Paul and Barnabas Became Missionaries

**Let Me Tell You!**

Print the correct word in each blank.

The church in Antioch ______ for Saul and Barnabas.

Saul and Barnabas went to the island of ________.

Saul and Barnabas were ________.

The Bible also calls Saul by the name ________.

**UNIT VERSE**

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

ACTS 1:8 KJV

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**WORD BANK**

Paul

Cyprus

invite

witnesses

prayed

missionaries

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**What Is a Missionary?**

Oh no! All of the vowels fell out of the sentence! Find the missing vowels to learn what a missionary is.

M____ss____n____r____s____r____c____ll____d

by G____d t____l____n____th____r

gr____p ____f p____pl____ th____ g____d

n____ws ab____t J____s____s.

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**UNIT 3  SESSION 1**
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ACTS 13

When Saul, Barnabas, and other men came to the church at Antioch that day, they did not know it was a special day. While they worshiped and taught about Jesus, the Holy Spirit sent a message. “I have something special for Saul and Barnabas to do,” the Holy Spirit told the men. “Recognize them for this special work.” The men placed their hands on Saul and Barnabas as a blessing and sent them to tell others about Jesus.

Saul (who was also called Paul) and Barnabas took a boat to Cyprus and preached about Jesus in the synagogues. In Paphos they met a government leader who wanted to hear what they were teaching, but a magician named Elymas did not want the leader to hear. Elymas made it difficult for Paul to teach. Paul stared right at the evil man and said, “You are changing God’s words. You are evil. God will make you blind for a time because of this.” Immediately, everything was dark for Elymas. When the official saw it, he was amazed by God’s power and believed what Paul and Barnabas said about God.

Paul and Barnabas continued traveling. One day they listened as God’s Word was read in the synagogue. Then the church leaders invited them to speak. Paul reviewed Jewish history with them. He reminded the people how God worked when they were in Egypt and in the desert. God gave them good land and judges to help them know what to do. And He gave them a great king named David.

Paul explained that John the Baptist preached about the One who was coming. This was Jesus, a descendant of King David. Paul showed them the Scriptures about Jesus and taught about Jesus’ death and resurrection.

On the next Sabbath day, Paul and Barnabas returned to the synagogue to preach. This time even more people showed up to hear. This made some Jewish leaders jealous and caused problems for Paul and Barnabas.

“Since you reject what we say,” Paul said, “we will share God’s message with the Gentiles, who are not Jews.” The Gentiles were excited to hear about Jesus. Many people believed in Jesus, and the good news spread throughout the whole area.

WEIGHTY BIblL VERSE: Acts 13:2

LIFE POINT: God chooses some people to go to other places and tell about Jesus.

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