



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 4, Lesson 17

## Paul's Third Journey

Lesson Aim: To know we can 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 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.). **Paul visited and wrote letters to the churches he started or visited on previous journeys 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; 20:20-21, 35-38. Pray. Read Acts 18:23.

**Then Paul traveled to Ephesus, where he stayed for over 2 years. Every day while he was there, he led discussions about following Jesus. Paul even did miracles in Jesus' name!**

**Paul traveled through Macedonia, Greece, and many other 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.** Read Acts 20:20-21, 35-38. **It was hard for Paul to say goodbye. His third journey ended when he was arrested in Jerusalem.**

### THE WAY ENCOURAGING THE CHURCH

**On his first two journeys, Paul told people about Jesus and helped them start churches. On his third journey, Paul went back to those places to teach them more about how to live together as followers**

**of Jesus. He spoke to large groups, traveling from house to house. He also wrote letters to many churches to encourage them. Paul taught the believers about praying, obeying God, caring, and loving one another. Why were the Ephesian leaders so sad to say goodbye to Paul?** (They loved him and knew they would not see him again.)

**There are people all over the world who believe in Jesus. We can encourage them even if we are not able to travel like Paul. Let's brainstorm ways we can help other churches and ministries.**

### GAME: MARK THE MAP

**Paul started all three of his missionary journeys from Antioch. Let's find Antioch and track Paul's travels on his third journey.** Using the large map, show the children each place Paul visited. Children mark the journey on their own maps by drawing a line from location to location.

Antioch, Galatia, Phrygia (Acts 18:23)	Kos (Cos), Rhodes, Patara (21:1)
Ephesus (19:1)	Tyre, Ptolemais, Caesarea (21:7-8)
Macedonia, Greece (20:1-2)	Jerusalem (21:17)
Philippi, Troas (20:6)	
Assos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Miletus (20:13-15)	

Discuss the long distances Paul traveled on foot and by boat. Ask children about their travel experiences.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

**Paul knew God wants people from all over the world to believe in Jesus and follow Him. Over 700 years before Paul's journeys, God promised to bring people to Himself.** Reveal Isaiah 43:5-7. Read. **God brings us close to Him by helping us believe in Jesus. Paul saw this in many lands.**

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

### FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Paul's Third Missionary Journey Map Challenge
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**