



# K - 2ND

33-2  
Paul Became A  
Missionary



## CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **If you were going on a journey, what things would you make sure to have with you? Why? What do you think is the most important to take?**



## MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT

**Start by 9:20/10:45**

Pass out prepared craft sheet and place the basket of stickers, markers, and crayons where kids are able to reach them. Display sample where kids can see easily or pass around to individual groups. Have kids design a vase of flowers for their mom or significant caregiver, allowing them to use about five flower stickers and adding stems and leaves. They can add other design elements with markers and crayons. Be sure they sign their name and add additional things they are thankful for about their moms.

**MISUNDERSTOOD** --- As time allows, work through the list of common phrases and their meanings with kids. These are listed on the attached narration card.

**Being misunderstood can be challenging. In today's story, we'll see how some people misunderstood who Paul and Barnabas were. Let's learn how Paul shared the gospel to help the men understand who they were.**

**START BY**  
**9:30/10:55**

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



**LARGE GROUP**

# SMALL GROUP



## DISCUSSION

- **Even though Paul and Barnabas faced troubles in the cities they went to, what was something good that happened?** Paul and Barnabas led many people to trust in Jesus. They did not let their hardships keep them from telling people the most important news. They also showed others Jesus is worth everything, even losing their lives. Many churches were started as well.
- **Why does God call missionaries?** A missionary is a Christian chosen by God who obeys His command to go and tell another group of people the good news of Jesus. Missionaries are called to share the gospel because there may not be another Christian presence. All people need to hear the gospel to have an opportunity to trust in Jesus.
- **God had a plan for Paul's life even when he suffered. How can this truth encourage you when you face hard times?** We are loved by God and He always wants what is best for us. Sometimes challenging times make us run to God more and help us trust Him in ways we never could without the challenges. God is with us and gives us courage, like He did for Paul, when we have hardships.



## KEY PASSAGE

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud John 3:17 together.

**Paul shared the good news of Jesus, even when it was hard! He knew that everyone needs to hear the gospel because Jesus can save anyone who trusts in Him.**

Repeat the verse over and over with the kids. Each time using a different voice style: Fast, slow, whisper, loud, robot voice, grumpy voice, happy voice, etc. Repeat as time allows.



## CHOSEN

Lead kids to sit in a large circle. Explain while they close their eyes, you will tap one kid on the head to perform a mission. Assign the mission by whispering it in the kid's ear. Consider choosing one of the following missions: turn off the lights, place a ball in the middle of the circle, take off your shoes, move to a different spot in the room, etc. Tell kids when they open their eyes, they need to determine what the kid's mission was. Offer hints if kids are unable to determine it right away. Continue playing, choosing different kids for a new mission each round.

**When kids were chosen, they had a specific mission assigned to them. Today, we learned how Paul was chosen for a specific mission by God. Paul was called to be a missionary, traveling to many cities while preaching the good news of Jesus.**



**Key Passage:** *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17*



**Big Picture Question:** *Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus can be forgiven of their sins and be right with God.*



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.  
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.