

# PAUL AND BARNABAS WERE MISSIONARIES

BABIES  
**UNIT 1**  
SESSION 1

## LEADER BIBLE STUDY

### CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

*(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)*

What is the will of God? While this question is central to understanding how we should live out our faith, when we ask it, we often miss an important piece of the puzzle. Most of the time, we are really asking the question, “What is God’s will for my life?” And while that question is important, it is not the most important question we can ask.

The essential question to ask is the one above—what is God’s will? To find the answer, we must think about the overarching story of the Bible. Scripture tells us that He ultimately desires His name and renown to blanket the earth just as water covers the seas (Habakkuk 2:14). The will of God is that He will be glorified among the nations and that every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord (Isaiah 45:23; Philippians 2:9-11).

As soon as the Holy Spirit directed them, the church in Antioch set apart Paul and Barnabas as missionaries. They spent their lives traveling the known world, telling people about the gospel, and calling them to become followers of Jesus. The two men lived to accomplish the ultimate will of God.

Most of us, however, are not called to full-time Christian missionary service. So the question becomes, how do we support those who are? How do we join in God’s work as people who are called to share the gospel? In this passage, the Antioch church committed to these two men as they set out on their journey. We are called to similarly support those among us who are called to give their lives to full-time missions work. We can support them through prayer, giving, and going to help them in their missions fields.

As you pray this week, ask God to help you know how to support those men and women currently serving on the missions fields. Ask Him to give you new excitement for missions work, be it local or international.

## TEACHER TIP

Babies should be laid in a crib flat on their backs, whether awake or sleeping. Once the babies developmentally can roll over unassisted, then they may safely sleep on their stomachs.



### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People tell about God and Jesus.

### LIFE POINT

Missionaries go and tell people about Jesus.

### BIBLE PASSAGE

Acts 13

### BIBLE VERSE

God chose Paul and Barnabas to do His work.  
Acts 13:2

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