



STUDENT LESSONS

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*I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.*

John 8:12

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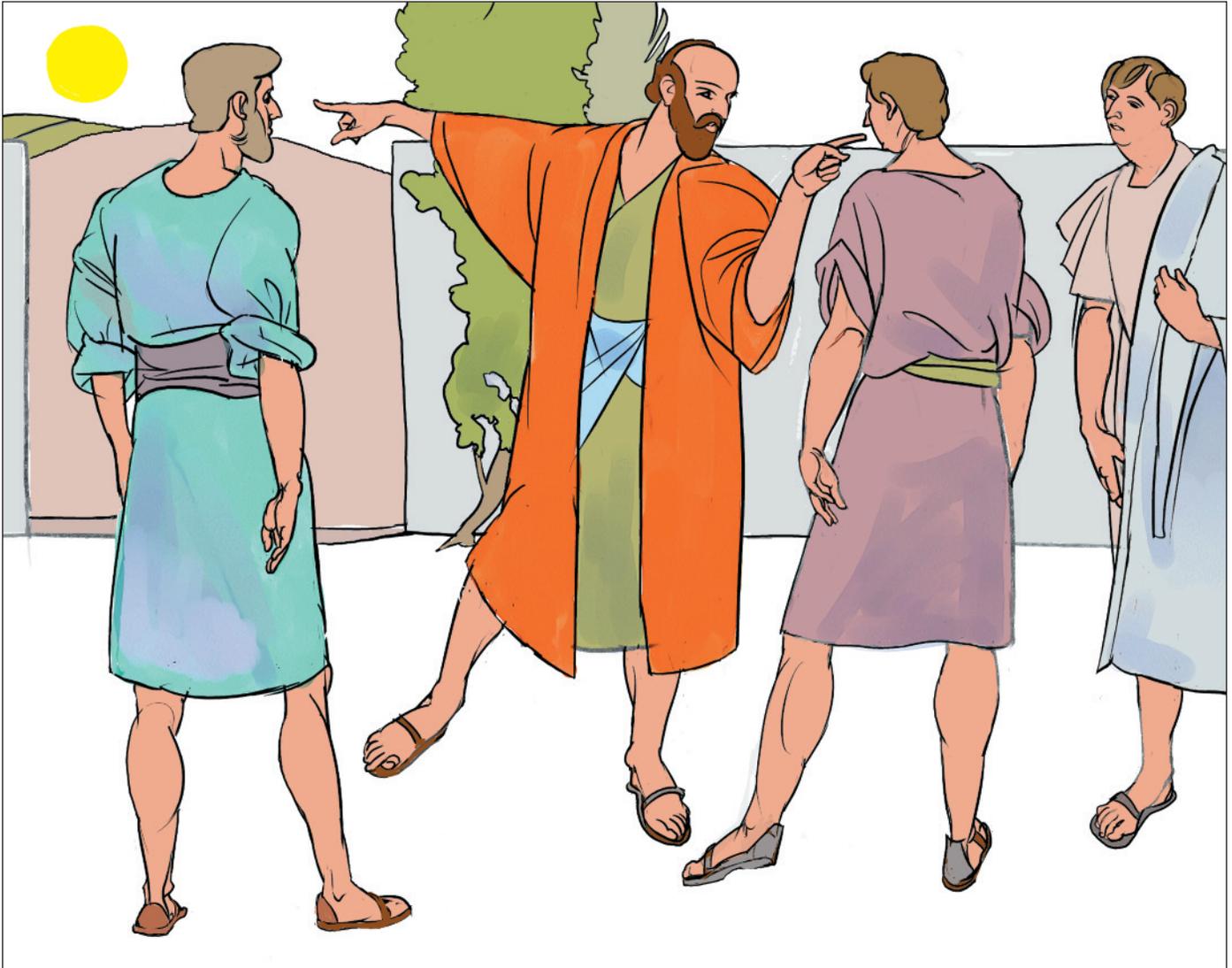
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Acts 13:1-12



Before Jesus went back to heaven, he told his followers to keep telling others about him. His followers did preach the good news of Jesus, and many people believed in him as the Savior. One of the men God chose to preach his Word was Paul.

Sometimes God chose other men to help Paul preach God's Word. One of Paul's helpers was a man named Barnabas. Paul and Barnabas were living in a big city, telling people about God's love and forgiveness. One day during a worship service, God the Holy Spirit sent a special message to the believers, "Set apart Paul and Barnabas for the work

I have called them to do." So the believers did as God said.

They sent both Paul and Barnabas on their way. The two missionaries got into a boat and sailed to Cyprus. There they told many people the Word of God.

The man who ruled the people of Cyprus heard that Paul and Barnabas had come. This man was called the governor of Cyprus. The governor said, "I want Paul and Barnabas to come to see me so I can hear the Word of God." The governor did not yet believe in the Lord.

Paul and Barnabas went to see the governor. They told him, “Jesus is the Savior who died to take away the sins of all people.” What good news the governor was hearing!

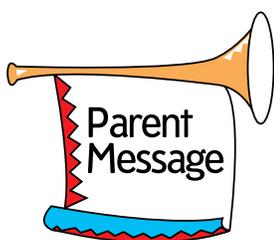
But there was a man who worked for the governor who did not love God. This man was Elymas. He had been trying to teach the governor to follow the evil tricks and ideas of the devil. Elymas said, “Do not listen to Paul and Barnabas. Listen to me.”

Elymas worked very hard trying to keep the governor from believing God’s Word. But God

helped Paul. God made him strong and brave to tell Elymas, “You are doing the work of the devil! It is a sin to turn people away from God. You are going to become blind.”

Suddenly, Elymas could not see! God had made him blind. Elymas held out his hands, trying to find someone to lead him and help him.

When the governor saw what happened, he was amazed! God brought him to faith through his Word. The governor now believed that Jesus was his Savior from sin.



The devil and Elymas vs. Paul, Barnabas, and the Lord. Both sides were strong, but the Lord’s power is always far greater than any other.

How do children think about the devil? Television often portrays him as a funny-looking person with horns, wearing a red suit and carrying a pitchfork. People laugh at such a picture. But the Bible gives us the true picture of Satan—the evil one with great power, someone who is full of tricks and uses them to try to lead us from God.

How do you present the devil to your child? First of all, stress the power of God. His power is so great that the power of Satan just does not compare. God made all things. There is no power greater than his. Stress also the love of God. God has saved us from our sins and will help us fight against the devil. Make it clear that the devil is never to be laughed at. He has one plan—to lead us away from God. But, above all, remind your child of the greatest weapon to fight the devil—God’s Word. Hear and study that Word regularly with your child.

God’s power gives us strength to share his saving Word. Teach your child the following words to the tune of “The Muffin Man.”

Oh, tell your friends and family too
That Jesus came to die for you.
Oh, tell them Jesus took away
The sins we do each day.

Family Activity

Make a witness necklace with your child. Take kernels of Indian corn or field corn. Soak them overnight in water. Using a needle and heavy thread, string the kernels together as a necklace. When you are half done, add a bright red bead. Then finish with more corn. Allow the necklace to dry. It should last for years. When your child is asked, “Why is there one red bead?” he can answer, “That reminds me of a drop of Jesus’ blood. He died to take away all my sins.”



Help your child learn these words from the Bible:

Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the
Maker of heaven and earth.