

Paul and Barnabas Go on a Big Trip

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Acts 13:1-14:28

Characters: Paul, Barnabas, John Mark, Sergius Paulus, Elymas

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PAUL AND BARNABAS were praying with their friends when God said, 'I have a special job for Paul and Barnabas. Send them out to tell people about Jesus!'

So they got on a boat and sailed to an island called Cyprus. They told everyone there about Jesus. A leader on the island wanted to believe, but a bad man named Elymas tried to stop him. Paul said, 'God is going to make you blind for a while because you're trying to stop people from learning about Jesus!' And Elymas couldn't see! When the leader saw this, he believed in Jesus.

Paul and Barnabas kept traveling to different cities. In some cities, people were happy to hear about Jesus and many believed! But in other cities, people got angry. In one city called

Lystra, Paul healed a man who couldn't walk. The people were so amazed they thought Paul and Barnabas were special gods!

'No, no!' Paul said. 'We're just regular people! We want to tell you about the real God!'

But some mean people from another city came and made the crowd angry at Paul. They threw rocks at him until he fell down. Everyone thought Paul was dead! But when his friends gathered around him, Paul stood up! He wasn't going to give up.

Paul and Barnabas visited more cities, telling people about Jesus and starting churches—places where believers could meet together. Then they went back to visit all the new believers to encourage them.

When they got home, they told everyone, 'Look at all the amazing things God did! Lots of people believe in Jesus now!' Paul and Barnabas were brave missionaries who brought the good news to many people!