

Living Education- Children Bible Lessons | Level 3



Lesson 15: Establishing Congregations (Part 1)

NT – Establishing God's Church

Story Preview



Featured Passage: **Acts 16-17**



God started His Church in Jerusalem with over 3,000 people baptized on the same Pentecost when Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit. As the apostles continued to preach the gospel, and news of Jesus Christ's resurrection traveled, the church quickly grew. Though many of the original followers came from the areas around Jerusalem, a growing number of people from other regions and nations were also interested in learning about Christ and following God's way. The apostle Paul and some others traveled near and far to cities all around Asia minor to teach the people about God's way and to set up congregations for the brethren. Their mission was exciting, but also rather dangerous.

Discuss



1. After being in Jerusalem for a conference with the other leaders in the church, what reason did Paul have to go on another trip (Acts 15:36-41)?
2. Who was Timothy? Why do you think Paul wanted Timothy to come with him?
3. What were the people in Philippi doing by the riverside on the Sabbath? Who did Paul and Silas meet from that group of people?
4. Why were Paul and Silas arrested in Philippi? What were Paul and Silas doing in the prison that night? What do you think caused the jail keeper to become a believer?
5. To what city did Paul and Silas go to after leaving Phillipi? How did the Jews there respond to the gospel message? What did they accuse Jason and the other Christians of doing (Acts 17:6)?
6. When Paul taught in Berea how did the people there receive the truth? What can we learn from their example?
7. When Paul spoke to the people in Athens, how did he introduce the true God? Why do you think he took this approach?
8. Imagine that someone asked you something about your beliefs. What are some ways you could answer them? Have you ever had to explain what you believe to someone? Are you always going to be able to explain things the same way? Why or why not?

Memory Challenge



Acts 17:30-31

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

