

**HomeWord**  
For Parents

**G**od used Paul to preach the gospel to the Gentiles through three remarkable missionary journeys. Other apostles joined him as he traveled. The first journey included sailing to Cyprus where Paul preached in Salamis and Paphos. Paul and Barnabas continued on by boat to Perga in Pamphylia, departed Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia, moved on to Iconium, and continued to preach, eventually going to Lystra and Derbe (Acts 13–14).

As Paul preached in these cities, he would start by telling the Jews that God had fulfilled the promise of a Savior made to their fathers (Acts 13:32–33). But, many of these Jews did not believe. Often it was the Gentiles who begged to hear Paul preach (Acts 13:42). As Paul preached, the Word was received by many, and the Jews became envious. They openly opposed the things Paul taught (Acts 13:45). Paul turned his attention and preaching to the Gentiles (Acts 13:46).

Reactions to Paul's message of salvation were unpredictable. In Iconium, there were unbelieving Jews who

tried to stir the Gentiles up and poison their minds against the truth. Still, Paul and Barnabas remained a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who allowed them to do signs and wonders as witness to God's grace and truth (Acts 14:2–3).

In the city of Lystra, God healed a crippled man through Paul (Acts 14:9–10). Impressed, people believed Paul and Barnabas were gods and prepared to sacrifice to them (Acts 14:11–13). Paul quickly denied this and prevented them from offering sacrifices. He explained that their gods and sacrifices were the very things they should turn away from, and instead they should turn to the living God (Acts 14:15).

The people of Lystra quickly changed. They were persuaded by unbelieving Jews to turn against Paul. They did so violently and stoned him, dragged him out of the city, and left him for dead (Acts 14:19). God spared Paul's life in Lystra, and he moved on and continued to preach the gospel.

*Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.*

**OutWord** For Family Discussion

What if your friend says he just can't believe the Bible. He thinks believing in Jesus and the Bible is dumb. **What could you say?**

*The Bible is a book about God. God inspired men to write it. It tells us who Jesus is and what Jesus did for sinners like us. It is far from dumb. In fact, it tells the best news ever—that the Creator of the universe would provide a way for sinners to know Him personally! The Bible has never changed. It has been the same for thousands of years. That's because it is God's Word. A lot of people would rather believe in what men say. But the words of men are always changing! Nothing man says or does stays the same. But, the Bible tells us that the Word of the Lord will endure forever. Please don't think it's dumb. It is wonderful truth. And the message in it can bring hope and joy and eternal life to those who believe.*

**inWord**  
For Family Study

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). You desire for your children to truly love God's Law. They must know it well and meditate on it often.

Help them begin a lifetime of learning and memorizing God's Word!

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*



# Paul's First Journey

**KEY THEME**

- God uses people to accomplish His perfect plans!

**KEY PASSAGES**

- Acts 14:1–11, 14:19



What You **HEARD** in the Word

- Paul told people about Jesus. Some believed and some did not. Paul kept preaching about Jesus, even though it got him in trouble.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Who did Paul tell people about in Iconium?
- 2 What did the apostles do when they heard that they might get stoned?
- 3 God sent Paul on a long journey. How did he get there?



1) Jesus. 2) They ran away. 3) By boat and walking.

**Read the Word  
with Mom & Dad**

**Monday** (Acts 14:4)  
How was the city divided?

**Tuesday** (Acts 14:5-6)  
What did the Jews and Gentiles want to do to the apostles?

**Wednesday** (Acts 14:7)  
What were the disciples preaching?

**Thursday** (Acts 14:8)  
What was wrong with the crippled man?

**Friday** (Acts 14:10)  
What did the man do when Paul commanded him to stand?

**Saturday** (1 Corinthians 1:18)  
What is the message of the Cross to those who are perishing?

**Song Time!**

Teach the memory verse song to your family!

**1 Corinthians 1:18**  
(To the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star")

For the message of the Cross

(Twinkle, twinkle little star,)

Is foolishness to those

(How I wonder what you are.)

Who are perishing,

(Up above the world so high,)

But to us who are being

(Like a diamond in the sky.)





Saved it is the pow'r of God.

(Twinkle, twinkle little star,)

1 Corinthians 1:18!

(How I wonder what you are!)

**LIVE the Word** with Maria and Her Dad

<p>Why so gloomy, Maria?</p> 	<p>That's wonderful! What's wrong?</p> 
<p>I was telling Emma about Jesus</p> 	<p>Well, we need to keep praying for her!</p> 

**Learn the Word!**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

**God Sent Paul on Journey One**

Help Paul get to the end of his journey as he preaches about Jesus! Then color the pictures!



**SNEAK PEEK**  
How will a business woman and a jailer respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ? Come next week to find out!