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And today, we are going to hear more about Paul.

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But Paul wanted people EVERYWHERE to know about Jesus. He wanted to help those who were far away as well as those near where he lived.

So one day Paul got into a ship and sailed off on the water to some faraway cities. He sailed in the boat for many days, but finally the ship pulled into the shore. Right away Paul looked for people to tell about Jesus.

He preached and helped the people start churches like ours where everyone could come to learn about Jesus.

Then off Paul went again, sometimes traveling over the land and sometimes over the water to tell other people how to get to Heaven.

What do we call someone who goes to faraway places to tell people about Jesus? A missionary, Paul was a missionary. He traveled to many places telling mommies and daddies and boys and girls that Jesus could give them joy, too, if only they'd trust Him.

But Paul couldn't visit the people and the churches all the time. He had to go back to his hoe. So what do you think he did to help and to teach the people while he was away from them? He wrote them letters. And this is something that we can all do.

Do you know that we have missionaries right here in our church? We do, sometimes people from our church travel a long ways away and they teach others about Jesus, just like I teach you.

(Tell the kids about people in our church that are doing missions work)

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PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

(ACTS 12:25-13:52)



“As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.” **ACTS 13:2**

“So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.” **ACTS 13:4**

Whispering Tubes

Have the children decorate a paper towel roll with stickers or markers and use them to tell the good news. Discuss how Paul and his friends spread the Good News and how we can spread the Good News today; television, telephone, talking to others, books, etc.

Note: I had some strong rolls that came from the center of extra large trash bags. We let the kids decorate them with crepe paper, silk flowers, streamers, etc. We just sat the items out and let them do whatever they wanted to do. Of course we helped when they ask.

Glue onto Whisper Tubes

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Whisper Game

Play the “Good News Whisper Game. Whisper some good news (Jesus loves you) to the child next to you and have the child go around in a circle whispering the same thing until it gets back to the last person who gives the message out loud.

For added fun use the tubes that you make at craft time. Gently place your tube next to the next person’s ear and whisper into their ear.