

PAUL PREACHED IN ATHENS

BABIES
UNIT 1
SESSION 3

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

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

Have you ever shared the gospel with someone truly stubborn? Talking about Jesus with people deeply entrenched in sin, especially sin they enjoy, can be daunting. Imagine a whole crowd of people with that attitude. That was Paul's predicament when he arrived in Athens.

Paul's experience reminds us of the calling on our lives to tell people about Jesus regardless of any barriers. Paul was stunned by the idolatry he witnessed in the city. He saw people far from God and worshiping idols of their own creation. Compelled by his own experience with Jesus and his understanding of God's will to be made known among all peoples, Paul spoke boldly about the truth of the gospel. While most mocked him, some people believed and joined the family of God that day.

Much like Paul, William Carey, one of the early pioneers of the modern missionary movement, felt a burden for people who were not a part of his culture, socioeconomic level, or race. He knew that God called him to go to India to share the gospel with the people of that country. When Carey shared his calling with local pastors, they strongly opposed his mission as unnecessary. Undeterred by the opposition from his friends and fellow pastors, Carey went to India to share the love of Jesus with the Indian people. On the missions field, he learned the local language and interacted with people from each level of the caste system. Because of his willingness to go to India, the people of India have a Bible in their language, and the Christian presence that Carey established is still there today and still changing people's lives forever for the glory of God!

Both Paul and William Carey remind us that the gospel transcends any barriers. The mission of Paul and William Carey is the same mission we have today. God calls us to share the good news of Jesus with all people so that they might come to faith in Christ and worship the one true God.

What barriers are holding you back from sharing the gospel with the people around you? How could you be more bold in sharing your faith across social, racial, generational, and socioeconomic barriers?

Pray this week, asking God to give you a deeper passion for reaching people. Ask Him for the courage to share about Jesus across any barrier.

TEACHER TIP

Instruct parents or guardians that they will need to return to the room to administer any medicine their children need.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People tell about God and Jesus.

LIFE POINT

All people need to know about Jesus.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Acts 17:16-34

BIBLE VERSE

Go everywhere and teach people about Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20

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