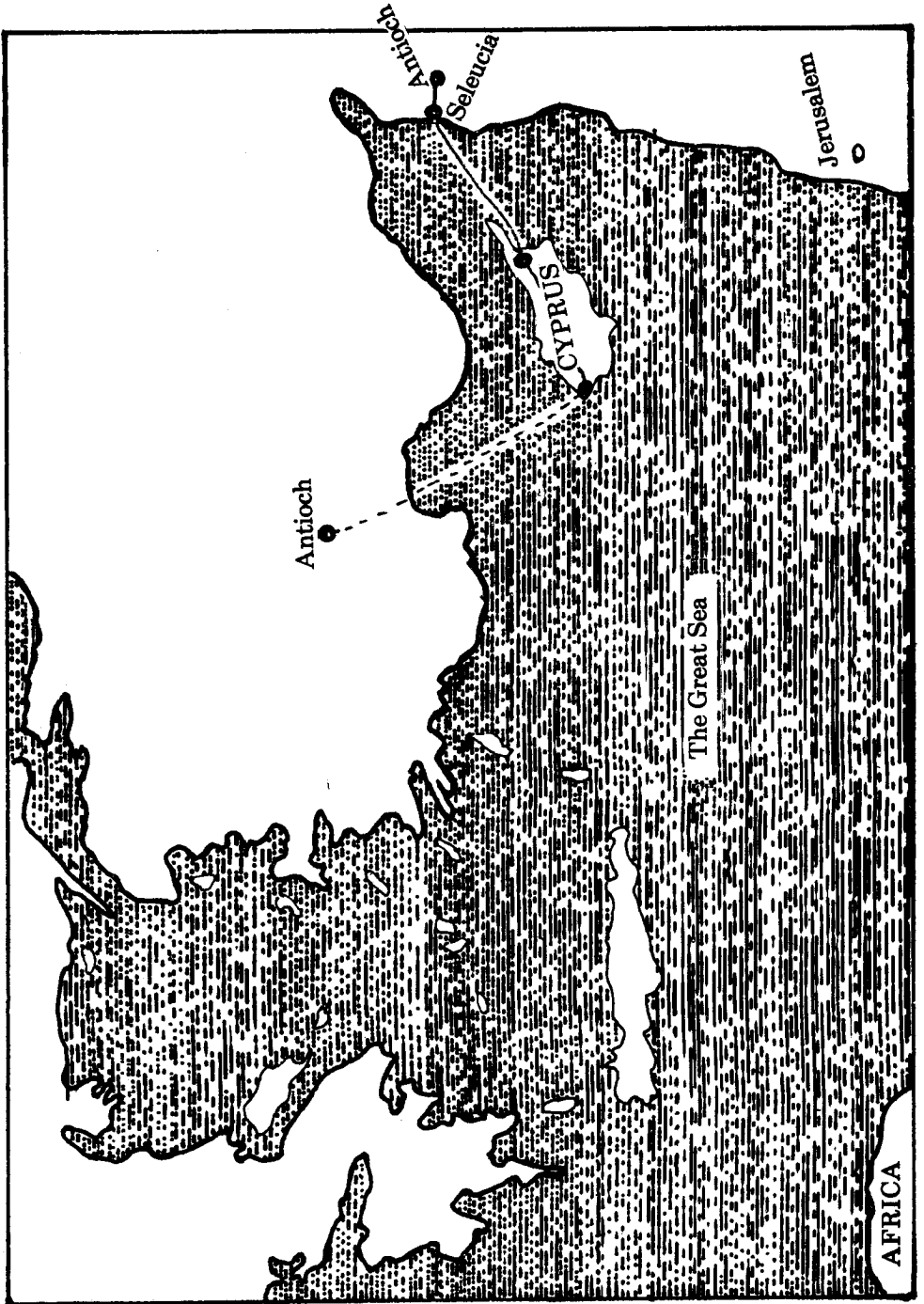
18. From the meeting of Paul with Elymas of Cyprus, whose power is greater? Is it the power of sorcerers or the power of the Holy Spirit?

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Where does this teach us to go when we have problems?

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# The First Missionary Journey



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### DAY 3: PAUL PREACHED AT ANTIOCH

Acts 13:13-37

1. Hello. We had an important lesson yesterday. The missionaries faced the power of Satan.

From the meeting of Paul with Elymas on Cyprus, whose power is greater? Is it the power of sorcerers or the power of the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_

Where does this teach us to go when we have problems? \_\_\_\_\_

2. The power of the Holy Spirit is greater than the power of sorcerers. This teaches us to go to God with our problems. We can tell other people to do this too. We can help people in new places put their trust in God. This is what Paul and Barnabas were doing. From Cyprus they went on to Antioch. This was a different Antioch from the one where they began their journey.

Find the second Antioch on the map facing this page. Fill in the line from Cyprus to Antioch

3. From Cyprus, Paul and Barnabas went on to Antioch in Pisidia. They were now far from the church at Antioch which sent them. In the second Antioch Paul preached a strong sermon. Today and tomorrow we will learn the parts of his sermon. This is what he preached.

(1) God promised to send a Saviour.

(2) He sent Jesus to save us.

(3) We must believe in Jesus.

Take your Bible now and read part of Paul's sermon. Read Acts 13:13 to 25. Read verse 14 again. In Antioch, where did Paul go to preach about the promised Saviour?  
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4. He went to the synagogue or the place where Jews met. The leader asked Paul to speak. Paul knew that these Jews were trying to save themselves by keeping the law. They needed to hear about Jesus. So he preached about "Salvation is in Jesus."

Acts 13:23:

God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised.

What did Paul say God had promised to send to Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

5. God promised to send them a Saviour. The sermon did not begin with something strange to the people. The people knew that God had promised a Saviour. The sermon reminded them of how God called the people of Israel. It reminded them of how God led them. He gave judges and prophets. Then he gave them kings. Through King David, God promised to send a Saviour.

Who preached in Antioch that God promised to send a Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Paul did this. He began with things which the people knew. He preached a sermon in three parts about salvation in Jesus. At the beginning of each part he called the listeners his brothers.

Paul's Sermon at Antioch			
Salvation in Jesus			
1.	Men of Israel	God promised a Saviour	Acts 13:16-25
2.	Brethren	He sent Jesus	Acts 13:26-37
3.	Brethren	We must believe	Acts 13:38-41

From this sermon what did God do before He sent Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

7. He promised to send a Saviour. Paul preached at Antioch about salvation in Jesus. He began with things the people knew.

What was the first part of his sermon? \_\_\_\_\_

8. God promised to send a Saviour. This was the first part of Paul's sermon. He said that God chose the people of Israel. But the people of Israel did not obey God. They sinned. Because of their sin they were separated from God. They had to have someone to save them. All their sacrifices and laws could not save them. They needed something more.

Did God keep His promise to send a Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_

9. We know that He kept His promise. But the people of Antioch did not yet know this. Paul reminded them that the Saviour would be in the family of David. Then he told them of John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus. This was what the prophets said would happen. This ended the first part of his sermon.

What was the first part of Paul's sermon at Antioch?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) He sent Jesus to save us.
- (3) We must believe in Jesus.

10. The first part was: God promised to send a Saviour. Then Paul explained that God had kept His promise.

Whom did God send to save us? \_\_\_\_\_

11. He sent Jesus. This was the one Paul wanted to preach about. He began with things the people knew. Then he went on to tell about Jesus, the Saviour. Jesus had died in Jerusalem. The people of Antioch lived too far away to know about Him.

Acts 13:26:

Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.

Do you think all the Jews in Jerusalem believed that Jesus was sent to save them? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. They did not believe this. They did not receive Jesus.

Acts 13:27:

For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances (or words) of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning him (or saying he must die.)

What did the Jews in Jerusalem do to Jesus which fulfilled the prophecies and made Him the Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. They said he must die. They killed him. Jesus did many wonderful things for the people. But when he said that he was their Saviour, they refused him. They crucified him. He died on the cross and was buried. Paul explained what happened.

Acts 13:30:

But God raised him from the dead.

What did Jesus come to do for us by his death and resurrection? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. He came to save us. God kept his promise. Many years before, he had promised to send a Saviour. Now he had kept his promise. But people needed to hear about the Saviour. The people of Antioch needed to hear about him. Paul preached carefully to them. He gave them the whole message of God.

What was the second part of his sermon?

(1) God promised to send a Saviour.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) We must believe in Jesus.

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15. The second part was: God sent Jesus to save us. This was good news which Paul brought to Antioch. It was wonderful for the people to know what God had done.

Acts 13:32-33:

And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.

What was the first part of Paul's sermon? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. The first part was: God promised to send a Saviour.

What was the second part? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. The second part was: God sent Jesus to save us. We can learn much from the way Paul preached at Antioch. He was preaching to people who did not know Jesus.

How many parts did his sermon have? \_\_\_\_\_

Take your Bible again and read the second part in Acts 13:26 to 33.

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18. The sermon had three parts. We will learn the third part tomorrow.

What were the first two parts of Paul's sermon at Antioch?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**WEEK 1: THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY**

**DAY 4: THE SERMON AT ANTIOCH REACHED THE PEOPLE**

Acts 13:38-42

1. Yesterday we saw how Paul began to preach to the people. The people at Antioch needed to hear the good news.

What were the first two parts of Paul's sermon.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

2. First Paul showed that God promised to send a Saviour. Then he showed that Jesus came to save us. But Paul did not only show these truths. He showed that the people must do something. Without the third part, Paul's sermon would not have reached the people. Today we will learn the third part of the sermon. We will prepare a sermon like Paul's.

The third part of Paul's sermon was:  
(3) We must believe in Jesus.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 13:38 to 42. Read verse 38 again. Who was this man Paul said could forgive sins? \_\_\_\_\_

3. This man was Jesus. Paul had the wonderful news that God had kept his promise. He had sent Jesus. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus man can be saved. But now Paul said that they must choose.

Acts 13:38:

Let it be known to you therefore, brethren, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed (or preached) to you.

What did Paul say we can receive if we believe in Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

4. We can have forgiveness of sins. But we must choose. The people of Antioch had to choose. Paul went on to say that they could try to follow laws. But this would not save them. It would not free them from their sins. Many people have tried to save themselves in this way. But it does not work. Salvation is given through the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is how Paul said it.

Acts 13:39:

and by him (Jesus) every one that believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

From this verse, what must we do to be set free from our sins? \_\_\_\_\_

5. We must believe. We must believe in Jesus Christ. We must believe that he is the one God sent to die for us. Then we are freed from our sins. We are made right before God. God frees us from the punishment for sin. We can not save ourselves. We must tell God that we believe Christ died for us. We ask His forgiveness for our sins. We are made right by faith. This was the third part of Paul's sermon: We must believe in Christ.

Where did Paul preach this sermon, "Salvation is in Jesus"? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. He preached this sermon at Antioch. But Paul often preached about it after this. Salvation by faith often came into his letters. Here are words from three different letters which Paul wrote.

Romans 3:28:

For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law.

Galatians 2:16:

we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ.

Ephesians 2:8:

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing.

Did Paul teach that we are saved by the things Christ did or by the things we do?  
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7. He taught that we are saved by the things Christ did. We must believe this. We must believe in his death and resurrection. If we do not believe, we will not be set free. We will not be saved, but will be punished for our sins. We will die. We can only be saved by faith. It is important that we preach about this.

In whom must we believe in order to be saved? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Salvation is in Jesus. This was the subject of Paul's sermon at Antioch. He first told the people that God promised to send a Saviour. Then he told them that God sent Jesus to save us.

What was the third part of his sermon? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The third part was: We must believe in Jesus. He showed that it is not enough to know about Jesus. We must do something.

Paul's sermon at Antioch teaches us many things. It teaches us truth about God. It also teaches us how to preach. Sometimes we preach to believers. Sometimes we preach to unbelievers. We must fit our preaching to the need of the people.

At Antioch, was Paul preaching to people who believed in Jesus, or those who did not believe?  
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10. He was preaching to those who did not believe. The people at Antioch did not know about Jesus. There were many things Paul could have preached about. Before he preached he had to think about the need of the people. Paul preached that "Salvation is in Jesus." He told the people three things about this.

What was the third part of his sermon?

- (1) God promised to send a Saviour.
- (2) He sent Jesus to save us.
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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11. The third part of his sermon was: We must believe in Jesus. When we preach, we must think of what people need. We must choose verses which will teach them. We must find the important things to say to them. We must start with something they know already.

What were the first two parts of Paul's sermon at Antioch?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) We must believe in Jesus.

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12. The first two parts of the sermon were: God promised to send a Saviour. He sent Jesus to save us. This is a good missionary sermon for us to preach. When we preach to believers, we can preach about the Christian life. But we should also preach to unbelievers. We can use Paul's sermon as a pattern.

What was the third part of Paul's sermon at Antioch? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. The third part was: We must believe in Jesus. Let us use Paul's sermon as a pattern today. Make a sermon of your own using Paul's three big parts. Prepare to preach to people who are not Christians. Be ready to begin with something they already know. Then prepare to tell them the three big things Paul preached about.

On another paper write the three big things. Leave space between to write other things. At the top write something to begin with which the people know. Write something to say about each part of Paul's sermon. Preach the sermon if you can. Bring your paper to class.

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14. What are the three parts of Paul's sermon at Antioch?

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**WEEK 1: THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY**  
**DAY 5: THE PREACHING AT ANTIOCH BROUGHT TROUBLE**  
**Acts 13:42-52**

1. For two days we have talked about sermons. We hope these lessons are helping you.

Write the third part of Paul's sermon at Antioch.

- (1) God promised to send a Saviour.
- (2) He sent Jesus to save us.
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The third part of Paul's sermon was: We must believe in Jesus. Whenever we preach or speak for the Lord, something happens. It may seem good or bad. But we know God is working. Today we will learn from what happened to Paul at Antioch.

- (1) On the first journey, some Jews in Antioch drove Paul away after he preached to them.
- (2) Paul's actions teach us to go on witnessing when this happens.

Take your Bible now and read Acts 13:42-52. Read verse 44 again. How did some of the people show that they wanted to hear more from Paul? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Some of the people begged to be told again. They were excited about the sermon. They told their friends about it. The next week almost everyone in the city came to hear the word of God. Many of them received Christ.

Acts 13:43:

And when the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism (or Gentiles) followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

In Antioch many people received Christ through the preaching of whom? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Many people received Christ through the preaching of Paul. But some of them did not.

Acts 13:45:

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted (or argued with) what was spoken by Paul, and reviled (or laughed at) him.

Who laughed at Paul and later drove him away? \_\_\_\_\_

5. The Jews did this. It was those who did not believe in Christ. Some Jews believed but some did not. Those who believed were full of joy. They rejoiced because God was working in their city.

Acts 13:48:

And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the work of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

What did many Gentiles do, even though some Jews drove Paul away? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Many Gentiles believed. They were full of joy. They told everyone they met what God was doing for them. These good things happened because of Paul's preaching.

Acts 13:49-50:

And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region. But the Jews ... stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

What did the Jews do to Paul and Barnabas? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The Jews drove them away. The Gentiles were filled with joy. But the Jews were filled with jealousy. They were jealous because so many people came to hear Paul. They began to speak against Paul.

Acts 13:46:

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

Did Paul stop preaching when the Jews drove him away from Antioch? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. He did not stop preaching. He kept on preaching and witnessing. When you preach or witness, things will happen. Some people may be saved. We should thank God for this. It is not hard to rejoice when this happens. But sometimes there will be persecution. This is hard. We are often tempted to stop. But we see that Paul spoke more boldly when he was persecuted. He kept on witnessing.

On Paul's first journey, what did some Jews in Antioch do to him after many people received Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. They drove him away. But this did not stop Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 13:47:

For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.'

When trouble came to Paul, what did he keep on doing? \_\_\_\_\_

10. He kept witnessing. Later the letter to the Hebrews talked about this.

Hebrews 13:6:

We can confidently (or boldly) say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?"

Who teaches us by his actions at Antioch to keep on witnessing when trouble comes? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Paul teaches us this. We expect things to happen when we preach. We should expect some people to come to Jesus. They may not come every time we preach. But we should be ready for them to come. We should also expect trouble.

What do Paul's actions in Antioch teach us to do when trouble comes from our preaching? \_\_\_\_\_

12. We should keep on witnessing. We should remember that some will not receive our words. They will laugh at us and make trouble. God's word tells us to expect this. It tells us to be happy that we can suffer for Christ. It tells us that he will never leave us.

James 1:2:

Count it all joy, my brethren, when you meet various trials.

On Paul's first journey, what did some Jews in Antioch do to him after many people received Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

13. They drove him away. But Paul did not stop witnessing.

What do Paul's actions in Antioch teach us to do when trouble comes from our preaching? \_\_\_\_\_

14. We should keep on witnessing. Pastor Massa was a good preacher. The people of his church liked to hear him. One day Massa went to another village to preach. Some of the people listened carefully. But some of them laughed at him. Then they argued with the things he said. Some told him not to come back.

If you could talk to Pastor Massa, what would you tell him? \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Be ready to share your answer in class.**

**On Paul's first journey, what did some Jews in Antioch do to him after many people received Christ?**

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**What do Paul's actions in Antioch teach us to do when this happens?** \_\_\_\_\_

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