

THE MAN WHO WASN'T DEAD

BIG IDEA

Paul survived being stoned and immediately returned to preach to the people who had tried to kill him.

KEY VERSES

Acts 14

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 14:15b

“We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE SKIT

- Cast: 8-10 people. Narrator #1, Narrator #2, Person #1, Person #2, 1-3 Pharisees, Barnabas, Paul, Lame Man
- Props: None

GAME

- Clothes pins (200+)
- Container large enough to hold all clothes pins

CRAFT

- Pipe cleaners (2-3 per child)
- Various colors of yarn

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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STAGING

Position the Crowd and the Lame Man on the left side of the stage, the Narrators and the Pharisees in the center, and Paul and Barnabas on the right side of the stage.

SCRIPT

Pharisees: (Together, singing to the tune of “Here We Come A Caroling”)
Here we come are-esting, are-esting you all!
Here we come to punish a lou-oudmouth named Paul!

Love and joy come to you!
When our mission is all through!
And God bless you! We’ll punish you to today!
Yes, today!
And God bless you! We’ll punish you today!

Narrator #2: Now in Lystra, the people worshiped lots of made-up gods.

Narrator #1: One was named Zeus—

Narrator #2: --He was their main god.

Narrator #1: And one was named Hermes—

Narrator #2: --he was the messenger of the gods.

Narrator #1: As Paul and Barnabas came near to the city, they noticed a temple.

Barnabas: C’mon, Paul, the city is just up ahead!

Paul: Look, Barnabas! A temple to Zeus!

Barnabas: Whoa. They’re getting ready to sacrifice those bulls to their gods!

Paul: These people really need to hear about Jesus!

Barnabas: C’mon, let’s go tell ‘em!

Narrator #2: When they entered the city, Barnabas let Paul do most of the talking.

Barnabas: I’m a man of few words.

Narrator #1: And as Paul was teaching the people about Jesus and the good news,

Narrator #2: He noticed a man who couldn’t walk.

Lame Man: I feel defeated.

Narrator #1: He was sad that he’d never been able to walk.

Lame Man: I feel the agony of defeat.

Narrator #2: But when Paul saw that the man had faith in God—

Narrator #1: --enough faith to get healed—

Narrator #2: --Paul said,

Paul: Stand up! Get on your feet right now and walk!

Narrator #2: And he did!

Lame Man: Whoa...I have overcome defeat!

Narrator #1: When the crowds saw that , they were amazed.

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Person #1: I am amazed!

Person #2: Me too!

Person #1: They must be gods!

Person #2: It's Zeus and Hermes!

Person #1: They've come down for a visit!

Person #2: Let's worship them!

Barnabas: Um, Paul...?

Paul: Yeah, Barnabas?

Barnabas: This isn't good.

Paul: No, it isn't. They're bringing the bulls over here!

Barnabas: They're gonna worship US!

Narrator #2: When Paul and Barnabas saw what was going on, they were very upset.

Narrator #1: All the people started shouting,

People: (Together) The gods have come down! The gods have come down!

Paul: No, no! You've got it all wrong!

People: (Together) The gods have come down! The gods have come down!

Barnabas: We're people like you! We're not gods!

Paul: We've just come here to tell you about the one TRUE God!

People: (Together) The gods have come down! The gods have come down!

Barnabas: Alright, already!...Listen up for a minute!

People: (Together) Listen up! The gods are talking. Listen up to what they say!

Paul: Oh, brother...We're not gods!

Barnabas: The one true God made everything!

Paul: He gives you rain!

People: (Together) Oooo! We like the rain!

Paul: Good! And he gives you seasons.

People: (Together) Ooooh! We like the seasons.

Barnabas: Good! And he lets your crops grow!

People: (Together) Ooooh! We like the crops.

Paul: Good! He gives you all this stuff to prove that he's there. He feeds you and makes you happy to show you that he's real.

Person #1: That was a nice speech!

Paul: Thank you.

Person #2: Now it's your turn!

Barnabas: Oh, no.

People: (Together, loudly) THE GODS HAVE COME DOWN! THE GODS HAVE COME DOWN!

Paul: Somehow I thought you'd say that.

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Narrator #1: The people still wanted to worship them, but finally Paul and Barnabas stopped them.

Barnabas: Thank goodness.

Paul: No kidding.

Narrator #2: Then, something strange happened.

Narrator #1: You mean the first part of this story ISN'T strange?

People: (Together) The gods have come down! The gods have come down!

Narrator #2: The Jews who hated Paul came to town.

Barnabas: Oh, no. Not again.

Narrator #1: They told the crowds that Paul and Barnabas were bad people...

Pharisees: (Together) They're bad people.

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Narrator #1: And they should kill them.

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Narrator: And the crowds believed them!

Person #1: They're not god!

Person #2: They're impostors

People: (Together) Kill the impostors Kill the impostors

Barnabas & Paul: Uh, oh.

Narrator #1: They picked up stones and threw them at Paul until they thought he was dead.

Person #2: That should do it!

Paul: Ouch.

Narrator #2: Then they dragged him outside the city.

Paul: Ouch.

Barnabas: Whoa.

Narrator #1: So the crowds went from wanting to worship them to wanting to kill them!

Narrator #2: Yup. Just like the crowds did with Jesus.

Narrator #1: Aha.

Narrator #2: But then, as strange thing happened....

Narrator #1: Oh, no. Not again.

Narrator #2: Paul didn't die that day. The believers gathered around him to help him up.

Paul: I'm not dead.

Barnabas: That's good!

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Paul: I'm alive.
Barnabas: That's good!
Paul: Let's go back to the city!
Barnabas: That's crazy!...They just tried to kill you! And now, you wanna go back and preach to them?!
Paul: Yup!
Narrator #2: So Paul jumped up and went back to the city.
Barnabas: (Sighing) Okay, Paul...here I come.
Narrator #1: And the next day he and Barnabas left the city, but soon they returned.
Narrator #2: Paul knew the message of Jesus was so important that he was willing to share with the people...
Narrator #1: ...even if they tried to kill him because of it.
Everyone: The End!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did Paul do that impressed the crowds?
- What was the reaction of the crowds to the miracle of healing the lame man?
- Why did Paul and Barnabas try so hard to convince the crowds that they were not gods?
- What did the Pharisees tell the crowds?
- What did the crowds do to Paul?
- Why did Paul want to go back to the city?

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Tell the account of Paul's preaching from Acts 14 in simple story form or read it from a children's bible.
- Ask 2-3 of the simpler discussion questions.

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OBJECTIVE: LOVE WRAPPED IN YARN

Wrap the word "love" in colorful yarn.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, hole punches

DIRECTIONS

- Make the word "love" in cursive using pipe cleaners (or make child's name)
- Wrap yarn around the pipe cleaner starting at one end of the word and working toward the other end
- Switch colors occasionally for a colorful look

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Pipe cleaners (2-3 per child)
- Various colors of yarn

EXAMPLE



SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- Write younger children's names in cursive on paper so they can see how the letters connect.
- Instead of wrapping pipe cleaners in yarn, twist two different colors of pipe cleaner together to create a colorful effect.



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OBJECTIVE: CLOTHES PIN STYLE

Style your team mate with clothes pins.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Clothes pins (200+)
- Container large enough to hold all clothes pins

DIRECTIONS

- Divide team into 2 groups
- Choose one person from each team to be “styled”
- Place clothes pins in a container at the end of the play area
- Teams send one person at a time to retrieve a clothes pin and attach it to their team member
- Game is over when clothes pins are gone.
- The winner is the team with: 1) the most clothes pins on their player or 2) the most creative styling

SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTIONS

- Use paperclips instead of clothes pins
- Divide a large group into two or more smaller groups.



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Kids Club

PAUL PREACHING AT THE
SYNAGOGUE

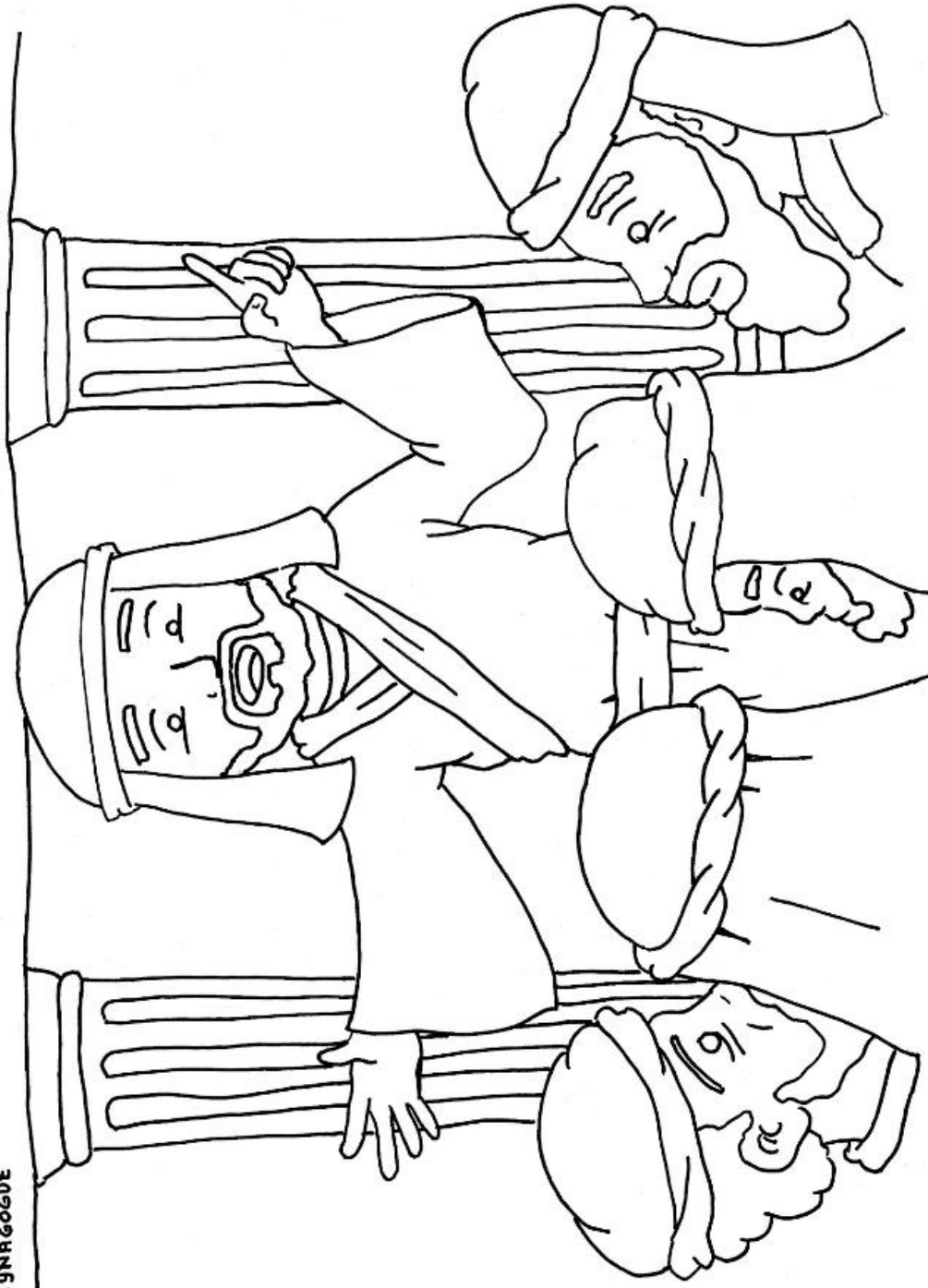


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