

# LESSON 12

## PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

### OBJECTIVES

1. To learn about the main events of Paul's third missionary journey.
2. To learn about the methods God uses to advance the word of God.

### MEMORY VERSE

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak new tongues; [...] they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

(Mark 16:17-18b)

### PRAYER

1. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for gathering us on this Holy Sabbath day to worship You.
2. We are blessed to be Your people and to know Your precious word.
3. Lord, it is Your desire that the whole earth know about You. You want us to carry Your name to those who are lost and who do not yet know You.
4. Please give us the courage and spirit of the apostle Paul, who devoted his entire life to save souls.
5. May You guide us through today's lesson and help us apply its teachings to our lives.



### Overview

#### 1. In Ephesus

- God Works Signs and Miracles through Paul
- Copycats
- Out with the Old
- Paul and the Diana Worshipers
- The Man Who Fell Asleep

#### 2. Linking to the Ten Basic Doctrines—the Holy Bible

#### 3. Life Application—The Word of God Is Spread Afar

#### 4. Activity—Paul's Third Missionary Trip Crossword Puzzle



### Background Knowledge for Teachers

#### The Third Missionary Journey

Paul's third missionary journey was different from the first two. On the first two journeys, Paul reached into new areas where he preached the gospel and planted churches. On the third journey, Paul visited no new areas, but went to strengthen believers in cities that he had previously visited.

On the second missionary journey, the Holy Spirit directed Paul away from Asia (Ac 16:6) because God wanted him to spend most of his time in Europe (Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, Athens, etc.). On the third missionary journey, most of Paul's time was spent in Asia, in the city of Ephesus.

#### Diana of Ephesus

Diana, also known as Artemis, was the goddess of the hunt, the moon, and fertility. A large statue of Diana was in the great temple at Ephesus. That temple was one of the wonders of the ancient world. Supported by 127 pillars, each six stories tall, the edifice was about four times larger than the Parthenon in Athens. The religious and commercial life of Ephesus reflected the city's worship of this pagan deity.



## Reaching Out to Your Students

The apostle Paul understood that God had chosen him from the beginning to accomplish His good will. Galatians 1:15-16a reads, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles."

Such a concept should be instilled in our students from an early age. They need to understand how they were chosen to be God's special people and given God's laws for a special purpose, just as Paul was. This honorable status is not only to allow them to experience a good education, good circumstances and experiences, but it is so that they can equip themselves to devote their lives to being lights of the world and preaching the gospel. Our students should be reminded of this constantly because, as believers, we are God's ambassadors to deliver the message of the gospel to transform the spiritual destinies of the people of the world. Therefore, it is never too early to start.



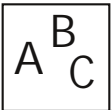
## Opener

5 Minutes

Bring an empty oyster shell and a simulated pearl to class. Pass each item around and let the class hold them. Explain to them that the pearl begins life as a tiny grain of sand caught in the oyster shell but eventually becomes a pearl.

In the same way, the word of God has the power to change us from our old sinful selves (the grain of sand) to someone who has the glory and image of Jesus Christ (the pearl).

Today, we will learn about how the gospel brought by Paul during his third missionary journey was able to transform a city that was filled with idol-worshippers, magicians, and sorcerers to a city filled with followers of Christ.



## Vocabulary

**superstitious:** a belief that certain things or events will bring good or bad luck

**resurrect:** to bring the dead back to life

**transformation:** a complete change in someone or something



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

After Paul spent some time in Antioch, he embarked on his third missionary journey. In this journey, Paul was to travel about 2700 miles. This is about the same as traveling from Los Angeles, California on the West Coast to Washington, D.C. on the East Coast. This journey was different from the first two. On the first two journeys, Paul went to new areas to spread the gospel. On this journey, Paul did not visit any new areas. Instead, he returned to the cities he had previously visited to encourage and strengthen the believers. In this journey, most of Paul's time was spent in Asia, in the city of Ephesus.

### In Ephesus

Paul came to Ephesus to find that the people in this city were very superstitious. They believed in magic and

witchcraft, and they worshipped idols and false gods. Paul came to this city with the message of the true and living God. During his three years stay here, several interesting things happened.

### 1. God Works Signs and Miracles through Paul

For three months, Paul went to the synagogue each Sabbath and told them about the Lord Jesus. Some remained hard-hearted, and they rejected Paul's message and spoke against the Lord. So, Paul and those who believed in the message decided to hold separate meetings in the school of Tyrannus instead. Tyrannus may have been a philosopher or the owner of the building. Many people came to hear Paul preach there. This continued for the next two years so that all who lived in Asia heard

about the gospel.

Jesus once said, "These signs will follow those who believe," (Mk 16:17) and true enough, God worked many amazing signs and miracles through Paul in Ephesus. What happened to the sick that had diseases? Read Acts 19:12.

These miracles were performed in an unusual way. Handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched Paul's body were brought to those who were sick or demon-possessed, and the diseases and evil spirits departed. This does not mean that the handkerchiefs or towels were magical or that Paul gave magical powers to the things that touched his body. It just meant that God can choose to heal people in different ways. But the most important thing was that God used these miracles to show that the message that Paul preached was from God. It also showed that the God that Paul preached was a loving and almighty God who could save them.

## 2. Copycats of Paul

When some of the Jews learned of how Paul cast out demons, they wanted to do the same. They traveled from town to town, making money by casting out demons. One such group was the seven sons of a chief priest called Sceva. Sceva's sons had learned that Paul cast out demons in the "name of Jesus," and they thought they could use this same formula. They thought that if they used Paul's "magic" formula, then the demons would come right out of people.

These "copycats" came to a man who was demon-possessed. How did they cast out the evil spirit? Read Acts 19:13-14. How did the evil spirit respond to the Jewish men? Read Acts 19:15-16. The evil spirit answered them saying, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

If Jesus had told this demon to come out, do you think it would have obeyed (ref. Mk 1:23-26)? [Allow the students to respond.] If Paul had told this demon to come out, do you think it would have obeyed (Acts 16:16-18)? Did the evil spirit obey these "copycats"? Why not? The reason why Paul could cast out demons was not because he used a "magic formula." Paul knew, loved, and served God, and God abided with him by giving him the power to cast out demons. Did these seven sons of Sceva love and serve the living God? No, they did not have a real, personal relationship with God. They were merely using the name of Jesus to cast out demons to make money.

What happened to these seven men as a result? Read Acts 19:16. They wanted to conquer the evil spirit, but instead the evil spirit conquered them! The man who was

possessed by this evil spirit leapt on them with a furious rage. He stripped them of their clothing, wounded them, and all seven of them ran out of the house in fear.

What happened as a result of this incident? What can we learn from this?

Read Acts 19:17. After this incident, the report of the sons of Sceva spread quickly throughout the area. The non-believers began to fear God and realized that the name of Jesus was the most powerful name and not one to be taken lightly or misused.

## 3. Out with the Old

Ephesus was a city where many people practiced magic. They possessed certain books, which were part of their old, superstitious life. But when they saw what happened to the sons of Sceva, they realized that God was indeed more powerful than Satan, and they began to confess their sinful practices.

What did they do with all these books (Acts 19:19)? They brought all their books together and burned them in the sight of all. Then they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

When a person comes to know the Lord, he may have certain possessions that he needs to get rid of. These things were part of his old life, but they are no longer part of his new life. These books were worth a great deal of money, but these believers wanted to destroy them and turn to worship the one true God.

To be a true Christian, we need to get rid of things that are not pleasing to God. Are there any of our possessions that we need to destroy? Bad music? A book or magazine that is not good? Or do we have a certain weakness in our character, such as pride, anger, or laziness, that we need to get rid of?

## 4. Paul and the Diana Worshipers

All these events caused the word of God to spread widely, and many people came to believe. But when the gospel prospers, Satan will use ways to oppose and hinder the work.

The people in Ephesus worshipped a goddess called Diana (also called Artemis). They built a great temple for Diana that was famous throughout the ancient world. Inside the temple was a statue or idol of Diana. The superstitious people of Ephesus thought that this image had fallen down from heaven (Acts 19:35).

Because the people of Ephesus were so religious and

superstitious, they loved to buy small statues and replicas of Diana made of silver. These were called "silver shrines" and were made by silversmiths. These little idols were copies of that great statue, which was found in the temple. As you can imagine, the silversmiths had a booming business selling these "silver shrines" (Acts 19:24). One of the silversmiths was called Demetrius. Demetrius earned a good living making and selling these shrines. So when Paul came into the city preaching the good news of the salvation, it caused great concern to the greedy silversmiths.

Many people believed his message and were being saved. Should a believer continue to buy these silver shrines? Were these idols a part of their old life or their new life? Should Christian people worship something that has been made by human hands (Acts 19:26)?

Do you think the silversmiths were thankful that Paul was telling the people about the true God of heaven? The more Paul preached, the fewer silver shrines were sold, and the silversmiths were furious. Let's read Acts 19:24-29 to find out what Demetrius did. He and the other silversmiths stirred up the people of the city, and a big crowd rushed into the great outside theater. This theater was similar to a football stadium, and it could hold 25,000 people! For about two hours, this large crowd was shouting something. What were the people shouting (Acts 19:34)? Finally, a city clerk was able to calm the crowd down and the uproar ceased. At this time, Paul decided it was best to leave the city.

Almost everywhere Paul went, people either got saved or they got angry! This is what happened at Ephesus. Some became believers while others greatly opposed the truth.

### 5. *The Man Who Fell Asleep*

After this, Paul stopped in the city of Troas, where he stayed for seven days. The night before Paul was to depart, the believers had come together to eat. Paul took the opportunity to encourage them with God's words. We

are not told when Paul started his sermon, but we are told that Paul preached for a very long time. Acts 20:7 tells us that he continued to speak until midnight.

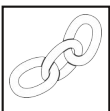
Among the believers who were listening to Paul preach was a young man called Eutychus. Where was Eutychus sitting during the sermon? What might be the reasons for his choice of seat? The room where Paul was preaching in was not only crowded, but also probably very warm because of the lamps that were burning. So, it's possible that Eutychus sat by the window to get some fresh air. Another reason why Eutychus chose to sit by the window could have been because he was not paying full attention to what Paul was saying. As a result, what happened to him? Eutychus fell asleep, fell down from the third story, and was found dead.

What did Paul do for this man? Read Acts 20:10, 12. Paul went downstairs, lay on him, and resurrected the dead young man. Paul then continued to eat and encourage them until daybreak, when he departed from Troas. When the believers found that the young man had been brought in alive, they were greatly comforted.

What lessons can we learn from Eutychus? [Allow students to respond.] Eutychus did not stay alert and awake. Instead of concentrating on what Paul was saying, he fell asleep and fell to his death. Eutychus was in physical danger because he chose an unsafe place to sit and did not listen attentively to the preacher. We may not put ourselves in physical danger, such as choosing to sit on a windowsill, but sometimes we can put ourselves in spiritual danger, just as Eutychus did. What are some spiritual dangers we might face? [Allow students to respond.] Like Eutychus, we may face great spiritual danger or fall if we do not listen attentively to God's words.

#### FOR TEACHERS

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students. Give them time to fill in the blanks, and then go over the answers as a class.



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

*2-5 Minutes*

The **Bible** is the word of God that can make us wise for salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus. It is the living word that will lead us to eternal life. Therefore, we must remember to read the Bible daily to keep the word of God in our hearts.



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Why did the sorcerers and magicians in Ephesus burn all their books on magic?** They realized that God is the one true God and that He is more powerful than Satan.
2. **What was the name of the man whom Paul raised from the dead?** Eutychus.
3. **On the third missionary trip, Paul spent two years in this city.** Troas.
4. **Why were the sons of Sceva unable to cast out the demon even though they used the name of Jesus?** They did not have a personal relationship with God. They only used the name of Jesus to make money.
5. **What signs and miracles did God perform through Paul?** Handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched Paul's body were brought to those who were sick or demon-possessed and the diseases and evil spirits departed.
6. **What was the name of the goddess worshipped by the people of Ephesus?** Diana/Artemis.
7. **Why did God perform these signs and miracles?** To prove that the gospel was true and that He is the one true living God.
8. **What was the name of the silversmith who started a riot in Ephesus?** Demetrius.



## Life Application

10 Minutes

### The Word of God Is Spread Afar

[Hand out the Life Application worksheet. Allow time for the students to fill in the blanks. Then, read each of the scenarios and review the discussion questions. Only the discussion questions are included in this section.]

God desires that all men be saved and come to know the truth (1 Tim 2:4). Without Jesus, everyone is lost. Our families, friends, and neighbors are lost. That is why Jesus wants us to preach the word of God throughout the whole earth. In the New Testament, we see that God used various ways to cause the seed of the gospel to spread afar.

#### 1. Through the Preaching of the Word

- a. Jesus walked through the cities of Israel preaching the word of God (Lk 4:14-15, 43).
- b. Paul spoke the word of God in the synagogues and in the school of Tyrannus and many came to believe (Acts 19:9-10).
- c. The twelve disciples were sent out to preach the kingdom of God (Lk 9:2).
- d. Philip went about preaching about the kingdom of God (Acts 8:5-6).

#### 2. Through Signs and Miracles

- a. When Sergius Paulus saw how Elymas the sorcerer was struck with blindness, he believed (Acts 13:8-12).
- b. When the people heard how Satan overpowered the sons of Sceva, many feared and came to know the Lord (Acts 19:14-17).
- c. Many people believed in the Lord Jesus after He raised Lazarus from the dead (Jn 11:43-45).
- d. The blind man believed after he was healed (Jn 9:1, 6-7, 35-38).

#### 3. Through Persecution

- a. When the believers of the early church were persecuted, those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word (Ac 8:4).
- b. Though Paul and Silas were in prison, the word of God reached the jailer and his family (Acts 16:22-24, 27-33).
- c. During his missionary trips, whenever Paul was persecuted in one city, he would go to another city and preach the gospel there (Acts 17:10, 17).

#### 4. Through Transformed Lives

- a. In the apostolic church, the believers loved each other, worshipped God daily, and ate together. When people saw this, they wanted to be part of the church and be saved (Acts 2:44-47).
- b. When the people of Ephesus believed and got rid of all their books on magic, the word of God grew mightily and many came to believe (Acts 19:18-20).

**Scenario 1**

1. **Why did Jemma's mom tell others about Jesus?** She felt the deep love of Jesus and wanted to repay the Lord in this way. She also understood the suffering that people who don't know Jesus face.
2. **Why was Jemma's mom not discouraged even when people didn't listen to her?** Jemma's mom knows that no matter what response she gets from the people she preaches to, she will continue to preach because she is doing God's will and pleasing God.
3. **What were the reasons why Jemma did not preach at first? Have you ever shared your faith with others? If not, what is stopping you?** Jemma was too nervous and felt that she would not know what to say.
4. **Describe Jemma's attempts to preach to Millie. What lessons can we learn from her?** Jemma found it very difficult, but she kept trying all day. When we have the heart to preach, God will give us the courage to do so.

**Scenario 2**

1. **What was Jack's life like before he came to know God?** Jack felt that his world was dark, lonely, and without love.
2. **What was the sign that God gave Jack?** God gave the Holy Spirit as a sign that He exists.
3. **After this experience, how did Jack's view of God change?** He believed that God is his heavenly Father who would take care of him.

**Scenario 3**

1. **How is the persecution the young sister faced the same as that faced by Paul and other characters in the Bible?** Satan uses the people and events around us to scare us from spreading the gospel. He may have people rebuke, hurt, or mock us.
2. **What can we learn from the way the young sister preached the gospel?** She was fearless even in times of persecution. She told her friends about God in the way she knew best, which was through Bible stories.
3. **What enabled the young sister to keep preaching despite persecution?** She had a desire to please God rather than men. She continued to share the gospel, even if it meant getting hurt, because it was God's will.

**Scenario 4**

1. **What things did Bro. Chen do that was not Christ-like?** He shifted the boundary line of his house, and he did not greet his neighbor.
2. **What did Bro. Chen do to cause his neighbor to change his mind about him?** He began to treat his neighbor nicely.
3. **Would our non-believing friends be able to tell that we are Christians from our behavior?** Allow students to answer.
4. **How should we behave before those who have yet to know Christ?** We should treat them with kindness, shine as lights before them, and put on the image of Christ.

**HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY**

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. True
5. False; the demon-possessed man overtook them, stripped them of their clothing, and wounded them.
6. True
7. True
8. Answers may vary.
9. Answers may vary.



## Activity

### Paul's Third Missionary Trip Crossword Puzzle

10-15 Minutes

**Objective:** To review Paul's third missionary trip.

**Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues provided below.**

#### Across

3. The goddess that the Ephesians worshipped (Acts 19:28).
4. The man who fell from the window (Acts 20:9).
6. This chief priest had seven sons that tried to cast out demons in Jesus' name for money (Acts 19:14).
7. The man who made silver shrines (Acts 19:24).
9. The people of Ephesus practiced this (Acts 19:19).
11. Paul caused Eutychus to do this (Acts 20:12).
13. It was here that Paul spoke a sermon until daybreak (Acts 20:6-7, 11).
14. Paul stayed in this city for two years (Acts 19:10).

#### Down

1. Paul performed many of these acts (Acts 19:11).
2. This kind of man made images of a goddess for a living (Acts 19:24).
5. A piece of cloth that was placed on the sick (Acts 19:12).
8. This was placed on the sick and the demon-possessed (Acts 19:12).
10. The term for a female god (Acts 19:27).
12. Eutychus did this and fell to his death (Acts 20:9).

#### Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

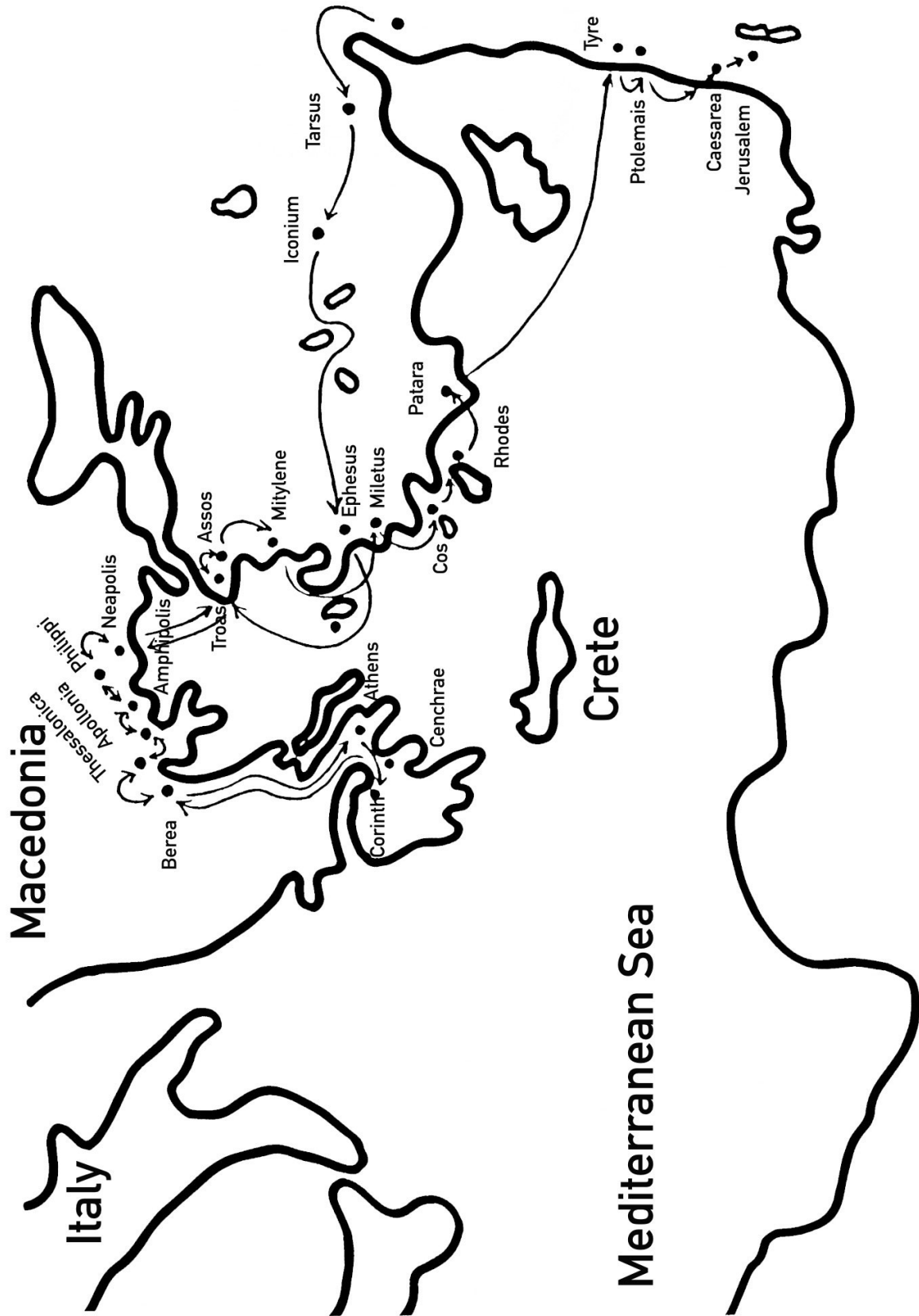
#### Across

3. Diana
4. Eutychus
6. Sceva
7. Demetrius
9. magic
11. resurrect
13. Troas
14. Ephesus

#### Down

1. miracle
2. silversmith
5. handkerchief
8. apron
10. goddess
12. slept

# Paul's Third Missionary Journey





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### 1. God Works Signs and Miracles through Paul

a. How were the sick healed and demons cast out? Read Acts 19:11-12.

"God worked unusual \_\_\_\_\_ by the hands of Paul so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the \_\_\_\_\_ left them and the \_\_\_\_\_ went out of them."



### 2. Copycats of Paul

The seven sons of Sceva wanted to cast out demons like Paul.

a. How did the "copycats" cast out the evil spirit? Read Acts 19:13-14.

"We exorcise you by the \_\_\_\_\_ whom Paul preaches."

b. How did the evil spirit respond to the Jewish men? Read Acts 19:15.

"The evil spirit answered and said, ' \_\_\_\_\_ I know, and Paul I know; but \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ ?'"



c. What happened to these seven men as a result? Read Acts 19:16-17.

"Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they \_\_\_\_\_ out of that house naked and \_\_\_\_\_."

### 3. Out with the Old

When the people of Ephesus saw what happened to the sons of Sceva, they realized that God was indeed more powerful than Satan.

a. What did they end up doing? Read Acts 19:18-19.

"And many who had believed came \_\_\_\_\_ and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced \_\_\_\_\_ brought their books together and \_\_\_\_\_ them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver."



#### 4. Paul and the Diana Worshippers

The people in Ephesus worshipped a goddess called Diana (also called Artemis). They built a great temple with a statue of Diana.

- a. What did the silversmiths of Ephesus, such as Demetrius, do for a living? Read Acts 19:24.

*"For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who \_\_\_\_\_ silver shrines of \_\_\_\_\_, brought no small profit to the craftsmen."*

- b. When the people of Ephesus began to turn to God and believe in Paul's message, what did Demetrius do? Read Acts 19:29.

*He caused a riot so that "the whole city was filled with \_\_\_\_\_, and rushed into the theater with one accord."*

- c. What did the people of the city cry out? Read Acts 19:28.

*"Great is \_\_\_\_\_ of the Ephesians!"*



#### 5. The Man Who Fell Asleep

Paul stopped in the city of Troas, where he stayed for seven days. The night before Paul was to depart, the believers had come together to eat. Paul took the opportunity to encourage them with God's words until midnight.

- a. What happened to Eutychus? Read Acts 20:9.

*"In a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a \_\_\_\_\_. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up \_\_\_\_\_."*

- b. What did Paul do for this man? Read Acts 20:10, 12.

*"Paul went down, \_\_\_\_\_ on him, and \_\_\_\_\_ him. [...] And they brought the young man in \_\_\_\_\_."*



## The Word of God Is Spread Afar

God desires that all men be saved and come to know the truth (1 Tim 2:4). God uses various ways to cause the seed of the gospel to spread afar.

Fill in the blanks using the words from the word bank.

### 1. Through the Preaching of the Word

disciples, Paul, twelve, Jesus, cities, Philip, synagogues, kingdom, Tyrannus, word

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ walked through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel preaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Lk 4:14-15, 43).
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke the word of God in the \_\_\_\_\_ and in the school of \_\_\_\_\_ and many came to believe (Acts 19:9-10).
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ were sent out to preach the kingdom of God (Lk 9:2).
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ went about preaching about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Acts 8:5-6).

### 2. Through Signs and Miracles

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### 3. Through Persecution

Paul, jailer, another, persecuted, city, prison, scattered, Silas

- a. When the believers of the early church were \_\_\_\_\_, those who were \_\_\_\_\_ went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4).
- b. Although \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were in \_\_\_\_\_, the word of God reached the \_\_\_\_\_ and his family (Acts 16:22-24, 27-33).
- c. During his missionary trips, whenever Paul was persecuted in one \_\_\_\_\_, he would go to \_\_\_\_\_ city and preach the gospel there (Acts 17:10, 17).

### 4. Through Transformed Lives

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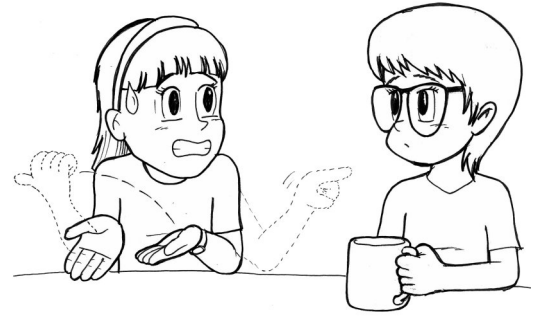
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- b. When the people of Ephesus believed and got \_\_\_\_\_ of all their \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, the word of God grew \_\_\_\_\_ and many came to believe (Acts 19:18-20).

### Scenario 1

Jemma's mom loved to tell others about Jesus. She wanted to tell others about how wonderful a Savior He was and how He died on the cross to save her. At the same time, when she thought about how those who did not have Jesus would suffer eternally in future, she was deeply saddened. So, no matter who she met, she would try to preach to them. She spoke to her neighbors, her family members, and even strangers at the supermarket. Sometimes, the people she spoke to listened and came to church, but even if they didn't, that did not discourage her. She just kept on preaching. Jemma's mom encouraged Jemma to do the same. But Jemma was too nervous and didn't know what to say. Eventually her mother told Jemma that she could first try to preach to at least one person a week. Maybe she wouldn't be able to say much, but at least she could tell them that there is a God who He loves us. Jemma decided to start with her best friend Millie. That morning before she left for school, Jemma prayed to ask God to help her. When she saw Millie at school, Jemma opened her mouth to speak but found her tongue tied in knots, unsure of what to say. Throughout the day, Jemma struggled to say something. At the end of the day, Jemma knew that it was her last chance. She looked at Millie and eventually blurted out, "Do you want to come to church with me on Saturday?"

Millie paused and then said, "OK, what do you do there?"

Jemma smiled.



### Scenario 2

Jack came from a single-parent family. His mom and dad divorced when he was young. He lived mainly with his mom, but she spent many hours working, and most days, he came home to an empty house. Vacations didn't get better because that was when he would be shipped to his dad's. He felt like an outcast there because his dad had his new family. Jack felt that his world was dark and lonely. He felt that if he disappeared from the face of the earth, no one would notice and no one would care. The times when his dad could not take him, Jack would be sent to stay with his grandmother. Each Saturday, Jack's grandmother made him go to church with her. She wouldn't hear of it when he told her that he didn't believe in God or in demons. At church, he learned that there was a God, a great and loving God who was his heavenly Father, and that he could talk to Him through prayer. Though Jack felt as if all this had been made up, he was curious. One day, after discovering that he had to stay another month at his grandmother's, Jack went to church with a heart filled with anger and hurt. At church, he went to the front of the chapel to pray with the others. "I don't know if there is a God, but if You are listening, I need help," Jack said silently. Not long after, as he continued to pray, Jack felt warmth come upon his head and travel down his body. His tongue began to move uncontrollably and a feeling of joy and peace came over him, taking away his anger and sadness. Jack then knew that the Holy Spirit was the sign that God had given him to let him know that He did exist and that he was not alone. Even though his parents could not be with him, he had a Father in heaven who is everywhere and who would take care of him.



### Scenario 3

There was young sister who attended kindergarten class in church. She learned from her R.E. teacher that it was important to tell our friends the good news of the gospel. The young sister began to testify to her friends at school. She shared about the Bible stories that she learned in R.E. class. One day, when a stranger heard her talk about the Bible stories to her friends, he started to rebuke her and push her to the ground. The young sister was slightly injured, but she did not cry. That evening, her mother noticed her injuries and asked her how she got them. After the young sister explained what had happened, her mother told her that she should no longer preach the gospel. The young sister began to cry. She did not cry because of her injuries. She cried knowing that if she stopped preaching, it would not please God. The young sister continued to tell her friends about God.



### Scenario 4

At church, Bro. Chen gave everyone the impression that he was a good Christian who attended services regularly. In fact, he was liked and praised by everyone. At home, however, he was a different person. One day, the pastor and a group of members went to visit Bro. Chen at his home. Bro. Chen was not at home, but as they were about to leave, they noticed Bro. Chen's neighbor and asked if he knew where he was. The neighbor did not know but when he learned that they were from the same church as Bro. Chen, he asked them, "Do you know what your Bro. Chen did? He shifted the boundary of his house. According to the rules, the boundary line is supposed to be here, which means that this longan tree should belong in my land. But your Bro. Chen has shifted the boundary line so that the longan tree has now become his." The neighbor continued to complain of other wrongs that Bro. Chen did.

That night after evening service, the pastor told Bro. Chen to stay behind. The pastor told him that they had met his neighbor. Bro. Chen immediately sat up and said, "What did he say?" The pastor told him what his neighbor had said, and Bro. Chen answered, "That's right. I did shift the boundary. So what?" The pastor explained that it was biblically wrong, and that as believers, we need to have good conduct before unbelievers.

"Your neighbor has also said that you have not greeted him for five years. As believers, we should take the initiative to greet others first."

After much persuasion, Bro. Chen reluctantly said that he would try to start greeting his neighbor.

The next morning, as both Bro. Chen and his neighbor were cleaning their yard, Bro. Chen courageously said, "Good morning." The neighbor, however, replied, "What's wrong? Did you take the wrong medication?"

After service that evening, Bro. Chen was very angry when he told the pastor what happened. The pastor encouraged him not to give up.

One time as Bro. Chen returned from the market, he smiled and waved to his neighbor. So, gradually Bro. Chen and his neighbor began to greet each other. One day, his neighbor went over to Bro. Chen's house. "I'm sorry that we've not greeted each other in the past. It was entirely my fault."

Bro. Chen disagreed and said, "Oh, no, it was my fault."

"So are you going to church tonight?" asked his neighbor.

Bro. Chen replied, "Yes, at 7:30 pm."

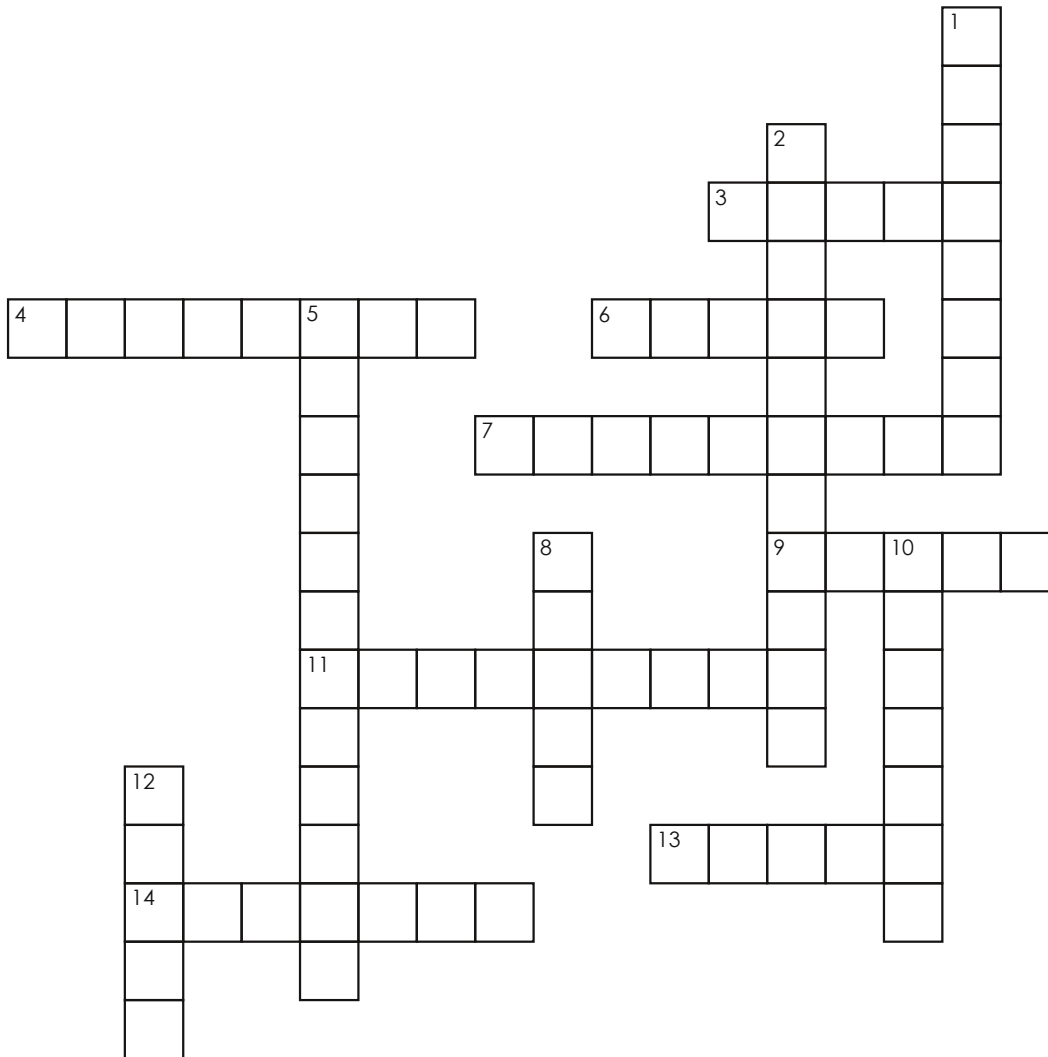
"Then can I come, too?" his neighbor asked.

During the service that night, both Bro. Chen and his neighbor sat together. Later, Bro. Chen's neighbor and his entire family got baptized.



### Paul's Third Missionary Trip

Complete the crossword puzzle using the clues provided below.



**Across**

- 3. The goddess that the Ephesians worshipped (Acts 19:28).
- 4. The man who fell from the window (Acts 20:9).
- 6. This chief priest had seven sons that tried to cast out demons in Jesus' name for money (Acts 19:14).
- 7. The man who made silver shrines (Acts 19:24).
- 9. The people of Ephesus practiced this (Acts 19:19).
- 11. Paul caused Eutychus to do this (Acts 20:12).
- 13. It was here that Paul spoke a sermon until daybreak (Acts 20:6-7, 11).
- 14. Paul stayed in this city for two years (Acts 19:10).

**Down**

- 1. Paul performed many of these acts (Acts 19:11).
- 2. This kind of man made images of a goddess for a living (Acts 19:24).
- 5. A piece of cloth that was placed on the sick (Acts 19:12).
- 8. This was placed on the sick and the demon-possessed (Acts 19:12).
- 10. The term for a female god (Acts 19:27).
- 12. Eutychus did this and fell to his death (Acts 20:9).

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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (Mark 16:17-18b)

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## Multiple Choice

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : After the sorcerers and magicians in Ephesus came to know the true God, what did they do with their expensive magic books?
  - a. They burned them.
  - b. They sold them for a large sum of money.
  - c. They kept them and continued reading them.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : What was the name of the man whom Paul raised from the dead?
  - a. Eutychus
  - b. Sergius
  - c. Lazarus
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : On the third missionary trip, Paul spent two years in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Troas
  - b. Ephesus
  - c. Philippi

## True or False

4. It is wrong to trust in sorcery, magic, witchcraft, and things like that because only God has real power, and He wants us to trust in Him. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The sons of Sceva were able to cast out the demon because they used the name of Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_  
 God performed many signs and miracles through Paul to prove that the gospel was true and that He is the one true living God. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Demetrius and the other silversmiths who made idols were losing money because the Christians who believed in the one true God no longer bought their idols. \_\_\_\_\_

## Short Answer

8. After knowing God, the people in Ephesus got rid of their books on magic. Write down at least two things in your life that you need to get rid of.
9. Name some of the ways that God uses to spread the word afar.