

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

God's Missionary at Work #1 – "Paul's Boldness Before a Sorcerer and a Governor" Acts 1:8-9; 9:1-23; 13

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You can share the Good News about Jesus with boldness.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week's memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER & YOUNGER CHILD: Memory Verse Coloring Page or your own Pre-session pages

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share any "Thank You Prayers" or "Please Prayers" they have.
3. Lead the class in "Thank You Prayers" and "Please Prayers."

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

Romans 1:16 – ***"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. . . ."***

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See "Involvement Helps for Younger Children" for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

"COPYCAT" – After you have read this verse from the Bible, explained what it means, and repeated it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Tell the children you will say the verse in five different parts (as it is divided in the explanation above). The children are to try to "copycat" how you say each phrase. Try different voices – loud, soft, slow, fast, high-pitched, low-pitched, etc. If there is time, choose a child to be the one to make different voices for the other children to "copycat."

HYMN FOR GOD'S MISSIONARY AT WORK: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See "Involvement Helps for Younger Children" for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK/TAKE TIME TO REVIEW: (2 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, God's Missionary at Work #1. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #7.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing “God’s Way” while child comes to look in the “Go and Tell” Box.
2. Share information for the “Go and Tell” Box – Week #6 and pray. (See attached page.)
3. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
4. Missions song: _____
5. Story: *Not Darkness At All*. Teach the part of the story for Week #8.

REVIEW TIME: (5 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**”

“**The Gospel**” – This game is played like “Concentration.” On the flannelboard, place a Gospel symbol behind each of the sixteen squares. (See attached page.) The child who correctly answers a review question may remove two squares, trying to match the symbols. If the two symbols do not match, cover them again with the squares. When the symbols do match, leave them uncovered. Be sure you go over the meaning of each symbol when the children remove the squares. - Adapted.

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| BIBLE | The Gospel is found in God’s Word. |
| DARK HEART | This reminds us of what separates us from God—sin. |
| JESUS | He is the only One who can save us from our sin. |
| CROSS | Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sin. |
| TOMB | Jesus was buried, but He didn’t stay dead; He arose. |
| GIFT BOX | Salvation is free to us; it is God’s gift to those who receive Jesus as Saviour. |
| CLEAN HEART | This reminds us of what Jesus does when we receive Him as Saviour. |
| HEAVEN | The place where we will go when our life on earth is over. |

Review questions for GOD’S MISSIONARY AT WORK #1:

1. **Who did Jesus promise He would send to help them?** (The Holy Spirit)
2. **What happened to the Church – the group of believers – because the Christians were witnessing (telling others about Jesus)?** (The church grew)
3. **Paul was a bold witness for the Lord Jesus. What does it mean to be a bold witness?** (To have courage to speak the truth about Jesus; not to be ashamed of knowing Jesus as Saviour)
4. **Which people did not want Paul or others speaking boldly about the Saviour?** (The religious leaders)
5. **What man joined Paul on his first missionary journey? Hint: His name means “son of encouragement.”** (Barnabas)
6. **Paul met a man named Elymas when they went to Cyprus. What kind of man was Elymas?** (A sorcerer who practiced witchcraft and tried to turn people away from following Jesus)
7. **What happened to Elymas because he was continually disrupting Paul’s message about Jesus?** (His eyes were blinded by the Lord.)
8. **What is one way that you can be bold for the Lord Jesus?** (Share with family how Jesus saved you; talk about Jesus to friends at school or at the park; pray for the help of the Holy Spirit to tell others the Good News)
9. **Who can have salvation from sin according to our memory verse?** (“Every one that believeth”)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILD:

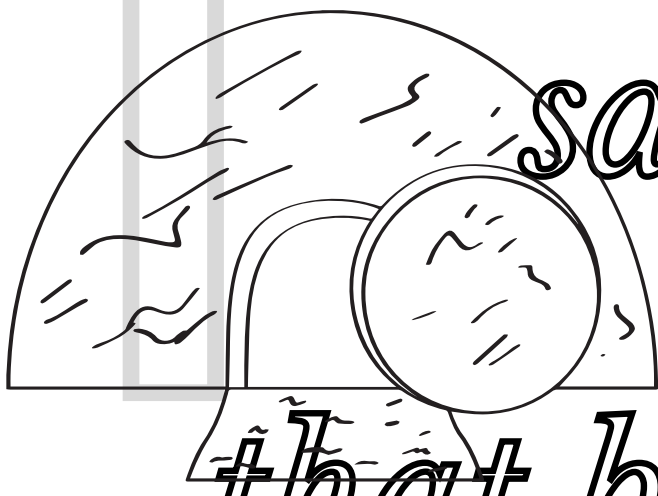
1. Pre-session papers for older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time/Take Time to Review, God’s Missionary at Work #1

Romans 1:16

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the Gospel of
Christ: for it is
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God unto
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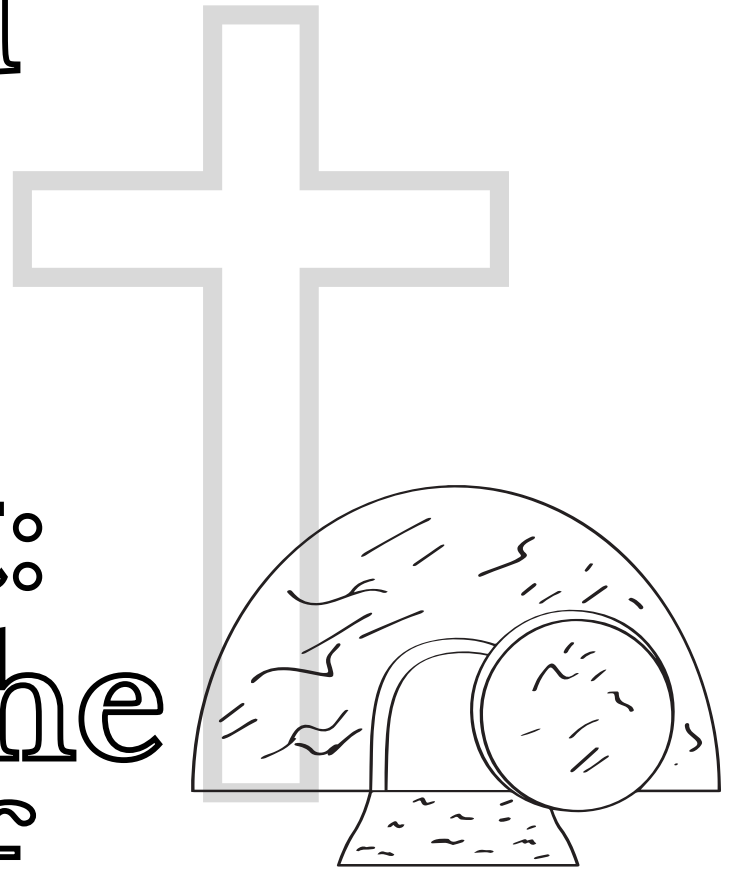
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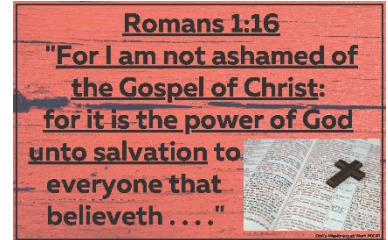
PAUL'S BOLDNESS BEFORE A SORCERER AND A GOVERNOR

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. . . ."

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

By Gayle Stahlman



INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

Have you ever overheard some of your friends talking about the way to be saved and how to get to Heaven? Perhaps they made statements like these: "I'm going to Heaven because my parents told me I'm a good kid." or "My pastor said that as long as I come to church, I will be ready to go to Heaven when I die." Boys and girls, is that really what the Bible says? God tells us in His Word there is only one way to receive salvation – to be saved from our sin. Let's look at our verse for today.

READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

Romans 1:16

– This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of Romans, chapter 1, verse 16.

"For I am not ashamed"

– "ashamed" means feeling shame or embarrassment about something. If you know Jesus as your Saviour, you should not be ashamed of who Jesus is and what He did for you.

"of the Gospel of Christ:"

– The "Gospel" is the good news that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins, that He was buried in the tomb, and that He came alive again on the third day. That should make you excited, not embarrassed!

"for it is the power of God unto salvation"

– "it" refers to the Gospel, and the "power of God" means this is the way God uses to save people from their sins. It is the only way God saves. He does not save us because we are good enough or because we go to church enough. He saves only because of what Jesus did on the cross.

"to everyone that believeth"

– "everyone" means that all people can have salvation and be saved from their sins. It means men, women, boys, and girls. But we are not all saved. The verse says it is for those that "believeth." This means you must tell Jesus you believe what He did on the cross was for you. Then you must receive Him as your Saviour.

REPEAT THE VERSE:

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HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

God's Missionary at Work #1

Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

Romans 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. . . .”

Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

Flashcard 1-1:

Have children pretend to be the disciples, mouths wide open in surprise, and gazing up into the sky.

O – Have children sign the name of Jesus. (Right middle finger to bottom of left palm, left middle finger to bottom of right palm)

Flashcard 1-2:

P,E – Sing both verses of “You & Me” with the children. (Speak to your director if you do not know this song)

Have the children show you an expression on their face that shows how Paul must have felt to know Jesus was his Saviour. (*joy, gladness*)

G – Have children say, “God loves me!” while doing the motions. (Point up to Heaven, Hug self, Point to self)

Flashcard 1-3:

Have children repeat the name, Barnabas. (*BAR – nuh – bus*)

Flashcard 1-4:

Have children repeat the name, Elymas. (*EL – ih – mas*).

S – Have children repeat the definition of sin, using the motions. “Sin is anything you think (point to head), say (point to mouth), or do (make fists) that is not right (shake head “no”) in God’s sight.

Have children repeat the name, Sergius Paulus. (*SIR – je – us PAUL – us*)

Flashcard 1-6:

Have children close their eyes, pretending to be blind.

Bible Learning Game, Main Truth #1: You can share the Good News about Jesus with boldness.

Needed supplies: small ball or beanbag

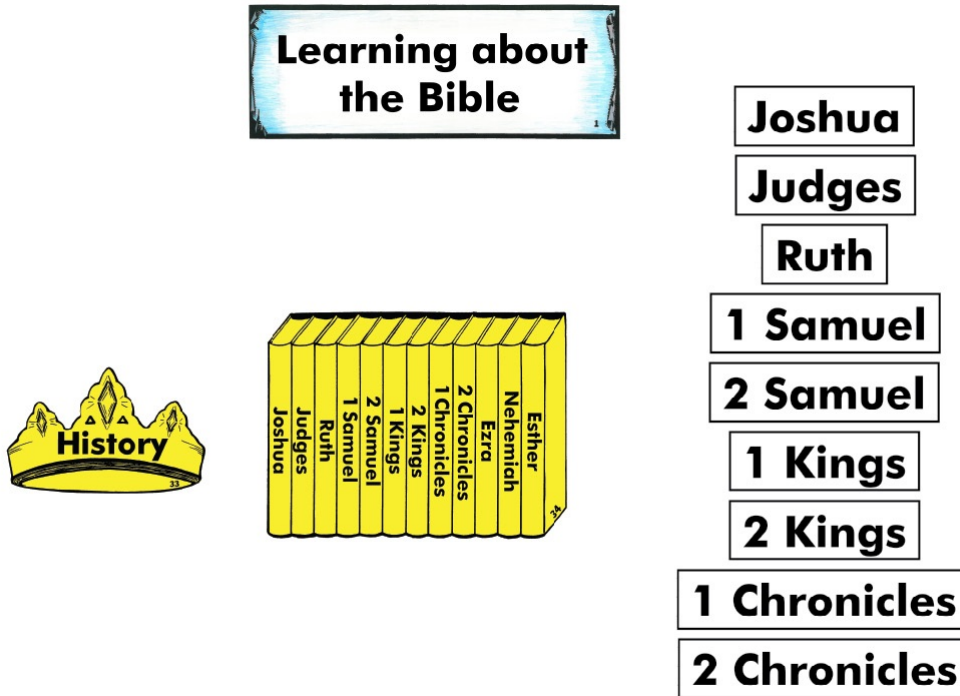
Have children stand in a circle. Choose one child to be in the middle. Hand that child a small ball or bean bag.

“Jessica, choose someone in the circle to boldly tell about Jesus.” Once they choose, have them gently toss the ball/bean bag to that child. “Jessica, what is one thing that you can tell Ramon about Jesus?” (Jesus loves you. Jesus died on the cross. Jesus came back to life again. Jesus wants to forgive your sins.)

Then Ramon and Jessica switch places. “Ramon, choose someone....” Play as long as time allows.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

WEEK #7



(Place figure #1.) (Review the five books of Law and the first three books of History. If time allows, review something about the name or content of each book.) Today, we are going to learn the next six books of History. *(Place figures #33 and #34.)* They are First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings, and First and Second Chronicles. These six books started as three books, but because they were so long, each of them was divided into two. *(Place 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel wordstrips.)* The books of First and Second Samuel give the stories of three important people: Samuel, the last of the judges; Saul, the first king of Israel; and David, Israel's greatest king. *(Place 1 Kings and 2 Kings wordstrips.)* The books of First and Second Kings tell of King Solomon's reign and of the ministry of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. These books also tell how Israel was divided into two kingdoms and later captured by their enemies. *(Place 1 Chronicles and 2 Chronicles wordstrips.)* First and Second Chronicles are the last two books we are going to learn about today. These books give some details that the books of Samuel and Kings skipped. *(Practice saying the names of the five books of Law and the first nine books of History.)*



GO AND TELL BOX

WEEK #6 – INTRODUCE THE SAÜLS

INFORMATION

(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – map of Haiti.)

What do you think this map has to do with *going and telling*? *(Let the children share their ideas.)*

This map of Haiti reminds me of the people living in Haiti who need to hear about Jesus. Pastor Lucien and Mrs. Maude *(Show their picture.)* have been missionaries in Haiti, their home country, for over 40 years. Pastor Lucien ministers in a church, directs a Christian grade school, and a training program for pastors. Mrs. Maude oversees a medical clinic and a feeding program in the small town of Bassion.



The people of Haiti are very poor. More than 200 years ago, Haiti’s French rulers brought people from West Africa and made them work as slaves on the sugar and coffee plantains. Haiti declared its independence from France in January 1804. The people in Haiti are among the poorest in the world and have never really known peace in their country. Many of the Haitian people would say they are Christian, but few really know about Jesus as only a small group have received Him as their personal Saviour. Pastor Lucien and Mrs. Maude spend many hours in ministry to the children at the Christian school, teaching them about the true and living God. They have a great desire for the children to learn the Truth from God’s Word.

PRAYER

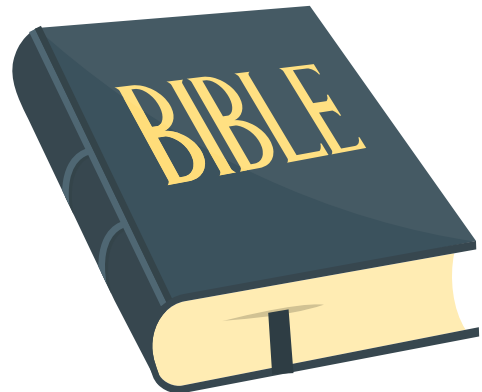
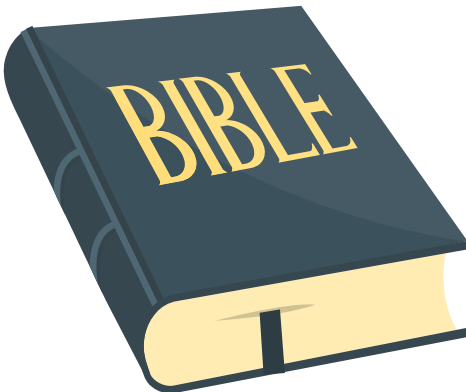
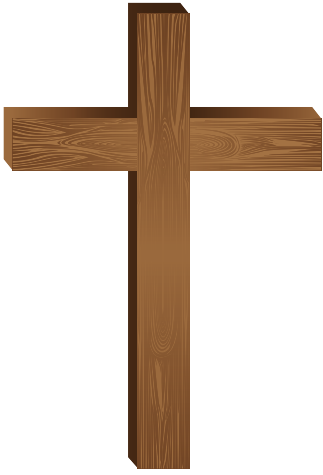
THANK God for Pastor Lucien and Mrs. Maude and their special love for the children of Haiti.

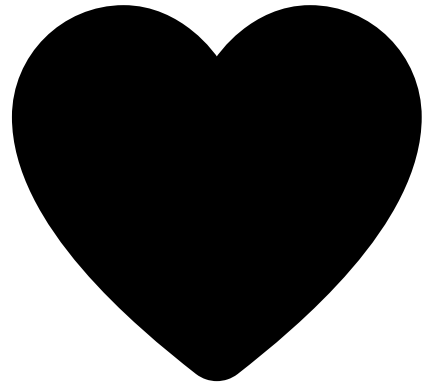
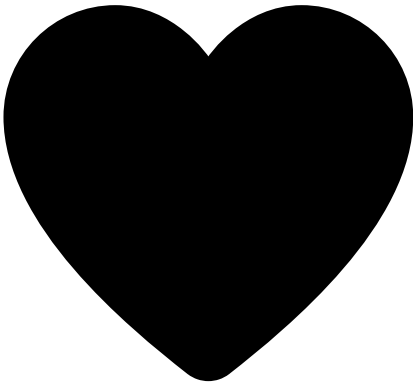
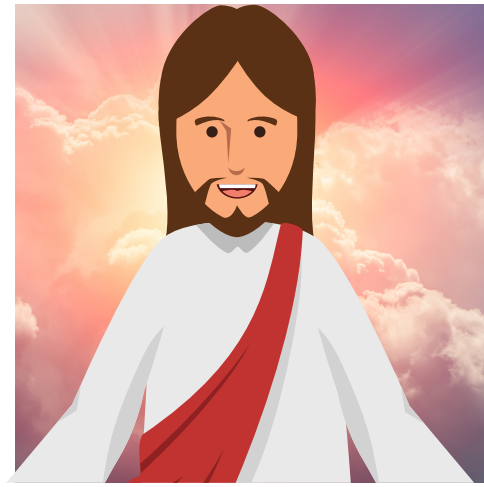
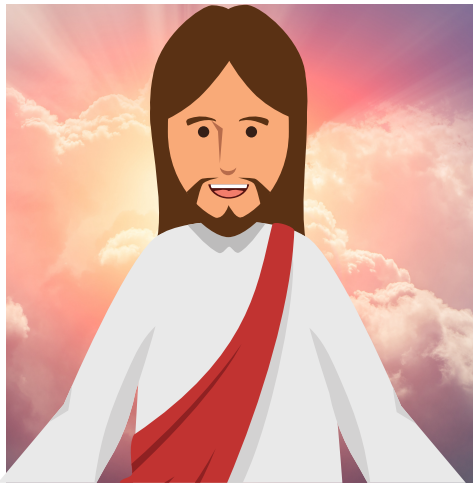
ASK God to help the children listen to His Word and understand their need of a Saviour as they hear the Truth of God’s Word being taught.



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**You can share the
Good News about
Jesus with boldness.**



FLASHCARD 1-6

- Immediately, a mist and darkness fell on Elymas; he was blind!
- God showed His power
- Stopped Elymas from doing things his own way; God made sure the truth about Jesus was heard
- Paul and Barnabas were right in sharing the Good News
- Sergius Paulus heard, and so did many others
- Sergius Paulus listened to the words of Paul and Barnabas
- Governor believed in Jesus as his Saviour
- After work in Cyprus completed, God sent Paul and Barnabas on other missionary journeys
- Everywhere they went, they shared the Good News about Jesus
- They were sharing with great boldness because they had the Holy Spirit as their Helper
- You, too, can be bold; if you have believed in Jesus as your Saviour
- The Holy Spirit lives in you to help you share the Good News

God's Missionary at

Work #1

Acts 1:8-9; 9:1-23; 13

- Ever been afraid to speak truth? Been made fun of for believing in Jesus?
- It's not easy standing up for the right thing and for the truth
- We have a Helper who will give us boldness when we need it.
- Remember Saul?
- First hated Christians; but now he was named Paul, and a great missionary
- Was Paul ever afraid to stand up for truth? What did Jesus tell His followers about sharing truth? Let's listen

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – YOU CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS WITH BOLDNESS

Romans 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth....”

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3.

W – Will you do it?

INVITATION

Acts 16:31 – “...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved....”

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P, E

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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

- Jesus was gone, but He had promised Helper; they stayed in Jerusalem until Holy Spirit came
- Spirit gave power and boldness to be witnesses; to share the Good News

MT – YOU CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS WITH BOLDNESS

- Disciples went out to share Good News; more and more people believed, and Church started growing
- Church = all people who believe in Jesus as Saviour; God's family, or Christians – they know who Jesus is

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- These Christians believed this about Jesus; boldly telling others, and Church was growing

FLASHCARD 1-2

- Not everyone was happy about the Good News spreading
- Some religious people – same ones who wanted Jesus crucified – tried to stop Christians; arrested them, put in prison
- Remember, Saul had been one of those religious people – before he knew Jesus as Saviour

FLASHCARD 1-1

- 40 days after Jesus resurrection; was with His followers on mountain
- Time for Jesus to return home to Heaven
- Jesus gave disciples words of encouragement; knew it would not be easy for them when He was gone
- Wanted them to know they would have Helper . . . and power to boldly share
- As Jesus finished talking, His body lifted up from ground; went back to Heaven

- When Saul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, he was a changed man. . .

- . . . became a bold witness of the risen Lord; knew Jesus was His Saviour from sin

P, E

1 Peter 3:18 – “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. . . .”

- Jesus became Saul’s Saviour from sin; he no longer wanted to arrest Christians

- Name was changed from Saul to Paul; now he wanted to tell everyone about Jesus

- Realized how much God loved him – so much God sent His Son for him

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FLASHCARD 1-3

- After Paul accepted Jesus as Saviour, he spent his whole life boldly telling others Good News; the Holy Spirit was his Helper

- Wanted everyone to know the truth about Jesus

- Many people not happy; Believers were arrested and thrown into prison

- Paul was one of the ones the religious leaders were now looking for too!

- That did not stop Paul; he was still boldly sharing the Good News

MT, PAS – YOU CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS WITH BOLDNESS

Romans 1:16 – “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. . . .”

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- Paul was bold; God had changed his life – not afraid to speak the truth; had the Holy Spirit as Helper

- Religious leaders did not want Paul speaking truth about Jesus

- Paul’s life was in danger as he started first missionary journey

- Barnabas, another missionary, joined Paul; Barnabas was an encourager – name even means “son of encouragement”

- Paul thankful to have Barnabas with him, sharing the Good News

FLASHCARD 1-4

- Paul/Barnabas traveled by boat; sometimes walking from city to city

- Long journey on foot

- One day, finally reached Cyprus

- Thankful to be in new place to share the Good News about Jesus

- In Cyprus, met a man named Elymas – a sorcerer [practiced witchcraft]; predicted to people what would happen

- Elymas wanted things his way, not God’s way; his sorcery was a sin

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Isaiah 53:6 – “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. . . .”

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- Elymas didn’t care what God thought; wanted his own way

- Governor, Sergius Paulus, usually listened to Elymas predict the future

- But now the governor heard about Paul and Barnabas; heard they had Good News

- Sent for Paul and Barnabas to come to him

- Wanted to hear the Good News they had

FLASHCARD 1-5

- While Paul shared with governor, Elymas began arguing with Paul; worried that governor would believe the Good News and no longer take his advice

- Elymas might even lose business, or money and power

- Elymas continued to interrupt Paul’s message; finally, Paul had enough!

- Paul, “O full of. . . all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the ways of the Lord. . .

- . . . and now the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season.”

- Paul knew God was stronger than any sorcery or witchcraft; what happened next was a miracle – something only God can do!