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Bible Stories for Juniors

# bibletime

## STORY 1: Paul (Saul) at Antioch.



Many years have passed since Saul (who is also called Paul) met the Lord Jesus. He has now gone back to the city where he had been born.

**Q:** Write its name, using a mirror, to read the mirror-writing.

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In the meantime, the good news about the Lord Jesus was spreading and God's church was growing. Some believers had gone to live in a city called Antioch. There, they were able to tell the good news to people who had never heard it before. Many people believed in the Lord Jesus.

**Q:** Fill in the missing words to tell what happened.

Some believers went to live in A \_\_\_\_\_ .  
They told the people there about the L \_\_\_\_\_ J \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Many people b\_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

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Soon the church at Jerusalem heard about the great things that were happening in Antioch. The believers there were so excited that they decided to send someone straight away to find out more. They chose a man called Barnabas.



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Barnabas was very pleased when he got to Antioch. Yes - it was true! There were many new believers! Barnabas did all he could to teach the believers and to encourage them to love the Lord Jesus.

**Q:** Whom did the church in Jerusalem send to Antioch? Circle the answer.

Stephen      Saul      Barnabas      Philip

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Barnabas was so busy at Antioch that he needed a helper. God reminded him of Saul, whom he had got to know some years before. Off he went to Tarsus and found Saul and brought him back to Antioch.

**Q:** Whom did Barnabas get to help him at Antioch? Circle the answer.

Philip      Saul      Stephen      John

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Barnabas and Saul spent the next year in Antioch, teaching the believers there. During that time, the believers in Jesus Christ were first called "Christians".

The name 'christian' means someone who belongs to Christ.

**Q:** How long did they spend in Antioch? Circle the answer.

1 year      10 years      1 month      3 years

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Finally, Barnabas and Saul left Antioch for Jerusalem. Antioch was an important starting place for Saul. Here he began his work as a missionary - the work that God had planned for him.

God still uses those who belong to Him in His work. They can help to spread His message to others.

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**Q:** Find these 4 names from this story in the Word Search. Draw a line through the words.

They are hidden across or down.

Jerusalem

Tarsus

Saul

Barnabas

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## STORY 2: Paul (Saul) in Cyprus.



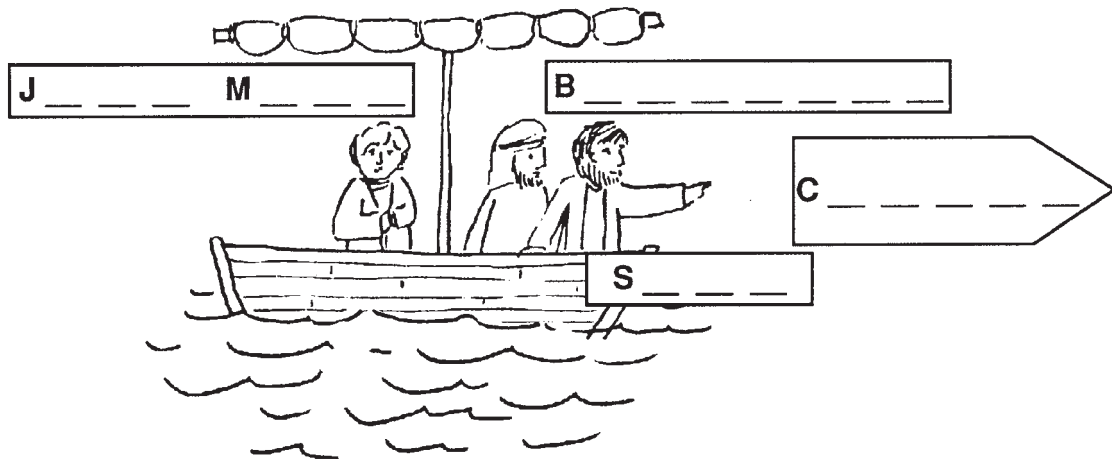
**READ:**  
Acts 13: 1-12



**KEY VERSE:**  
Matthew 28: 19  
*Ask someone to help you find this verse*

One day the Christians in Antioch were gathered together. Among them were Barnabas and Saul. The Holy Spirit made it clear to the other leaders that Barnabas and Saul were to do a special work for God. So after praying about it, Barnabas, Saul and John Mark, a young nephew of Barnabas, set off in a boat for Cyprus.

**Q:** Name the three men who went on the boat journey and fill in where they were going.

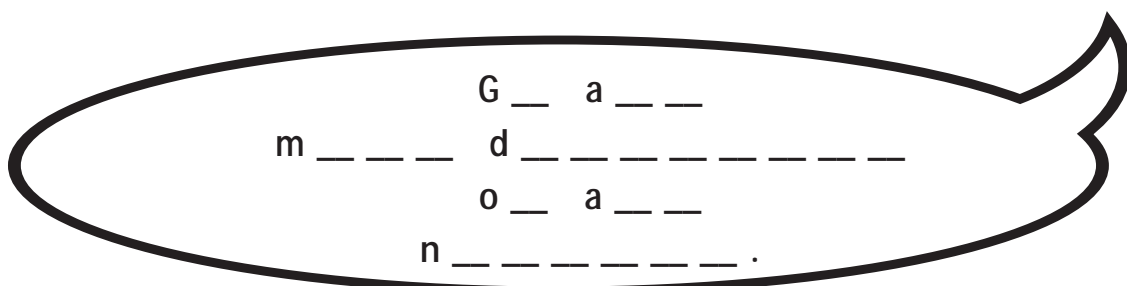


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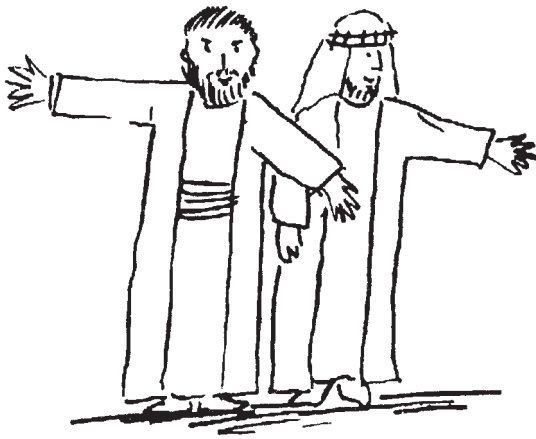
These men were obeying the Lord Jesus who had said, "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Jesus wanted the good news about Himself to reach every land. Now it was being taken to an island across the sea.

**Q:** Fill in the missing letters in the speech bubble to remind you of the command the Lord Jesus had given.



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When they arrived, they travelled around the island, preaching the good news.

At a place called Paphos they met a magician who worked for the governor of Cyprus. When the governor heard of Barnabas and Saul, he was very keen to meet them because he wanted to hear the Word of God. The governor listened carefully but Elymas, the magician, tried to stop him from believing.

Saul knew that the magician was doing the devil's work. Saul, who was full of the Holy Spirit's power, looked straight at the magician. With firmness he told him that he was doing evil and that the Lord would make him blind. No sooner had Saul spoken than Elymas did become blind! He groped around, trying to find someone to lead him.

**Q:** Join each name to what each person did.

Elymas, the magician

wanted to listen to God's Word.

The governor

did not want to believe.

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**Q:** What happened to Elymas? Cross out the wrong answers.

He could not hear.

He could not walk.

He could not see.

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From that time, the Bible changes Saul's name to Paul. Paul was able to do this miracle because God's power was at work within him. Now the governor had seen the greatness of God's power. All that he had seen and heard helped him make the right choice - to believe in the Lord Jesus.



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## STORY 3: Paul meets Lydia.



**READ:**  
Acts 16: 6-15



**KEY VERSE:**  
Acts 2: 21  
*Ask someone to help you find this verse*



Perhaps you have visited another country for your holidays. Maybe you have crossed the border between two countries. Paul and his two friends, Silas and Timothy, travelled many miles, going from country to country. Because they were doing God's work, the Holy Spirit showed them exactly where God wanted them to go. No matter where they went, there were lots of people who needed to hear the good news about the Lord Jesus.

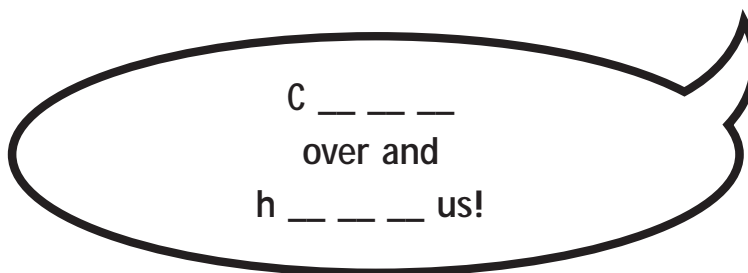
**Q:** Who were Paul's two friends?

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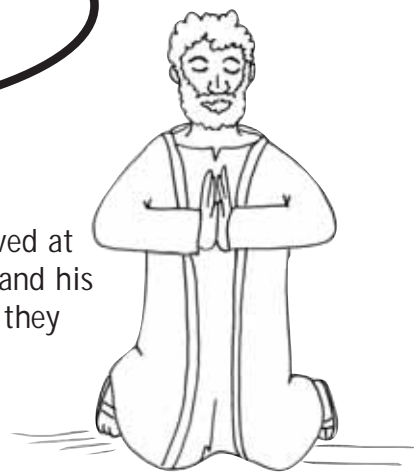
Eventually they arrived at a seaside town. That night, Paul had a special kind of dream in which a man from Macedonia (Greece) stood and pleaded with Paul to come over and help the people there. Paul knew that this was God's way of making it clear where they should go next.

**Q:** Fill in the message that the man from Macedonia gave Paul.



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Quickly they found a ship going there. Soon they arrived at a large city called Philippi. On the Sabbath day, Paul and his friends went outside the city to the river bank. There they found some ladies who had come to pray.



One of them was called Lydia. She had believed in God for a long time but had never heard how God's Son, the Lord Jesus, had come from Heaven and died on the cross so that she could be saved from her sin.

**Q: Fill in the letters on the Word Grid.**

1. Paul travelled to the large city of .....
2. On the Sabbath day they went outside the .....
3. Lydia believed in .....
4. The ladies were beside the .....
5. They had come to .....

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4				I				
5				A				

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Lydia listened carefully to all Paul said. Although it was the first time she had heard the message, Lydia knew in her heart that it was true. That day she became a believer in the Lord Jesus. She was so glad that Paul had come to her city.

Lydia's family became Christians too. After Lydia and her family were baptised, she invited Paul and his friends to come and stay in her house.

**Q: Put a (✓) or a (x) in the box after these sentences.**

Lydia's family became Christians too.

Lydia invited Paul and his friends to stay in her home.

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When Paul crossed over to Greece, he brought the good news to Europe for the very first time. This story reminds us that all kinds of people can be saved, and so become Christians. It doesn't matter who they are or where they live! That means you too!

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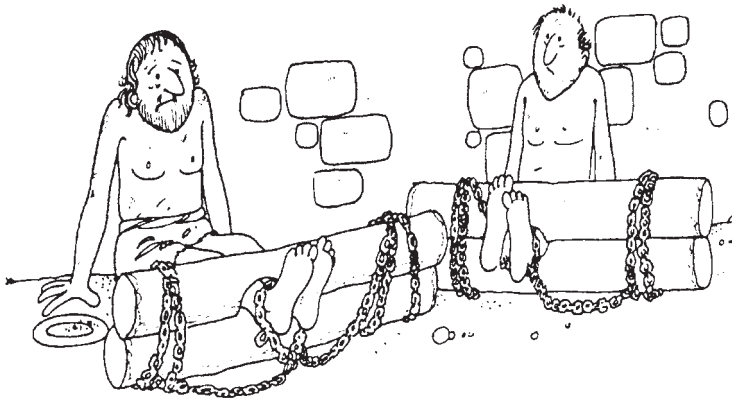
## STORY 4: Paul and Silas in jail.



**READ:**  
Acts 16: 16-34



**KEY VERSE:**  
Acts 16: 31  
*Ask someone to help you find this verse*



I wonder if you've ever ended up in trouble when you were doing your best to be helpful? That's what happened to Paul and Silas.

One day in Philippi, they helped a slave girl, but her owners became very angry.

They dragged Paul and Silas to the market place and told lies about them.

After a dreadful beating, they were thrown into jail. There the jailer left them, chained up with their feet locked in heavy blocks of wood called stocks.

If all of that happened to you, you probably wouldn't be feeling very cheerful! But at midnight, the other prisoners could hear Paul and Silas praying and singing hymns to God. Even though their backs were sore from the beating they had received, they still were able to praise God.

**Q:** Draw a line linking the beginning of each sentence with the correct ending. (Use a different colour for each one!)

- Paul and Silas
- They were given
- They were thrown
- At mid-night

- a dreadful beating.
- they were singing.
- helped a slave girl.
- into jail.

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Suddenly there was another sound. Everything rattled and shook - doors opened and chains fell off. It was an earthquake!

At once the jailer awoke, jumped up and noticed all the doors were open. That was the worst thing that could ever happen - all the prisoners would escape and he would be blamed! He felt so worried that he took his sword and was just about to kill himself.