

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



Lesson Outline:

- Tell the Bible Story
- Give the Object Lesson
- Do the Activity Page
- Wrap Up

The Spread of the Gospel

- Best for Upper Elementary and Middle School •

Main Point: God can do amazing things when we follow Him.

Bible Story: The Road to Damascus • Acts 9:1-15, paraphrased:

Saul made murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. But on his way there, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Saul got up, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. He was led by friends into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, saying, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, he is praying."

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem!"

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel."

Comment: Tell the kids that Saul, now called Paul, began spreading the Good News of Jesus.

Object Lesson: The Spread of the Gospel

Materials Needed: Cartoon map similar to the activity page, poster size, displayed on a table. Lots of cleaning supplies and paper towels!

Link to the Object Lesson video: <https://youtu.be/eWUjtgwgtA>

Activity Page: Paul Spreads the Good News about Jesus!

Materials Needed: One copy per two or three players; a coin for each group. Game instructions are on the page. After game play read and discuss the text near the top of the page; kids rarely read the games they play!

Variation: Make a poster-size map with the towns and point values, place it on the floor next to a wall and let the kids stand back a bit to pitch coins. If your church has a security guard or two, have them pretend to be keeping an eye on the coins for some tongue-in-cheek fun.

Wrap Up: Have the kids use Bibles to figure out which towns on the map have Bible books named after them (you can declare the Table of Contents off-limits if you like). Explain that Paul would often write letters to the people he had led to the Lord.

Paul Spreads the Good News about Jesus!

God worked mighty miracles through Paul-- Healing people, casting out demons, even raising a dead young man.

Paul's adventures include sailing across the Mediterranean (and being shipwrecked!), being jailed for his message, surviving earthquakes, getting beaten in riots, and starting churches in many places.

Paul's life had a huge impact on the course of history. Paul wrote a number of books in the Bible, the most read book ever. Over the years billions of people have responded to the Good News of Jesus Christ! Are you ready for the life of adventure God is calling you to?

Philippi

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2,000

Thessalonica

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Corinth

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Galatia

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Ephesus

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Antioch

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Crete

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Jerusalem

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1500

Flick a coin from here to touch or land inside any circle surrounding a city. Take as many turns as you need to get three scores. The three scores are your total game points. If your coin touches two circles, add the points together as one score.

