

Teaching the Gospel in Other Countries

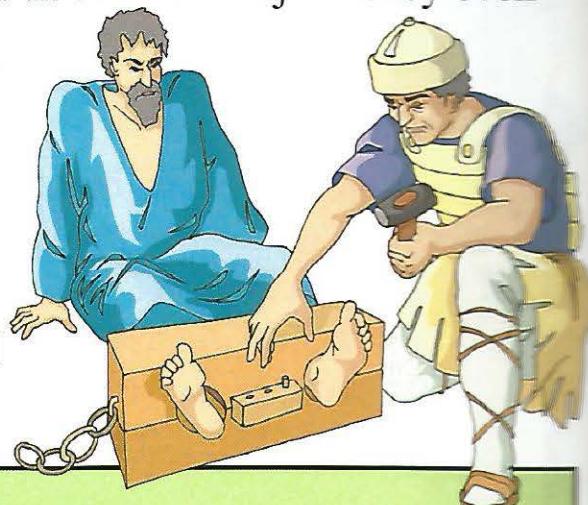
After Paul had been home for a while from his trip, he wanted to go back and visit the people he had taught in the other countries. He wanted to help make them stronger Christians.

True or False?

Paul wanted to go on another preaching trip because he needed a vacation.

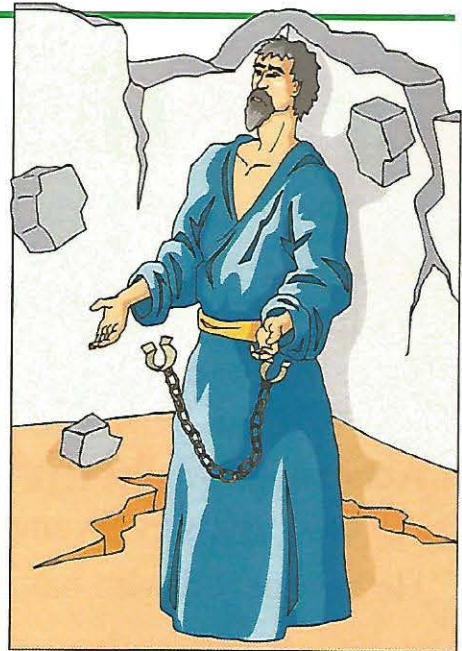
God sent Paul a vision. In the vision, a man from Macedonia said, “Come over to Macedonia. Help us!” So Paul went to the city of Philippi, in Macedonia. Silas and Luke went with him. In Philippi, they found some women who met by the river to pray. One of the women was Lydia. Paul told Lydia all about Jesus. Then Lydia and the people from her house believed in Jesus and were baptized.

When the leaders of the city heard about Paul and Silas preaching, they were angry with them! They beat them and threw them in jail. They even put their feet in chains so they couldn’t escape. But Paul didn’t give up. That night, the jailer and the other prisoners heard something amazing. Did they hear Paul and Silas crying and complaining about being locked up? No! They heard Paul and Silas *praying and singing* to God while they were in that dark, dirty jail.



What did Paul and Silas do in jail that showed how much they loved and trusted God?

Then God had a surprise for them. And what a surprise it was! Suddenly there was a great earthquake. The jail door opened, and their chains came loose. The jailer knew that the leaders would have him killed if he let the prisoners get away. So he was just going to kill himself. But Paul stopped him. And not one prisoner left the jail! The jailer knew then that Paul and Silas were from God. Paul told him about Jesus. So the jailer and his family believed that Jesus was the Son of God. That very night, the jailer and the people in his house were baptized to have their sins washed away. And, later, the judges let Paul and his friends go.



Be ready to tell the class about the miracle that God sent while Paul and Silas were in jail.

**Who listened and learned about Jesus while Paul and Silas were in jail?
What did he do about it?**

Many bad things happened to Paul on his preaching trips. But Paul still loved others and wanted to get the gospel to them. He knew that his job was to teach people the good news about Jesus. And he kept on doing that, no matter what happened to him. So the church grew and grew and grew. Sometimes it's hard to love others and teach them about Jesus, but Paul did it. And we can do it, too!

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Memory Verses:

It's time to say your memory verses in Bible class without any help!
Have you been working on them?

Acts 10:34-35

"... God treats everyone the same.... He accepts people from every nation.
He accepts all who have respect for Him and do what is right."

Sailing Through the Bible Facts

What is the book of **Philemon** about?
(A runaway slave becomes a Christian)



Say **John 3:16** for your mother or daddy.
("For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." NASB)

On your **Bible map**, put your **pointer finger** on the city of Capernaum.