

# ON YOUR FEET

Paul, Barnabas, and a  
Man Born Lame  
Acts 13:1–3; 14:8–18  
AD 47

## OVERVIEW

### BIBLE TRUTH

Our God is the one true God.

### BIBLE VERSE

Jesus Christ . . . is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20

### LEARNER GOAL

I know God is the one true God, and He wants everyone to be saved.

### LAW & GOSPEL

In our sinful world, I fail to recognize the true God or His followers. **God reveals Himself to me and the world in Word and Sacrament.**

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

The Holy Spirit leads the Church at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas on a momentous missionary journey. In Lystra, they heal a man who had never been able to walk. The people who see this think Paul and Barnabas are gods come down to earth, and they attempt to offer sacrifices to them. In grief, Paul and Barnabas tear their clothes and rush into the crowd, barely preventing them from making the offerings.

## LESSON PREP

**BASIC** Read the Bible text and notes in *The Lutheran Study Bible*.

**MORE TIME** Read “Paul’s First Missionary Journey” in *Know the Bible Now*, pp. 324–25 (CPH, 2016).

**IN DEPTH** Review the doctrine of the Trinity in *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation* (CPH, 2017), questions 2–3, and 109–13.

## SUPPLY LIST

### FOR THIS LESSON

- ☐ Blocks & toy vehicles
- ☐ Material pieces, old passports, suitcases, Bible storybooks & items depicting different cultures
- ☐ Globe (preferably inflatable or pillow) & picture of an idol
- ☐ Rice pudding, tortillas with sugar & cinnamon, or another ethnic food
- ☐ Paper grocery bags, yarn & decorating supplies

### FOR EVERY LESSON

- ☐ Bible, songbook & classroom supplies
- ☐ Copies of *Discover Leaflet*, stickers & music downloads
- ☐ Supplies for bonus activities
- ☐ [cph.org/digitalcontent](http://cph.org/digitalcontent)



#### LEADER NOTE

Greet each child and show the children where to put their offerings. Direct them to an activity that will connect what they know to what they will learn. If class time is short, omit these and start with Jesus Time.



#### LEADER NOTE

Sing one or more of the suggested songs.



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Remember to show the children your Bible before you tell the Bible story. Remind them the Bible is the most important book of all because it is God's true words for us. It tells us everything we need to know about God and His Son, Jesus.



#### BONUS ACTIVITY

Use "I Can Tell" to review the story with a rhyme and apply its message with a song.

# LAUNCH

## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

**TRANSPORTATION** Set out toy vehicles (cars, trucks, boats, planes) and blocks for the children to play with. Have them pretend they are going on trips. Talk about different ways people travel to tell others about Jesus. Say, **Today you'll hear how Paul and Barnabas traveled to tell people about Jesus.**

**DRAMATIC PLAY** Set out patterned material, old passports, suitcases, Bible storybooks, and items depicting different cultures (e.g., fans, shoes, hats, picture books). Set out chairs in rows to look like seats on a plane or train. Have the children pretend they are missionaries traveling to faraway places to tell about Jesus.

## JESUS TIME

**SING** "Good Morning, Dear Jesus" (digital resource center) or "I Like to Be in Sunday School" (*Little Ones Sing Praise*, p. 11)

**SAY** I'm glad to see all of you here today to learn about God and how much He loves us. Does God just love you? No, He loves everyone in the world. He wants everyone to learn about Jesus and believe in Him. He gives us pastors and teachers and missionaries to tell about Jesus.

**PRAY** Thank You,\* Jesus,\* for loving us\* and all the boys and girls in the world.\* Thank You\* for our pastor\* and teacher\* and missionaries\* who go to faraway places\* to tell others about You.\* Amen.\*

# LEARN

## INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Show a globe, preferably a fun one like an inflatable globe or pillow globe (available online). Say, **This is a globe. A globe is a kind of picture of the whole world! There are lots and lots of people in the world. God wants all of the people in the world to be saved from sin. But many people don't believe in Jesus as their Savior because no one has told them.** Show a picture of an idol (e.g., Buddha, golden calf, wood or stone idols). Some people even believe in pretend gods like these. They think these pretend gods, called idols, can help them. **What do you think? Could these things help you? No way! They can't help us because they aren't real. There is only one true God, the God we learn about in the Bible, who loves us and saved us.**

**But how will people around our world (point to globe) learn about God?** Let the children offer answers (e.g., phone them, write letters, go tell them). **God calls special helpers to be missionaries. Some missionaries talk to people in our own neighborhoods. Some missionaries start new churches. Some missionaries learn a new language and go to faraway countries to tell about Jesus. Today we'll hear about Paul and Barnabas. God called them to be missionaries and tell people about Jesus. Let's listen and find out what they said and did.**

## TELL THE BIBLE STORY

Tell the Bible story in your own words, using the *Discover Leaflet* as a guide.

## SAY THE BIBLE VERSE

Say, **The people tried to worship Paul and Barnabas as gods! But Paul stopped them. He told them our God is the only true God. He sent Jesus to be the Savior of all. He alone is worthy of our worship. The Bible tells us this too. It says, "Jesus Christ . . . is the true God and eternal life"**(1 John 5:20). Say verse together.

# LIVE

## DISCOVER LESSON TRUTHS

Separate each *Discover Leaflet* into two pages. Send the first page home with each child, or put the page into a purchased binder. Hand out the second page, stickers, and crayons.

**SIDE 1** Review the story as the children color the lame man and add a wreath sticker.

**SIDE 2** Say, **Jesus showed how much He loves us by dying on the cross to take away our sins. This is the best news ever. It is the news that God wanted Paul and Barnabas to tell others. God wants everyone to know this Good News.** Point to the children on the page. **Pretend these children are two friends at school. Have the children color the boy and girl. Ask, Who might tell these children about Jesus? Who tells you? Yes, pastors and teachers tell us about Jesus. Parents and grandparents help us learn about Jesus, too, when they read Bible stories to us and take us to church. Accept other appropriate answers. Circle the people who tell us about Jesus.**

**God gives us faith through His Word and Baptism and makes us His children. God helps us tell others about Jesus too. Who might these children tell about Jesus? Who might you tell? Draw crosses by the people you can tell about Jesus. What can you tell them (Jesus loves you, Jesus is my friend, will you come to church with me?)**

**There are lots more people than this who need to know about Jesus. Who will tell them? Let the children suggest answers. Our church sends missionaries to tell people faraway about Jesus. We want people everywhere to know that Jesus loves them and died for the sins of all people. How can we help missionaries do this job? Accept answers. Help the children see that some ways we can help include praying for them, giving offerings, and sending them Bibles or Jesus books.**

## ENGAGE IN ACTIVE LEARNING

Take time to reinforce lesson truths with one or more of these active-learning options. Turn to “Active Learning” on the back page for instructions to do the activities below.

### □ MOVE

Have the children sing and do the actions in this rhyme.

### □ SNACK

Serve ethnic foods.

### □ CREATE

Make ponchos.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

Do the children understand that only the true God has power to heal? Ask, **Who healed the lame man? How were they able to do this? Paul and Barnabas went many places to tell about Jesus. What do we call people who do this?** Review how God wants people everywhere to hear about Jesus and gives us pastors, teachers, missionaries, and others to do this. Ask the children how they can do this too.

# LEAVE

**SING** “Father, Hear My Prayer” (digital resource center) or “I Can Tell” (*Little Ones Sing Praise*, p. 99)

**SAY** Our God is the true God. He loves all people and wants them to know that He sent Jesus to save us from sin. He gives us pastors and teachers and missionaries and others to teach people about Jesus. He helps us tell others too.

**PRAY** Dear Jesus, thank You for pastors and missionaries and others who teach us about You. Thank You for saving us from our sins. Help us to tell this Good News to others too. Amen.



### CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus Christ is the one true God. He is the way, the truth, and the life, the only way to heaven.



### BONUS ACTIVITY

Use “Buddy Talk” to talk about supporting missionary work and plant the seeds for thinking about being a church worker. If possible, have Buddy show pictures or items from the missionary field too.



### BONUS ACTIVITY

Make a “Trinity Craft” to teach about our triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the one true God.

## ACTIVE LEARNING

### □ MOVE

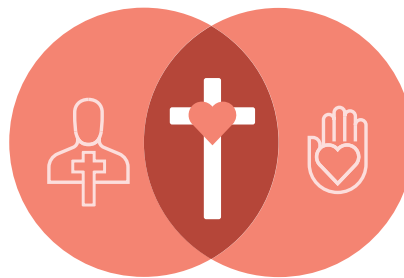
Sing “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (*Little Ones Sing Praise*, p. 94). Say, **Here are five children who all need to know** (*hold up five fingers*) **that Jesus, our Savior, loves each of them so** (*hug self*). **You can tell Louis the story so true** (*point to index finger*) **that God loves us all; He loves me and you** (*bend index finger down*). **Tell it to Lila; she did something bad** (*point to middle finger*). **Jesus forgives her and now she is glad** (*bend finger down*). **José is lonely and needs a good friend** (*point to ring finger*). **Tell him of Jesus, whose love has no end** (*bend finger down*). **Next, tell Bella, so she will know too** (*point to pinkie*). **Salvation through Jesus is all very true** (*bend finger down*). **Don’t forget to tell your family; they are so dear** (*make thumbs up*). **Share Jesus’ forgiveness to give them great cheer** (*close fist*). **Let’s raise them again and tell everyone!** (*Wiggle all fingers.*)

### □ SNACK

Serve rice pudding, tortillas with sugar and cinnamon, or another ethnic food. Talk about what people around the world eat.

### □ CREATE

Make ponchos: cut a hole in the bottom of a paper bag for a child’s head to fit through. Cut slits up both sides of the bag. Give children markers and stickers of crosses and hearts to decorate their ponchos. They can also glue on felt, fabric, yarn, and construction-paper shapes and add yarn or store-bought fringe to the bottom. Tell children that people in South America wear ponchos to keep warm. God loves people all over the world. He gives us pastors and missionaries to tell them about Jesus.



## CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

### IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God reveals Himself to me in the Word and Sacraments.

### CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can trust God to keep me in His Word.

## GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

### ADULT

I can examine the text to see how Paul and Barnabas reveal that our God is the one true God, and I can apply that understanding to my own life.

### YOUTH

I can share the truth that our God is the one true God.

### ELEMENTARY

I understand that God is the one and only true God.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God is the one true God, and He wants everyone to be saved.

## ★ BONUS ACTIVITIES

### I CAN TELL

10 minutes

Have the children copy your actions in this rhyme. Say, **Paul and Barnabas went here and there.** (*Point right and left.*)

**They told people everywhere.** (*Point in a circle.*)

**They said, “Jesus died to take away your sins.”**

(*Make sign of cross.*)

**All who believe in Him will live in heaven someday!** (*Clap.*)

Sing “I Can Tell” (*Little Ones Sing Praise*, p. 99). Have the children name someone they can tell.

### BUDDY TALK

15 minutes

Buddy says he wants to help missionaries tell about Jesus but doesn’t know how. Let the children give ideas. Talk about how we can pray for them, give offerings to help with their work, donate Bibles or Sunday School materials, send cards or letters to tell them we care and are praying for them, send care packages to show God’s love. Buddy says he wants to be a missionary when he grows up. Talk about being a church worker and how God might call the children to do that. Say, **We can tell about Jesus even now.** Discuss how.

### TRINITY CRAFT

15 minutes

Glue three jumbo craft sticks together to make a triangle. Say, **Our God is the one true God. He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.** Give the children bonus stickers for the points. Say, **God the Father made us and gives us what we need. God’s Son, Jesus, paid for our sins on the cross so we can be forgiven and live with Him forever. God the Holy Spirit gives us faith through God’s Word and Baptism and makes us God’s children.** Tie yarn at top for hanging. Use craft to tell what we believe about God.