

2024 - Family Devo

June 16 - a

READ: Acts 13:1-12

Main Idea: The Spirit tells the Christians at Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey. When they are in Salamis they meet a local government official who wants to hear about Jesus. When his assistant tried to turn the official away from hearing and believing, he is struck with blindness. His own greed and jealousy for trying to keep his boss from seeing the truth, caused him to be unable temporarily to see anything.

DISCUSS

Children: Why do you think the Holy Spirit chose Saul and Barnabas for this mission? Sometimes when we can't see something we wonder if it is real. We cannot see the Holy Spirit and yet He is very real. He is working in the lives of Christians so others can see the Power of God and come to know Jesus as Savior. We can't make other people blind, but we can try to teach Jesus to everyone around us.

Teen: Will Satan work to keep people from learning about God? Will God win? Has there been a time when you were telling someone about Jesus and had your words undermined? If so, how did the Spirit help you continue the message? Will acting in greed, jealousy, deceit, and fraud bring about bad outcomes?

Adult: What do you think would happen in today's world if there was immediate repercussion for improper behaviors? Even if no one saw it, but there was a correction sent from God? Do you think the world would be a better, safer place? Would there be a need for prisons? Would people behave for love of the right or because they were afraid? Why do you think God gives us freewill to choose our path in life?

PRAY

MEMORIZE

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)
Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



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READ: Acts 13:13-33

Main Idea: Paul and Barnabas arrive at Antioch in Pisidia and on a Sabbath they gather with other Jews in their Synagogue. When Paul has a chance to speak, he talks about their Jewish history and God's master plan to save mankind through Jesus. Not only were there many who had witnessed the resurrection, but scripture had prophesied about Jesus all along.

DISCUSS

Children: Why do we read the Bible? To learn about Jesus. Why do we read the old Testament? To learn the history of what happened before Jesus was born. Paul was trying to show the Jews that the history was there, all they needed to do was read it and pay attention to what it said.

Teen: Paul reiterated the truth of the scriptures and how they pointed to Jesus. Why did Paul need to go through the history? Why is it so hard to let go of the old and welcome the new? Will our relationship with God be hindered if we are not willing to embrace all He has spoken to us?

Adult: The Jews had the history and the early writings which foretold the coming of the Messiah. It seems their hangup was on Jesus being the Messiah. List those things from the passage which point directly to Jesus as Messiah. Then list those things which prevented the Jews from seeing Jesus as Messiah (these may not be in the passage). What more do you think the Jews needed to recognize Jesus as Messiah? Why?

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