



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 4, Lesson 17

## Paul's Third Journey

Lesson Aim: To know we can connect and encourage the church.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite thing to do at church?

**GAME:** Starting Churches

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CONNECTS US

Read Worship Scripture: Romans 15:5-6.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

### THE WORD PAUL ENCOURAGES AND CONNECTS THE CHURCH

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gave Paul friends who worked, served, and taught with Him.

**Today, we will hear about Paul's third journey.** Point to Paul's Third Journey (Circa 54-58 A.D.). **All three journeys began in Antioch. Paul visited and wrote letters to churches he started or visited before to help these new churches connect and grow closer to Jesus and to each other.** Show a map of Paul's Third Missionary Journey. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 18:23; 20:19-24, 35-38; 21:13. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 18:23. Pray. Read Acts 18:23.

**Then Paul traveled to Ephesus, where he stayed for over 2 years. Every day, he led discussions about following Jesus. Paul even did miracles in Jesus' name! Paul left Ephesus and traveled through Macedonia and Greece. He wrote letters to encourage the churches and to connect them to each other. Believers in Macedonia and Achaia gave offerings to Paul to help the poor in the church of Jerusalem. He stopped in many places on his way to Jerusalem. From a city called Miletus, he asked the leaders of the church in Ephesus to come and meet with him so he could tell them goodbye. He knew he was headed to Jerusalem and would never see them again. Let's read what Paul said that day.** Read Acts 20:19-24, 35-38.

**As Paul headed for Jerusalem, his friends pleaded with him to not go. They knew people were plotting against him.** Read Acts 21:13. **His journey ended when he was arrested in Jerusalem.**

### THE WAY ENCOURAGING AND CONNECTING THE CHURCH

**Why did Paul return to the places he had been?** (To strengthen the disciples—to encourage believers to keep following Jesus and to grow in their faith.) **How did Paul help connect churches in Macedonia and Achaia with the church in Jerusalem?** (He told them of the needs in Jerusalem and delivered offerings from them to the poor in the Jerusalem church.) **Why do you think it is important to encourage and connect believers to one another? What can you do to encourage others as they follow Jesus?**

**What did the Holy Spirit warn Paul that he would face?** (Hardships and prison.) **Paul compared his life to a race with a certain task Jesus had given him. What was it?** (To testify to the gospel of God's grace—to tell people about God's goodness to us in giving us a way to be forgiven and have eternal life through believing in Jesus.) **Jesus has given this task to all believers. How can you tell others of God's goodness to you?**

### GAME: CHURCH SEARCH

**Paul connected with the churches in two ways: visits and letters.**

In teams, children race to track Paul's journey on their maps. As a class, review Paul's journey on the large map.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

**Paul knew God wants people from all over the world to believe in Jesus and follow Him. Over 700 years earlier, God promised to bring people to Himself.** Reveal Isaiah 43:5-7. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **How did Paul see this promise coming true? It is by faith in Jesus that we are brought close to God. Paul saw God was bringing people to Himself as they heard and believed in Jesus.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Paul's Third Missionary Journey Map Challenge
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #17
- OFFERING OF ART: Paul saying goodbye to the Ephesians
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Church at Home

**GAME:** Return Visits

**CRAFT:** Paul's Letter Keeper

**DISCUSSIONS:** Who Is Our Paul?, Riot in Ephesus

**THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY**

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Love Shuffle, Do the Wave

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**