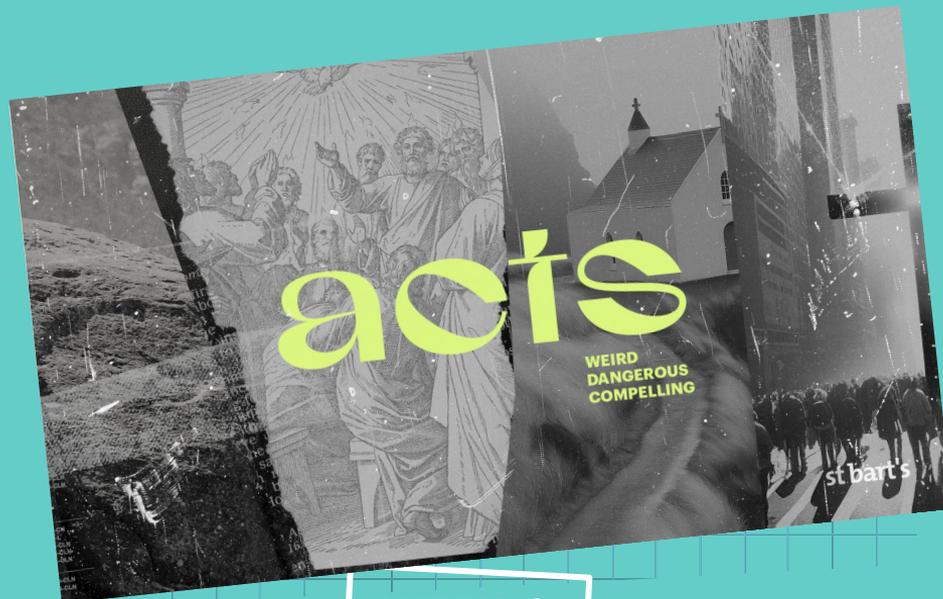




## Resource Pack

*Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.*

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WEEK 6

# Transformed but Imperfect

Acts / Acts 15:36-41

OVERVIEW

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# Transformed but Imperfect

Acts 15:36-41



## HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package connects with our series on **Acts**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within  
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact [hello@stbartskids.org](mailto:hello@stbartskids.org)

## TIMING

Check-In	from...	9:00am
Gathered Worship (Auditorium) (Including Kids Talk)		10mins
SBK Program Begins		
Welcome and Teaching		10mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)		15mins
Small Groups/Activities		30mins
Recap and Worship		10mins
Check-out		

## MATERIALS

- Printout Worksheet #1
- Crayons / Coloured Pencils
- Clipboards if needed
- Dot Stickers in four different colours to match the coloured hearts
- Printout Worksheet #2
- Blu Tack
- Paper plates
- Coloured paper for the sail cut into a triangle
- Paddle Pop Sticks
- Coloured Pencils, Crayons
- Scissors
- Sticky Tape
- Large container of water
- Water toys, containers, funnels and other objects that can be used in water
- Toy Boats
- Pre-prepared phrases relating to (or verses from) the weekly passage

## ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the sixth in an eight week series on Strange Religion (Acts).

## SESSION OUTLINE

THIS SUNDAY

31st August 2025

BIBLE FOCUS

Acts 15:36-41

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### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Even though Jesus had changed their hearts the first Christians sometimes still argued and made mistakes. But they kept sharing God's love, showing that God can use imperfect people in his big story.

### SERIES OVERVIEW

#### Strange Religion (Acts)

Whilst western Christianity can often look very similar to western culture, the very first followers of Jesus—along with their communities—were extraordinarily distinctive. Perhaps even a little weird! These new believers who were part of a new movement deviated from so many of the cultural norms and societal expectations. And in a culture in which everyone was 'religious', Christians still stood out as strange.

Yet whilst distinctive, these first Christians were also strangely compelling. As people witnessed their lives and heard their message, some were offended, others were confused, but many came to believe. In this eight-part series, we'll explore some of the earliest accounts of the church in Acts to see how the Gospel distinctively transformed these very first believers, also considering how the Gospel should continue to transform the lives of believers today.

### MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Storytellers: Paul and Barnabas \(Crossroads Kids\)](#)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [God's Story: Acts](#)

### SONGS

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [I Might Be Small](#)
2. [Love Each Other](#)
3. [Forgiveness](#)

### SONGS

#### PRIMARY

1. [Stand Together](#)
2. [Give it Away](#)
3. [God's Love is Big](#)
4. [L-O-V-E Compass Bible Church](#)



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## WARM-UPS

- When you have disagreements with friends, what kinds of things do you disagree about?*
- What happens when the disagreement is over?*

## TEACHING TIME

## Transformed but Imperfect

It was exciting being part of the early church! Lots of people were believing in Jesus and becoming Christians.. Through the Holy Spirit, people were being healed. And they were being generous to one another and to others in the community.

Some Christians were travelling to places quite a long way to share the good news with people there.. Barnabas and Paul were two of these missionaries.

But even though they were good friends and they both loved Jesus, this doesn't mean that everything went smoothly. Sometimes there were disagreements - really strong arguments.

One day, Paul and Barnabas were preparing to go on another trip together, But Barnabas wanted to take his cousin John Mark with them.

Paul said Absolutely not!'. He didn't trust John Mark because he had let them down once before on a missionary journey.

Even though Paul and Barnabas were good friends, they just couldn't find a way to agree.

In the end, they decided to go on two separate journeys. Barnabas took John Mark with him in one direction, while Paul went a different direction with a new missionary, Silas. Two trips instead of one!

And so the Good News of Jesus kept spreading - in different places. And we know that from letters that Paul wrote later that he came to trust John Mark. too.

Just because we're followers of Jesus, it doesn't mean we're perfect. But God can use imperfect people - and help us to change.

Even if we have hurt each other, God can help us to become good friends again, We can take the first step and show kindness. We might need to apologise.

And we can be sure that God can always bring good things out of difficult times when we obey him.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## 1. Early Childhood

What can we do if we're had an argument with our friends?

## 2. Lower Primary

What can we do if we've had an argument with our friends?

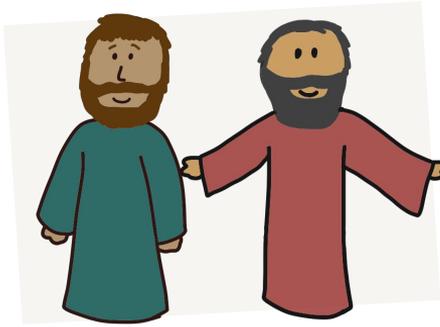
## 3. Middle Primary

When we fall out with our friends, what can we do to make sure that the friendship is mended?

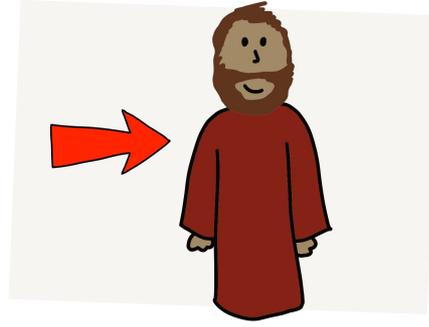
## 4. Upper Primary

When we fall out with our friends, how might God bring about good things despite the hurt?

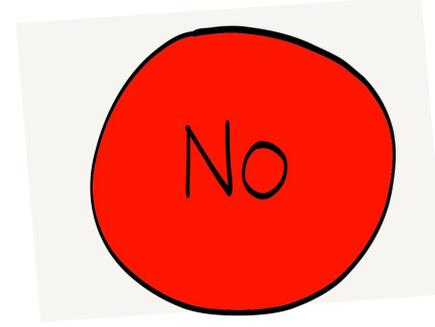
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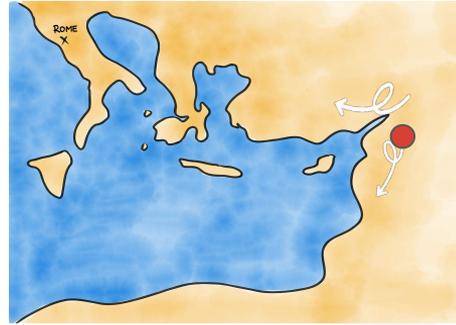


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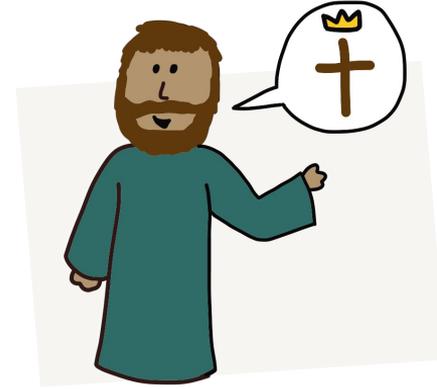
## Early Childhood



Paul and Barnabas couldn't agree, so they went different ways. Barnabas took John Mark and went on a boat to Cyprus.

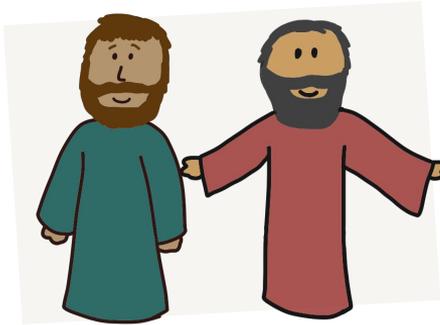


Paul chose Silas to go with him. The believers in Antioch prayed and asked God to take care of Paul and Silas.

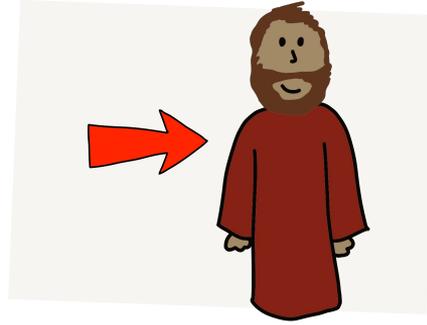


Paul and Silas went to many places. They told people the Good News about Jesus and encouraged the Christians wherever they went.

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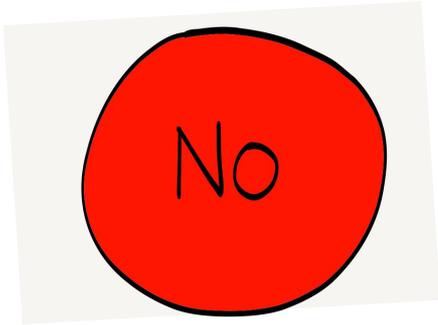


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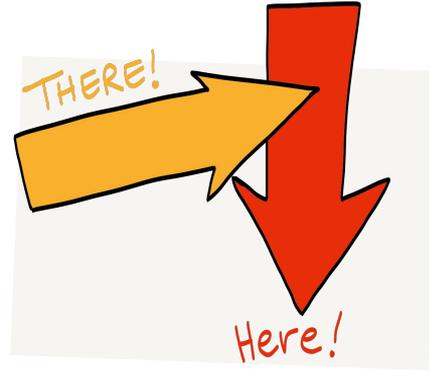


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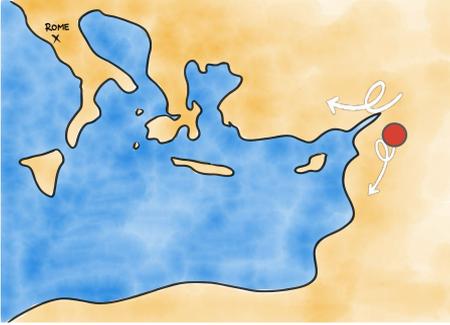


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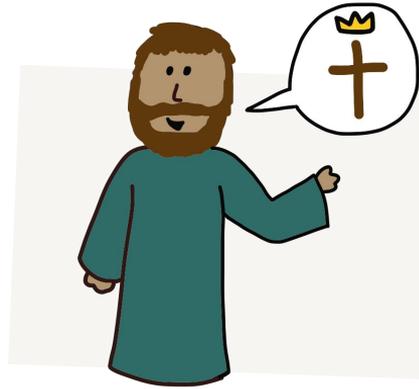


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## Lower Primary



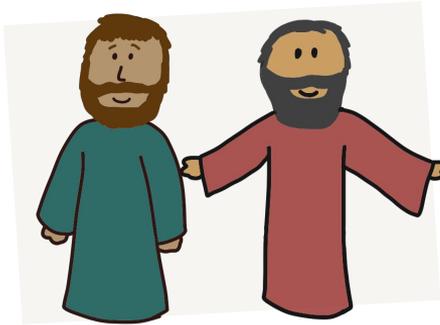
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wherever they went.

Middle Primary

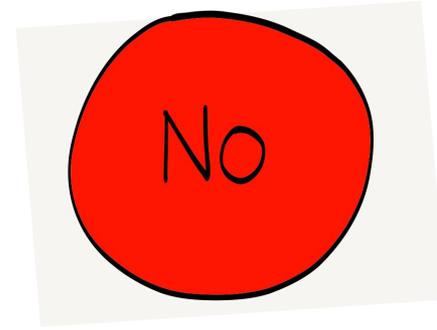
## Transformed but Imperfect



Acts 15 v36 Paul said to Barnabas, “We should go back to the towns where we already preached the Gospel about Jesus.

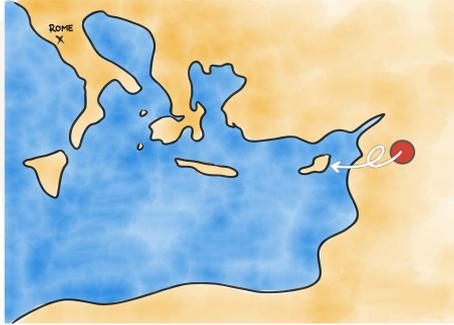


“Then we can visit the believers in all those places and see how they are going.”



37-38 Barnabas agreed and wanted to take John Mark with them. But Paul disagreed. He reminded Barnabas that John Mark had walked out on them once before in Pamphylia.

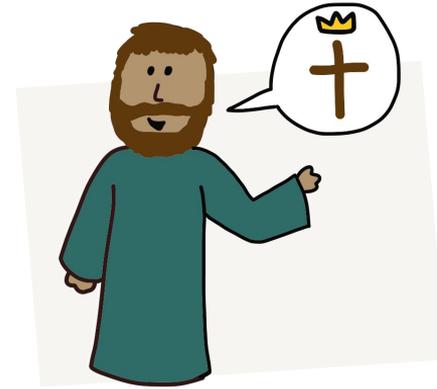
## Middle Primary



39 They couldn't agree, so they went their separate ways. Barnabas took John Mark with him and they sailed to Cyprus.



40 Paul chose Silas to go with him. And the believers in Antioch asked God to take care of Paul and Silas.



41 Paul travelled off to the regions of Syria and Cilicia, preaching the Gospel and encouraging the Christians.

## FOCUS

Even though Jesus had changed their hearts the first Christians sometimes still argued and made mistakes. But they kept sharing God's love, showing that God can use imperfect people in his big story.

## Early Childhood

## PRAYER

Dear God,  
 THANK YOU for Jesus.  
 HELP US to forgive quickly and love each other.  
 Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook: [Transformed but Imperfect \(Acts 15:36-41\)](#)

- 1. What can we do if we're had an argument with our friends?**
- 2. Paul and Barnabas were good friends - and they were missionaries together. What did they do as missionaries?**  
 They visited different places to share the good news about Jesus. And they wanted to visit one of those places again to see how the believers were going.
- 3. But then they had an argument. What was the argument about?**  
 Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them but Paul said 'No'.
- 4. What decision did they make?**  
 Barnabas went to Cyprus with John Mark; Paul went in another direction with a man called Silas.

*They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company.  
 Acts 15:39a*

## FOCUS

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## Lower Primary

## PRAYER

"Dear God,  
Thank You for my friends and family.  
Sometimes we don't agree, and that's okay.  
Help me be kind, even when we think differently.  
Just like Paul and Barnabas,  
Help me keep following You and sharing Your love.  
Thank You for always being with me.  
Amen." Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 15:36-41 (from SBK Lower Primary Scripture)

- 1. Have you ever had an argument with your best friend? How did you feel?** Talk about how it's natural that we might disagree - but we should always try to become friends again.
- 2. Paul and Barnabas were good friends - and they were missionaries together. What did they do as missionaries? (v36)**  
They visited different places to share the good news about Jesus. And they wanted to visit one of those places again to see how the believers were going.
- 3. But then they had an argument (v37-38). What was the argument about?**  
Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them but Paul said 'No'.
- 4. Why did Paul say no (v38)?**  
Because John mark had let them down on an earlier visit.
- 5. What decision did they make (v39-40)?**  
Barnabas went to Cyprus with John Mark; Paul went in another direction with a man called Silas.
- 6. Even though they had had a big argument, how did God make good things happen (v41)?**  
Now there were 2 teams - and they were both making sure that the Good News kept being spread.
- 7. Even when things go wrong, God can make good things happen. He is living in us helping us to live his way.**  
Share an example from your own life about how this has happened. Encourage children to talk about how they can make up with their friends, or how God as helped them in a hard situation.

*They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company.  
Acts 15:39a*

## FOCUS

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## Middle Primary

## PRAYER

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Help me be kind, even when we think differently.  
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Help me keep following You and sharing Your love.  
Thank You for always being with me.  
Amen." Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 15:36-41 (from SBK Middle Primary Scripture)

- 1. Can you remember a time when you and friend/s made some good plans, but they didn't work out because people had different ideas? What did that feel like?**  
Discuss how we can't always have our own way and this can cause problems even among the best of friends.
- 2. What plans were Paul and Barnabas making v36=38?**  
To revisit places that they had visited so that they could encourage the new believers there.
- 3. It seemed a good idea to both of them - but what was the problem? (v 37-38).**  
There was an argument over a person called John Mark who had walked out on them on a previous trip together.. Paul refused to take him on the trip.
- 4. John Mark was a cousin of Barnabas, and Barnabas had been a very good friend to Paul since Paul first met Jesus..**  
Talk about how painful it must have been to have such a strong argument.
- 5. What solution did they reach (v39-40)?**  
They went in different directions: Barnabas with John Mark to Cyprus (near Greece) and Paul with Silas towards modern Turkey.
- 6. How did God bring something good out of this hard problem?** The work of mission spread further! Now there were 2 journeys - and both 'teams' (Barnabas with John Mark and Paul with Silas), would have been sharing the Gospel and encouraging the Christians that they met.
- 7. Other parts of the New Testament tell us that Paul and Barnabas remained friends and that Paul came to think highly of John Mark again. What does this tell us ?** God has a place for every believer in his mission work - and he transforms those who have failed or who have acted angrily.
- 8. Like Paul and Barnabas, we are being changed by Jesus. We're not perfect - but God will still use us. .**  
Talk about how we can ask God to help us to share the Good News.
- 9. What might we do if we need to sort out a problem in our friendship?**  
For example:
  - We could try to see our friend's side of the argument.
  - There may be fault on our side - ask for forgiveness.

*They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company.  
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## FOCUS

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## Upper Primary

## PRAYER

"Dear God,  
Thank You for my friends and family.  
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Help me be kind, even when we think differently.  
Just like Paul and Barnabas,  
Help me keep following You and sharing Your love.  
Thank You for always being with me.  
Amen." Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Acts 15:36-41 (from NIV New Adventurer Bible)

- 1. Can you remember a time when you and friend/s made some good plans, but they didn't work out because people had different ideas? What did that feel like and what was the outcome?**  
Discuss how we can't always have our own way and this can cause problems even among the best of friends.
- 2. What plans were Paul and Barnabas making v36=38?**  
To revisit places that they had visited so that they could encourage the new believers there.
- 3. It seemed a good idea to both of them - but what was the problem?**  
There was a conflict over a person called John Mark who had walked out on them on a previous trip together..
- 4. It must have been a painful disagreement (v 37-38).** especially as John Mark was a cousin of Barnabas, and Barnabas had been a mentor to Paul since his conversion.  
**Imagine the conversation together -**  
The children could divide into 2 groups, one representing Barnabas, the other Paul.
- 5. What solution did they reach (v39-40)?**  
They went in different directions: Barnabas with John Mark to Cyprus (near Greece) and Paul with Silas towards modern Turkey.
- 6. How did God use this sharp disagreement for good?**  
The work of mission multiplied. There were 2 journeys - and both 'teams', would have been sharing the Gospel and encouraging the Christians that they met.
- 7. Other parts of the New Testament tell us that Paul and Barnabas remained friends (1 Corinthians 9:6) and that Paul came to think highly of John Mark (Colossians 4:10 and Philemon v 23-24.**  
**What does this tell us ?** God understands us more than we understand each other. He has a place for every believer in his mission work - and he transforms those who have failed or who have acted angrily.
- 8. Like Paul and Barnabas, we are being changed by Jesus. We're not perfect - but God will still use us.**  
Talk about how we can ask God to help us to share the Good News.
- 9. What things might we do if we find ourselves arguing with our good friends?**  
For example:
  - We could try to see our friend's side of the argument.
  - There may be fault on our side - ask for forgiveness.

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## FOCUS

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,  
 THANK YOU for Jesus.  
 HELP US to forgive quickly and love each other.  
 Amen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Dear God,  
 Thank You for my friends and family.  
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 Just like Paul and Barnabas,  
 Help me keep following You and sharing Your love.  
 Thank You for always being with me.  
 Amen." Amen.

## TIPS

*Give thanks to God for the wonderful church of which you belong and pray for opportunities to encourage and share in the same mission, even when we might not agree on every little detail.*

Early Childhood

Dear God,

THANK YOU for Jesus.

HELP US to forgive quickly and love each other.

Amen.

## Sunday School

"Dear God,  
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**FOCUS**

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*In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.*

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

- Colouring
- Dot the Hearts
- Paper Plate Boats
- Water Play (Kindy)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Puppets (retelling) (Prep)
- Which way to Go? (Maze) (Yrs 1-2)
- What I think (Yrs 3-4)
- The Great Debate (Yrs 3-4)

**GAMES**

- Whisper Messages (Kindy)
- Sit down if you... (Yrs Prep-6)

# Colouring

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #1
- Crayons / Coloured Pencils
- Clipboards if needed

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## STEPS

1. Hand out the colouring in and the crayons / pencils.
2. Encourage the children to colour in Paul and Barnabas.

Colouring sourced from  
[salfordelimchurch.org](http://salfordelimchurch.org)



## Paul and Barnabas

Link

*Even when Paul and Barnabas went different ways, they still told people about Jesus. We can share Jesus' love too!*

The printout of the PAUL AND BARNABAS COLOURING is available on the following page.



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**Paul and Barnabas**

## Dot the Hearts

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Dot Stickers in four different colours to match the coloured hearts
- Printout Worksheet #2
- Blu Tack

### STEPS

1. Blu tack the four heart printouts on the wall.
2. Get the children to place the dot stickers on the hearts. Tracing around them with the same colour dots as the heart.
3. Remind the children God helps us forgive and love.



### Link

*Sometimes friends don't agree, but God wants us to forgive and love each other.*

The printout of the HEARTS is available on the following pages.



**Love One  
Another**



**Love One  
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**Love One  
Another**



**Love One  
Another**

## Paper Plate Boats

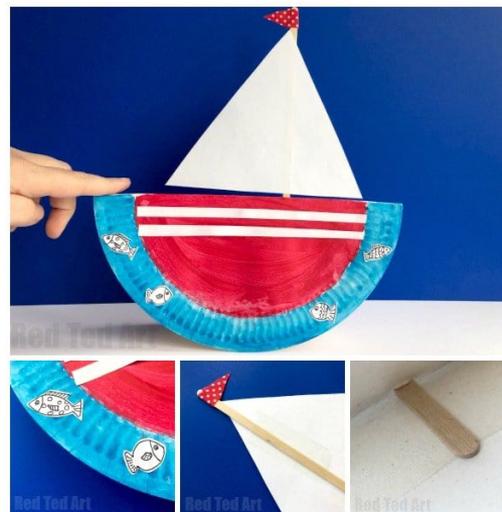
### YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper plates
- Coloured paper for the sail cut into a triangle
- Paddle Pop Sticks
- Coloured Pencils, Crayons
- Scissors
- Sticky Tape

### STEPS

1. Get the children to colour in the paper plate.
2. Fold the paper plate in half and make a small hole at the top in the middle.
3. Put the paddle pop stick through the hole and secure it with sticky tape.
4. Add the sail onto the paddle pop stick with tape.

Image sourced from [Red Ted Art](#)



### Link

Paul and Barnabas couldn't agree, so they went different ways. Barnabas took John Mark and went on a boat to Cyprus.

# Water Play

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Large container of water
- Water toys, containers, funnels and other objects that can be used in water
- Toy Boats

## STEPS

1. Fill a large container with water.
2. Let the children play in the water with the toys, containers, funnels and other objects.
3. Use the toy boats to talk about how Barnabas and John Mark and Paul and Silas went on a boat to different places to tell people about Jesus.



### Link

*Paul and Barnabas couldn't agree, so they went different ways. Barnabas took John Mark and went on a boat to Cyprus.*

# Puppets - retelling

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of worksheet #3
- Chopsticks
- Sticky tape
- A copy of the scripture reading

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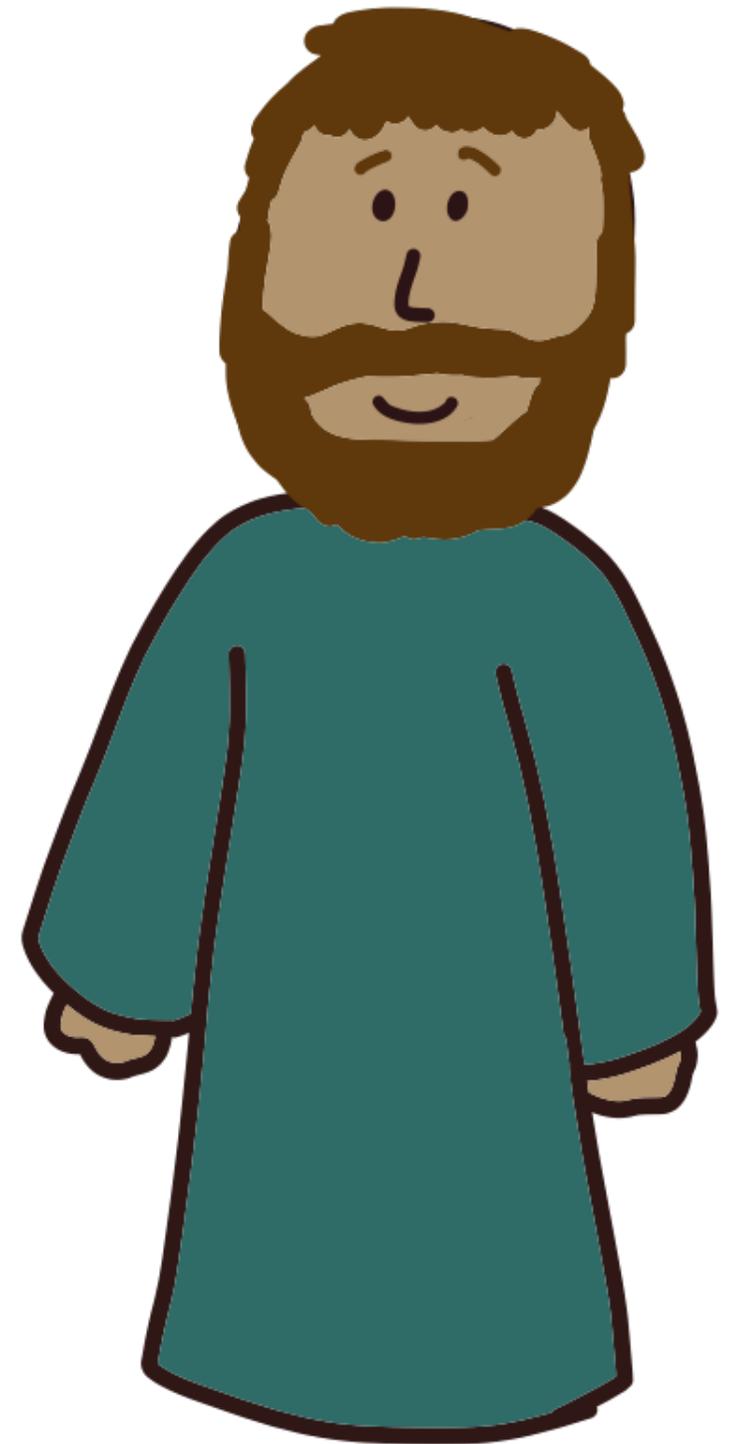
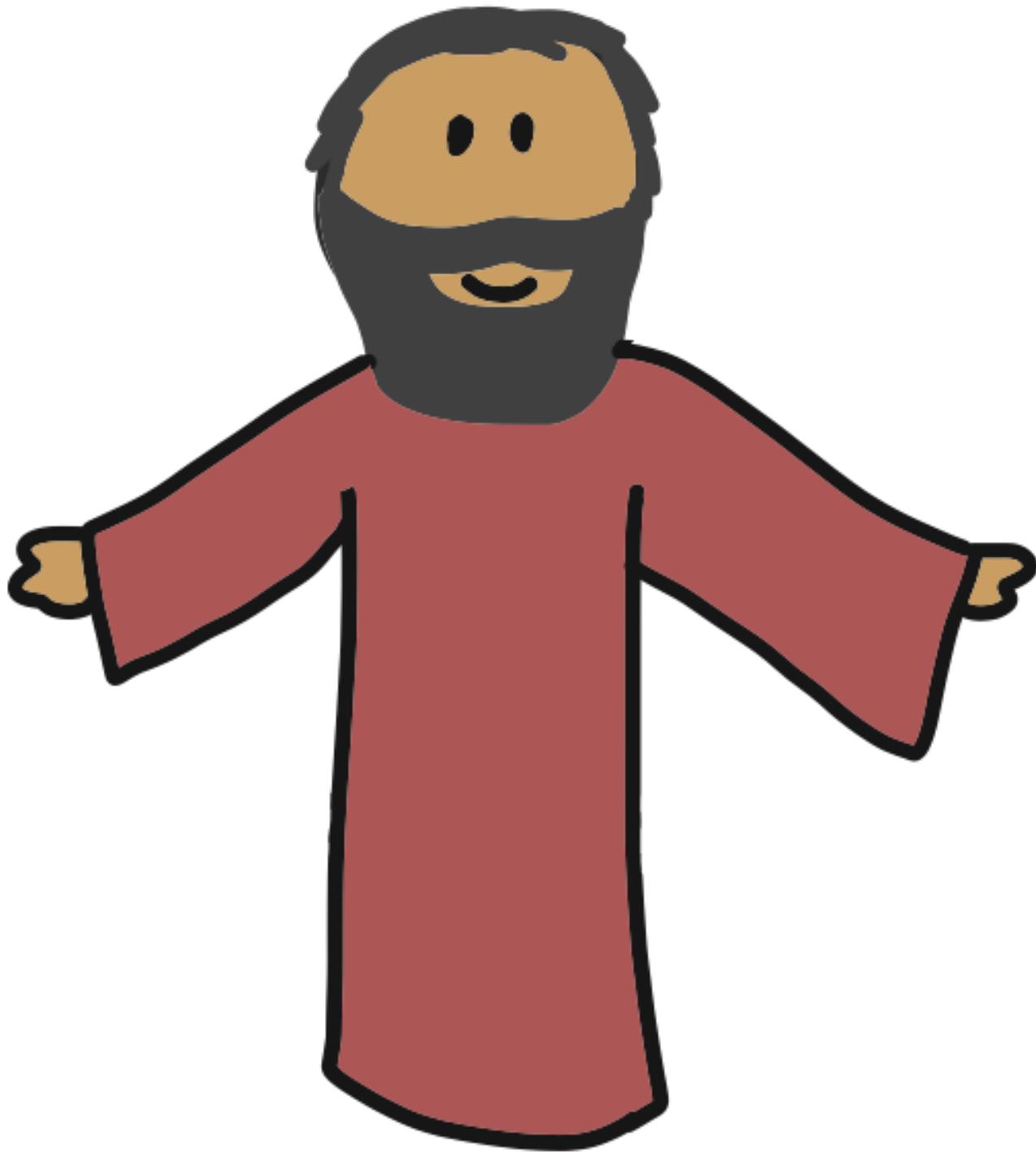
1. Simply print out images belonging to this week's passage (Acts 26:1-32), then laminate and cut them so they can be reused.
2. Attach each image to its own chopstick. Sturdy wooden or plastic chopsticks are ideal for this activity.
3. These puppets are great for children to use when someone is reading the story, or if the children are more confident, they could try retelling the story in their own words whilst using the puppets for support.

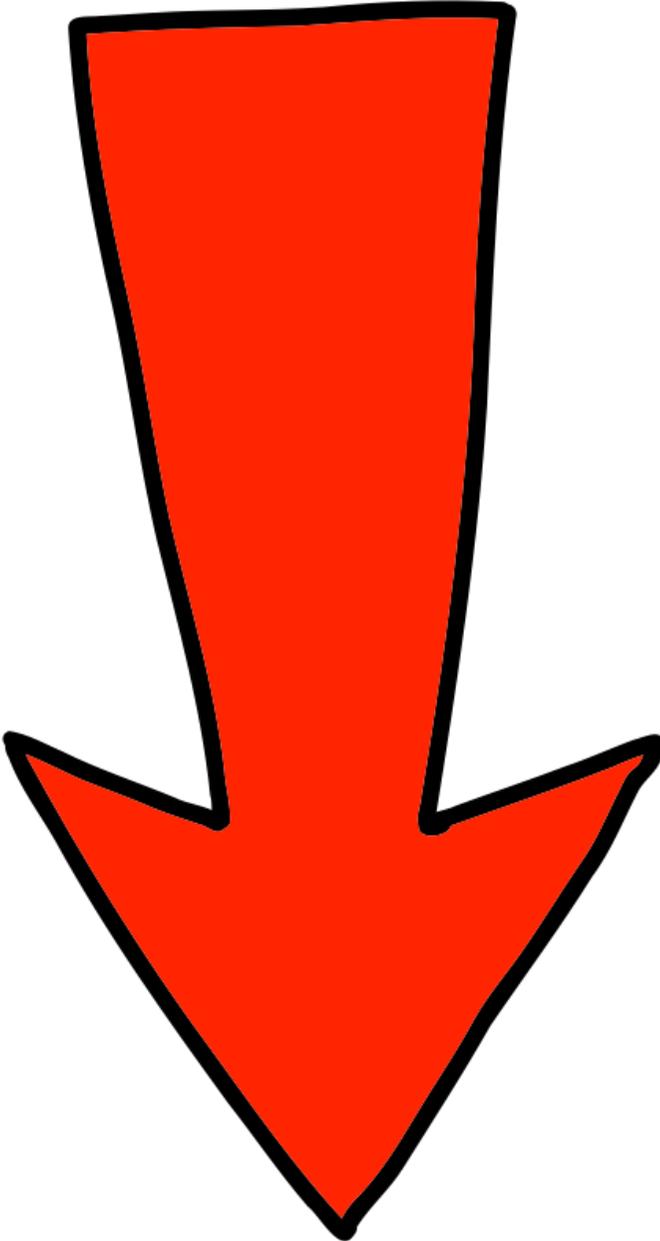
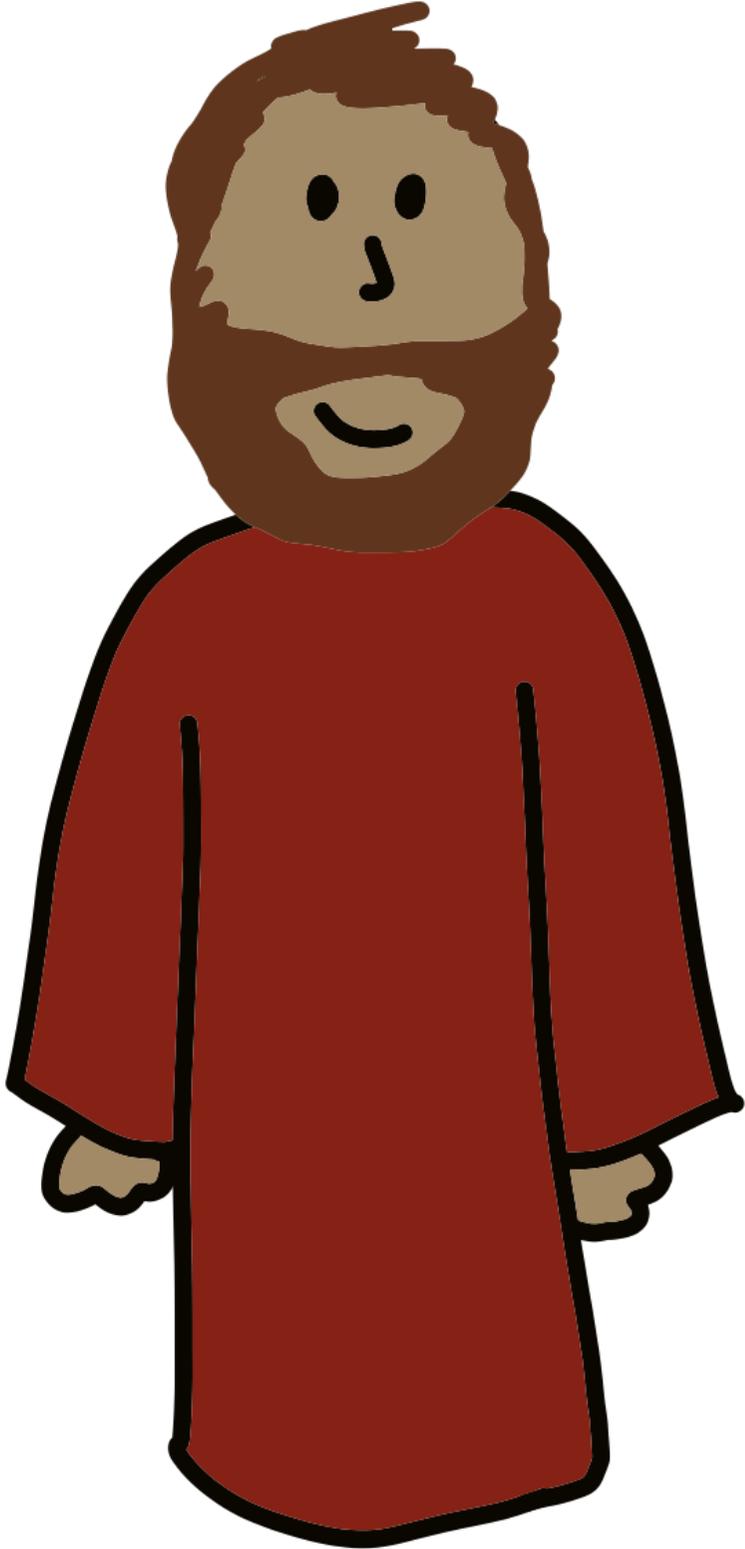


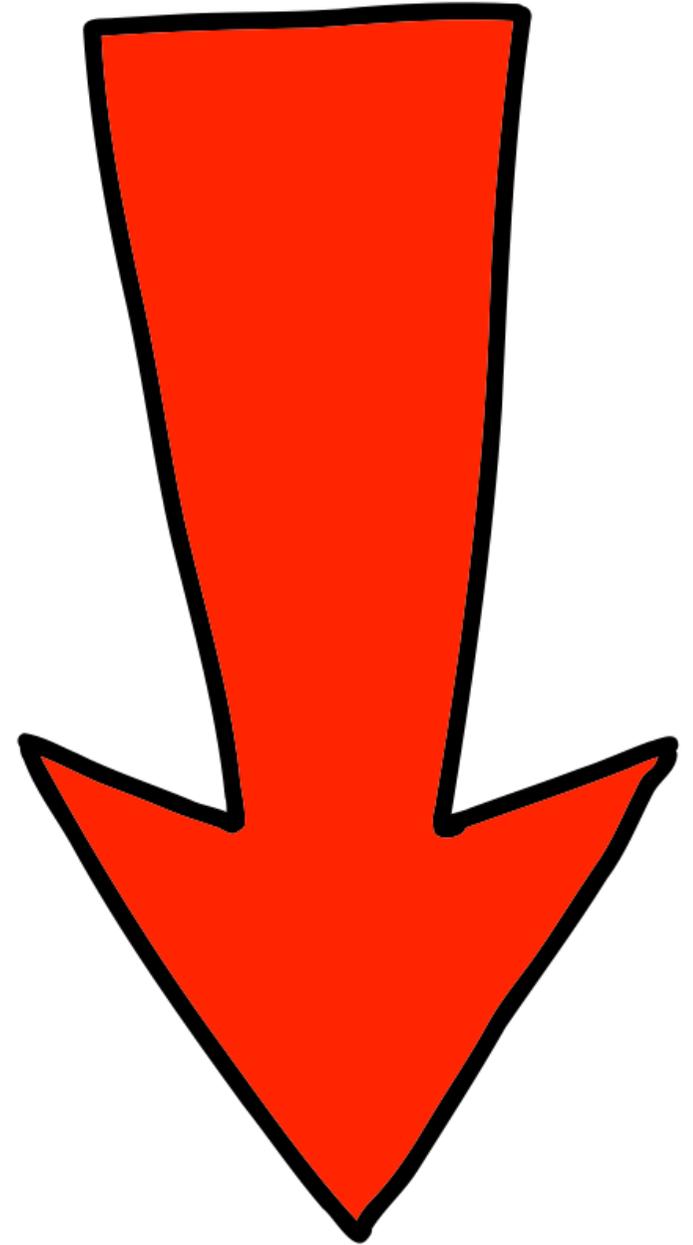
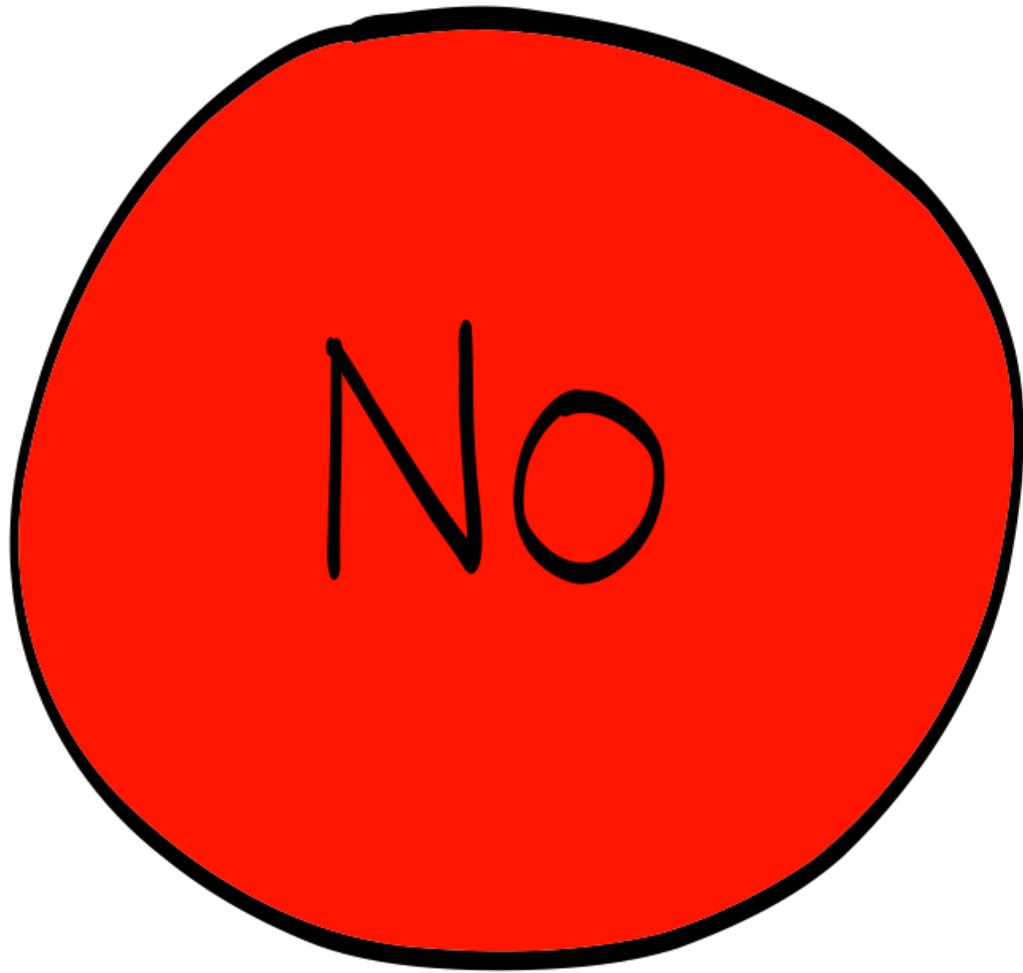
### Link

Each of the images and character used in this activity are from the scripture passage Acts 15:36-41 and will enable the children to retell the story in their small group.

The printout of the PUPPETS are available on the following pages.







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## Which way to go? (Maze)

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #4
- Pencils
- Clipboards

### STEPS

1. Children start at the green arrow and try and work their way through the maze to the end (the red arrow). Beware of dead ends and tricky paths that look promising.

#### Source:

Krazydads mazes. Intermediate Level #5.

[https://files.krazydad.com/mazes/sfiles/KD\\_Mazes\\_IM\\_v23.pdf](https://files.krazydad.com/mazes/sfiles/KD_Mazes_IM_v23.pdf)

Pop Science (three way maze example)

<https://www.popsoci.com/story/science/head-trip-always-another-way-in/>

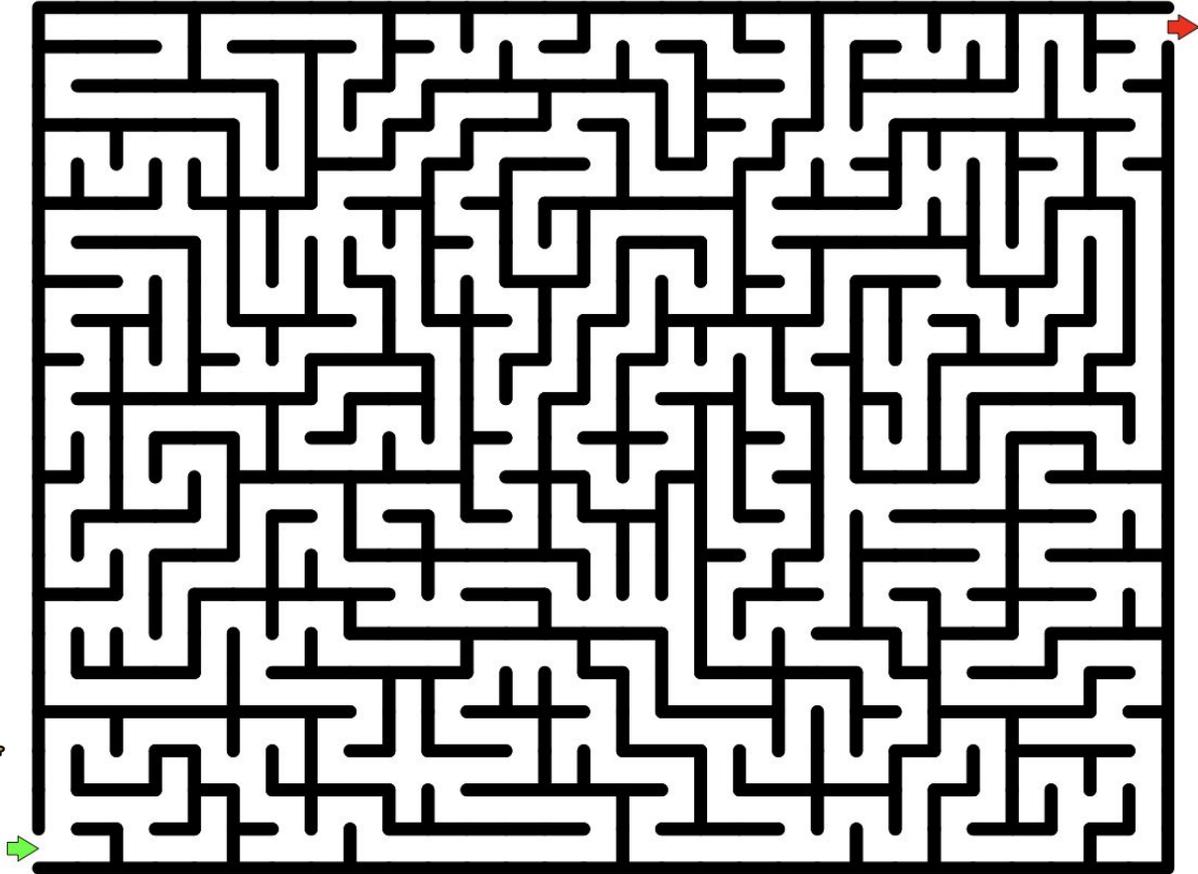
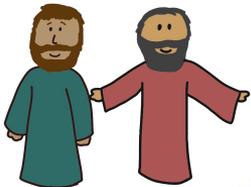


#### Link

Sometimes we will disagree with others, but as long as we both stay focused on the mission of God's Kingdom, it is ok.

### Which Way to Go?

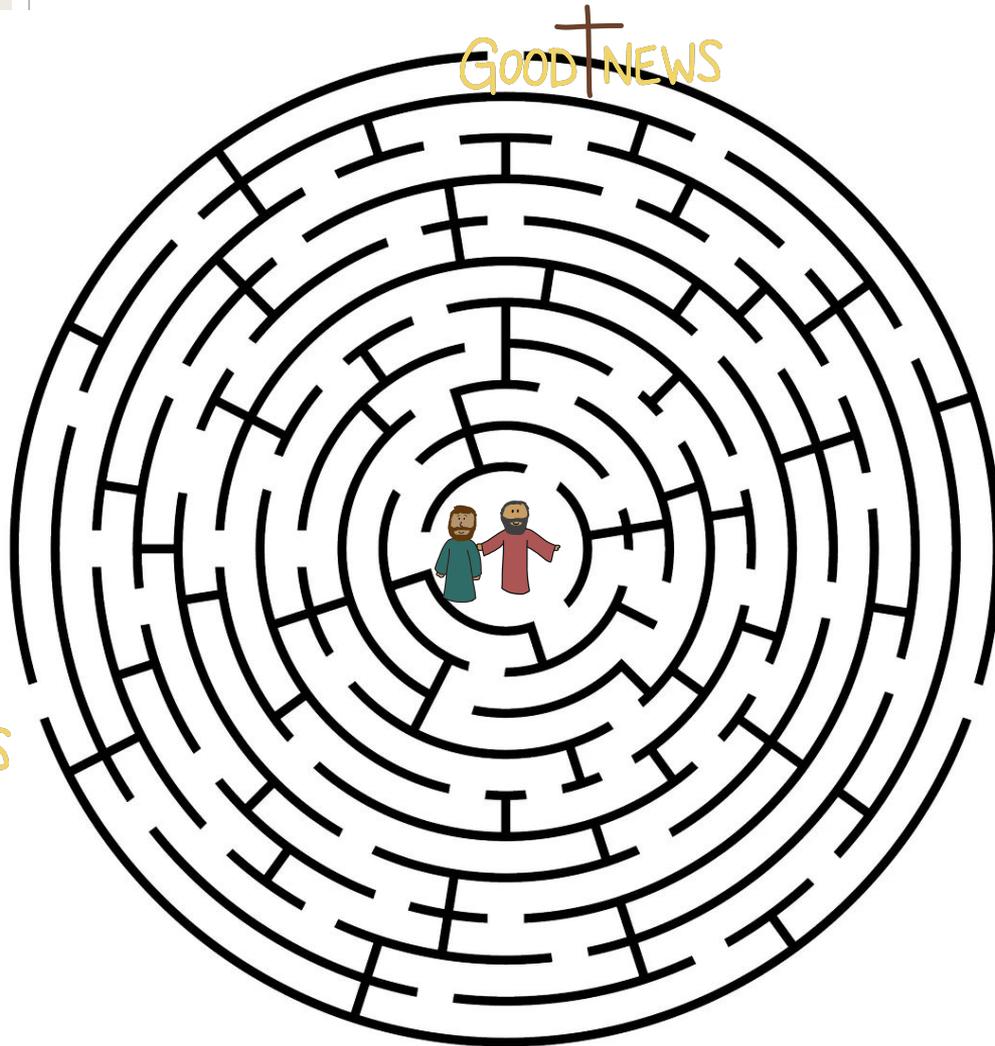
Can you help Paul and Barnabas through the maze?



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### Which Way to Go?

Can you help Paul and Barnabas through the maze to help spread the Good News in different locations?



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# Snakes and Ladders

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Snakes and Ladders gameboard
- Counters
- dice

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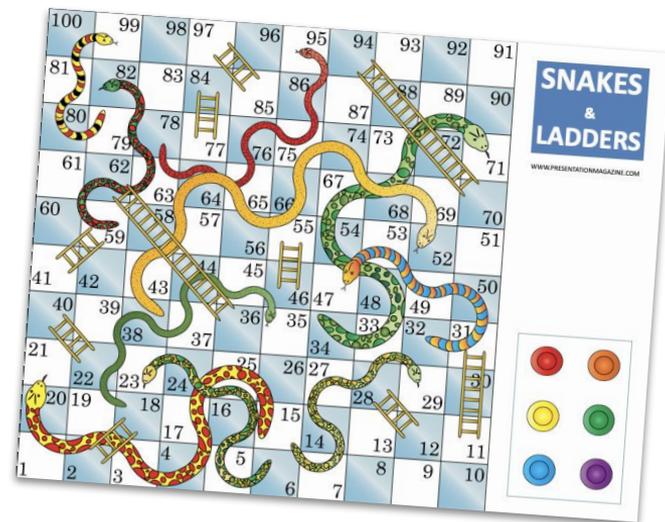
CHAT

DO

PRAY

## STEPS

1. Have the children play in groups of 4-6.
2. All children place their markers on square 1.
3. The children take turns rolling the dice and moving that many squares forward.
4. If they land on a snake HEAD, they slide down the snake and land on the tail. If they land on the BOTTOM of a LADDER, they climb UP the ladder and land on the top square the ladder finishes.
5. Continue playing until one of the players reaches the '100' square.
6. Talk about how the snakes are like when we disagree poorly (in anger, annoyance, etc) and the ladders are the moments when we disagree with grace (with prayer, in love, with a shared common goal, etc).



### Link

*There will be many moments in our life when we might disagree with others. But how we disagree is important - in love and in humility.*

## What I think

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet #5 counters

### STEPS

1. Provide each child with a printout of Worksheet #5 (alternatively, use mini whiteboards and have each child draw a straight line across).
2. Read out the statements and ask the children to place their counter along the line, depending upon their opinion.
3. Once all children have made their choices, select some children to share their reasons why. Allow others to debate if they disagree.
4. Repeat for each of the statements listed.



### Link

*Paul and Barnabas were able to agree on the importance of sharing the Gospel, even if they disagreed on who they wanted to take along as their helper.*

**AGREE**

**DISAGREE**

Milk chocolate is better than dark chocolate.	People should grow their own vegetables.
School should be only 4 days a week (not 5).	People should be rewarded for recycling.
It is a good thing that Brisbane will host the 2032 Olympics.	Every household should own a pet.
Homework should be optional for all primary students.	Health care and medicine should be free for everyone.
Summer is the best season.	Children should be allowed to play outside on rainy days.
Smart technology should be banned in classrooms.	Children should get to choose their own bedtime.
Libraries should charge late fees.	

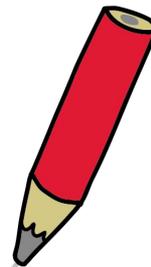
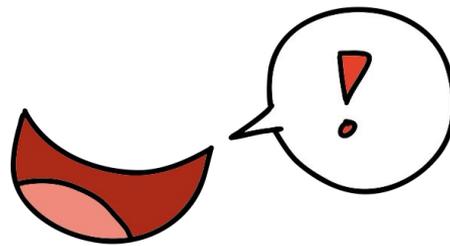
# The Great Debate

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of Worksheet 5
- Clipboards
- Paper
- Pencils

## STEPS

1. Have each child pair up with another.
2. Provide each pair with a different topic from Worksheet #5. One of the children is to be the 'affirmative' (agreeing with the statement); the other child is to be the 'negative' (disagreeing with the statement).
3. Give them 5 minutes to prepare some notes each and then have them present their debate. Emphasise that debaters always demonstrate great listening skills; one speaker at a time; no threatening or destructive words/attacking of the other debater, etc.



### Link

*Paul and Barnabas were able to agree on the importance of sharing the Gospel, even if they disagreed on who they wanted to take along as their helper. Debating is one activity that helps provide a safe and healthy way of discussing and arguing different viewpoints, in a respectful manner.*

## GAME: Whisper Messages

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Pre-prepared phrases relating to (or verses from) the weekly passage

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### STEPS

1. Children sit in a circle.
2. The leader whispers a phrase in the ear of the first kid in the circle.
3. They repeat the message to the third player, and so on.
4. When the last player is reached, they announce the message they heard to the entire group.
5. The leader then compares the original message with the final version.



### Link

*Even when we get things wrong, God can still use us to share His love.*

## GAME: Sit down if you...

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Worksheet #6

### STEPS

1. Have everyone stand up at the start of this game.
2. Read out each statement, one at a time. If an individual agrees with the statement, they are to sit down in their spot, leaving everyone else standing.
3. Continuing until all are sitting. Repeat the game with other statements, if time.

As you are playing this game, some strong opinions will come out and the children will naturally want to argue why they chose a particular viewpoint. Pick out 1-2 children each time to explain their opinion and try and foster an environment where we appreciate that we might not all agree on these matters, but we can still value and love each other (even if we don't understand or agree with their choices of opinion!).



### Link

*We may or may not have things in common or agree on things, but that doesn't mean we can't still be friends and love one another.*

- Sit down if you think August is the best month of the year.
- Sit down if you your favourite food is chocolate.
- Sit down if you think dogs are better than cats.
- Sit down if you prefer even numbers.
- Sit down if you would rather spend money on toys than food.
- Sit down if your favourite day of the week is Friday.
- Sit down if you prefer watching movies to reading books.
- Sit down if you think pineapple doesn't belong on pizza.
- Sit down if you think video games are a waste of time
- Sit down if you think waking up early is better than staying up late.
- Sit down if you prefer summer over winter.
- Sit down if you'd rather spend a weekend at home than go to a party.
- Sit down if you think social media does more harm than good.
- Sit down if you think money can buy happiness.
- Sit down if you think cereal is better without milk.
- Sit down if you think spicy food isn't worth the pain.
- Sit down if you think math is the best subject.
- Sit down if you love doing homework (really!).
- Sit down if you think reading is more fun than writing.
- Sit down if you think opening presents is the best part of birthdays.
- Sit down if you like lollies better than cake.
- Sit down if you'd rather visit the beach than the mountains.
- Sit down if you think puzzles are boring.
- Sit down if you think cereal is better as a snack than breakfast.