



When God appeared to Ananias to send him to Paul, God told Ananias he had chosen Paul to bring God's name to the Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. Following his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul essentially spent the rest of his life fulfilling the mission for which God had chosen him, sharing the good news with everyone he met. The last half of the Book of Acts tells of Paul's travels. Even though Paul had been chosen by God to share the good news about Jesus, his path was not always a smooth one.

In today's Bible story, we hear about a time Paul's life when he was in danger because he had been preaching that Jesus is God's Son. This story reads like an adventure tale, with Paul escaping down the wall in the middle of the night. And this turns out not to be the last time Paul's life would be in danger for spreading the gospel. While there seemed to be many people out to get Paul, he inevitably escaped with the help of others.

It is easy for us today to feel far removed from Paul's mission. Few of us are called to travel to foreign lands and spread the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. However, it is worthwhile to note that as Paul traveled, he shared the good news with everyone he met. We can follow Paul's example and share the good news with persons we meet, wherever life might take us.

Each week as you teach your children about God, you are letting them know they are children of God. You are following Paul's example and spreading the good news.

²⁰ Soon he began to go to the synagogues and tell people about Jesus. He told the people, "Jesus is the Son of God!" ²¹ All the people who heard Saul were amazed. They said, "This is the same man who was in Jerusalem trying to destroy the people who trust in Jesus^[a]! And that's why he has come here—to arrest the followers of Jesus and take them back to the leading priests." ²² But Saul became more and more powerful in proving that Jesus is the Messiah. His proofs were so strong that the Jews who lived in Damascus could not argue with him.

Saul Escapes From Some Jews

²³ After many days, some Jews made plans to kill Saul. ²⁴ They were watching the city gates day and night. They wanted to kill Saul, but he learned about their plan. ²⁵ One night some followers that Saul had taught helped him leave the city. They put him in a basket and lowered it down through a hole in the city wall.

Family Activity

TRY YOUR HAND AT BASKET WEAVING!

CREATE A BASKET JUST LIKE THE ONE PAUL USED TO LEAVE THE CITY! THE LINK BELOW WILL TAKE YOU TO INSTRUCTIONS~
HAVE FUN!

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Bible Verse:

AS FOR US, WE CAN'T STOP SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.
ACTS 4:20