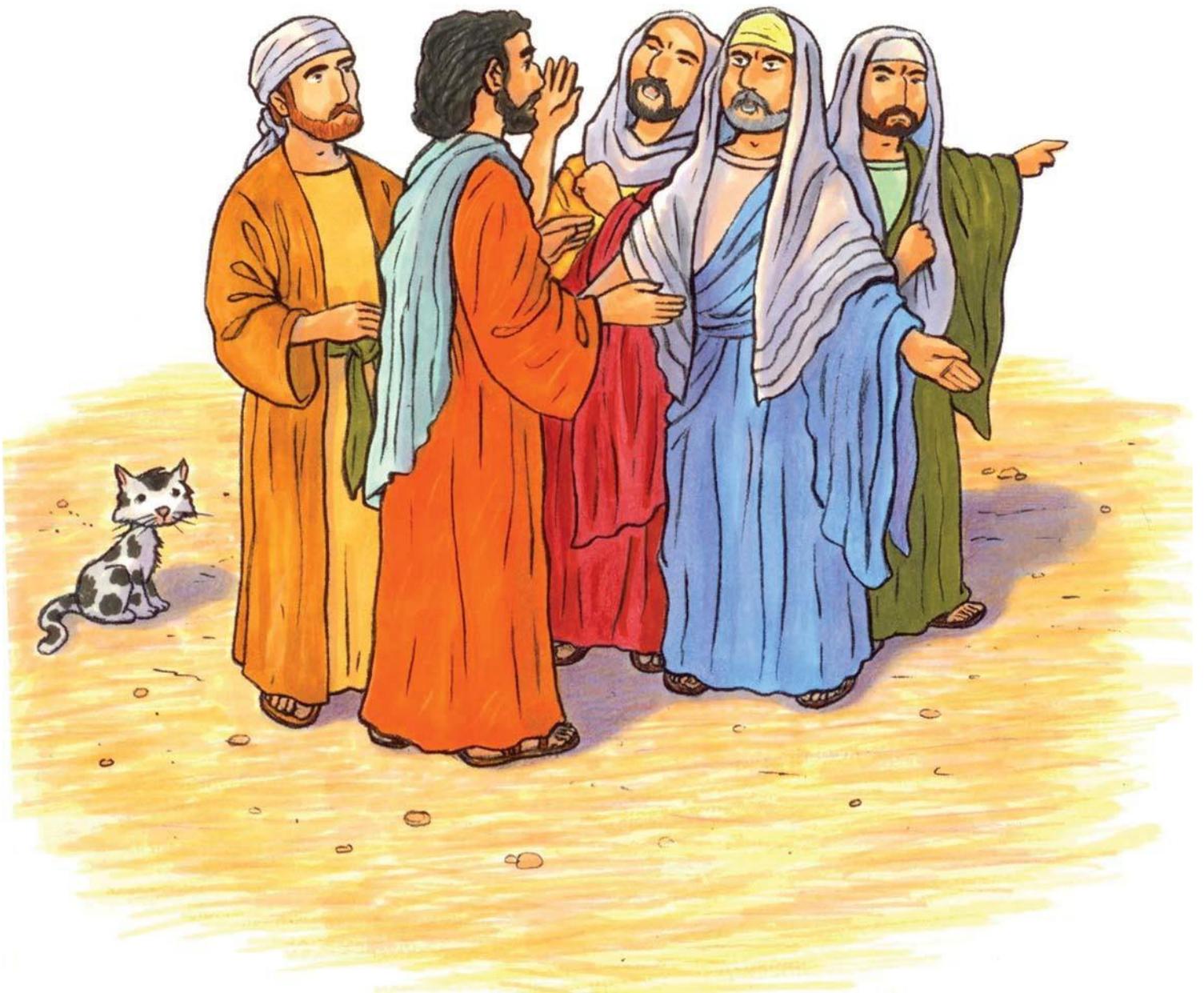


PAUL TESTIFIES TO THE GENTILES

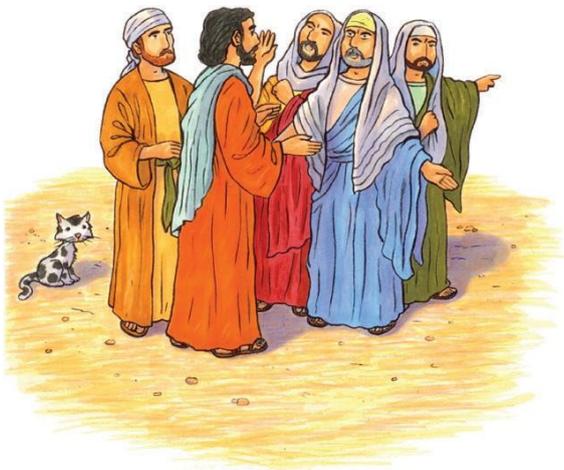
Acts 13:42-52



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| Learning Objectives | The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Lord called Paul and Barnabas to preach the gospel in far-off lands.■ God wants us to live the gospel and make it known to other people regardless of their background or where they live. |
| Bible Text | Acts 13:42–52 |

Paul Testifies to the Gentiles



As the Jews left the synagogue there were many Gentiles outside the building.

The Gentiles pleaded that they may also hear the same words preached to them the next Sabbath. Many of the Jews followed Paul and Barnabas. They told the Jews to continue living their lives in the grace of God.

On the next Sabbath day, the whole city came together to listen to Paul and Barnabas preach God's word.

When the Jews saw how many had gathered to hear Paul speak, they were jealous. They talked badly about what Paul said.

When Paul and Barnabas heard this, they said, "We first tried to speak to you about God's word. You did not accept what we said. Since you rejected it, we went and preached to the Gentiles. The Lord commanded us to do this."

When the Gentiles heard this they were happy and continued to glorify God's word.

As many as believed were selected to receive eternal life. Afterwards, the word of God spread throughout the region.

The Jews tried to turn the leaders of the city against Paul and Barnabas. They wanted Paul and Barnabas to be expelled from the city.

This did not discourage the disciples. They were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What is a synagogue? (A place where the Jewish gather on the Sabbath day to worship God)
- Why are the Jews jealous and talk badly about what Paul says?
(The Israelites perceive the Gentiles as unclean. They do not associate with them.)
- Why does Paul preach to the Gentiles? (God called him to preach the gospel to everyone.)

Have the children repeat...

- The Lord called Paul to preach the gospel in far-off lands.
- God wants us to live the gospel and make it known to other people.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- What elements of the gospel do you know?
(God has sent His Son to save us; Jesus wants us to love our neighbour; He died for our sins.)
- We talk about the gospel with others no matter what their background is or where they are from.

Repeat the Message

God wants us to preach the gospel to everyone.