1st – 5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: Paul's First Journey **Bible Passage:** Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-28

Main Point: The Holy Spirit sent Paul and Barnabas to tell Jews

and Gentiles about Jesus. **Key Passage:** Acts 1:8

Big Picture Question: How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

Christ Connection: Paul and Barnabas faced many people who rejected the good news about Jesus. But God had a plan for Paul to share the gospel with Gentiles, no matter what troubles Paul faced. Many believed in Jesus. The church grew and the gospel was shared so that people all over the world could be saved from their sin by trusting in

Jesus as Lord and Savior.



Materials: Cup, 2 small balls, city names page (Antioch, Lystra, Iconium)
Use two small balls as basketballs and a cup as a basketball hoop. Put the three different cities in Paul and Barnabas' first journey in various locations on the table. Put the cup near one of the cities.

Divide the group into 2 teams. Team 1 will have two tries to make a basket at the first city. Then give Team 2 a chance. When a team makes a basket they move to the next city. The first team to make a basket in all 3 cities wins!

Paul and Barnabas traveled around to places like Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. They shared the gospel, many people believed in Jesus, and the church grew. How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.



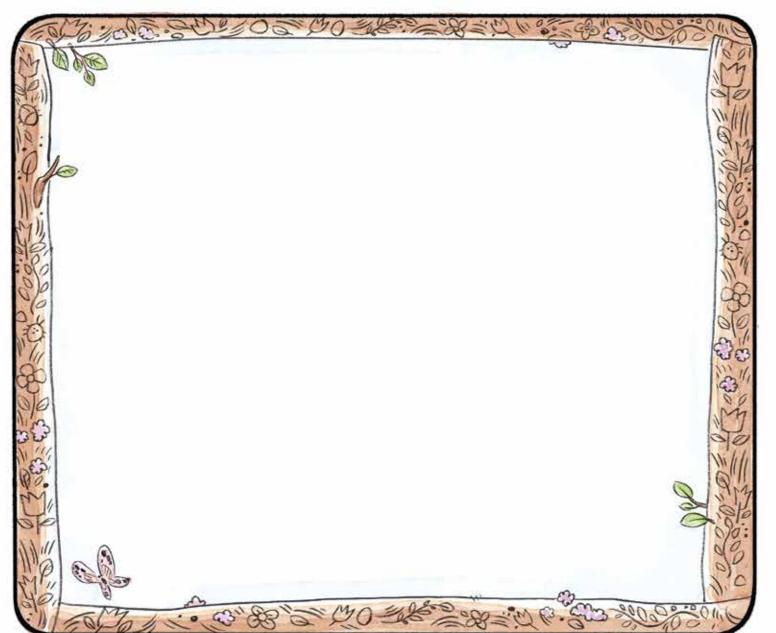






Go and Grow

INSTRUCTIONS: List or draw pictures of as many things that grow as you can think of.





KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

• How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

BIBLE STORY: PAUL'S FIRST JOURNEY

- The Holy Spirit sent Paul and Barnabas to tell Jews and Gentiles about Jesus.
- The people in Lystra thought they were Greek gods.
- Paul and Barnabas told the people they were just men.
- Paul and Barnabas encouraged the church.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Whose power let Paul heal people?
- How did Paul and Barnabas react to the people trying to worship them?
- Why did they say it was necessary for Jesus' followers to go through hardships?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

 Use mason jars and potting soil to make an indoor herb garden with your kids. Discuss how people grow spiritually.

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