



THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-25
Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

THIS WEEK

With some conflict, Paul and Silas start the church in Thessalonica. Paul later writes a letter to that church. (Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10).

STORY SUMMARY

The Church at Thessalonica

When Paul and Silas enter Thessalonica to proclaim the good news, they are met with mixed reactions. They are accused of treason for naming Jesus as king rather than the ruling emperor. When they are bailed out of their troubles in Thessalonica, they simply move on to other places. Paul and Silas fondly remembered their visit and sent a letter back to Thessalonica to encourage the new believers, reminding them that they have been chosen by God and have the gift of Jesus Christ.

Today I Learned...

THE POINT

We are called to be examples of God's love to those around us.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Maps of Paul's Travels

Paul helped spread the good news about Jesus throughout the Mediterranean. Paul took three mission trips to share the message of Jesus with the Gentiles. The first trip was to Asia Minor, what we now call Turkey. Paul took a second trip to Greece and Asia Minor. His third trip was also to Greece and Asia Minor. Paul helped found churches in many of the major cities he visited. Paul took a final trip to Jerusalem and was imprisoned. He then was transferred to Caesarea, before his voyage to Rome. Tradition has it that Paul was beheaded while in Rome around 62 CE. Many Bibles include maps in the appendices, which provide visual guides of Paul's missionary travels.

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul thanks God for the people he writes letters to. Write a thank you letter to God as a family.

Read Acts 17:10-15

Paul and Silas in Berea.

Use a Bible map or search online to trace Paul's journeys.

Read Acts 17:16-28

Paul speaks in Athens.

Find Athens on a map or globe.

PRACTICE: PRAYER

Noticing people's gifts and strengths requires truly paying attention to them. Thanking God for one another's gifts builds up and supports the community. Write letters to God, thanking God for the other family members. Share them during your family prayer time.

Up & Coming at Hope....

Registration for VBX is Open!

- Register online at fargohope.org/vbx
- Registration forms are available at all campuses.
- Need a scholarship? Email youth@fargohope.org

VBX T-Shirt & Cabin Assignment Pick Up Dates:

- May 1 & 5th before & after Hopekids programming!
- May 15 5-6 pm & 7-7:30 pm
- May 19 9:00 am—12:00 pm
- May 29 5-6 pm & 7-7:30 pm
- June 2 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Hopekids Last Day of Programming Celebration!!

- May 1 & 5th!! Don't miss the party!

Please register for fall youth programming early! Register at fargohope.org/youth