



April 30, 2023, Paul's Mission

Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Gracious God, you set aside Paul and Barnabas for the work of sharing the good news. In the same way, call us into service to you and our neighbors near and far, in Jesus name. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them." (Acts 13:15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When Paul and Barnabas healed a man at Lystra, the citizens thought they were gods that had come in human form. They were simply messengers.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What belief or action does your congregation cling to that might be challenged to change? What changes in understanding would need to happen to make those changes possible?
- If you could bring the message of God's love to any place in the world, where would you go? Why?
- For the littles: If you could go anywhere in this world or in a make-believe world, where would you go? Why? Jesus sent his disciples to all kinds of strange and wonderful lands.



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God walk with you in the great big world. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Find out where your congregation sends people on mission trips. Do you have a sister congregation somewhere in the world? Do something to support faraway missions.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Acts 13:4-12, *The Apostles Preach in Cyprus*
Tuesday, Acts 13:13-25, *Paul and Barnabas in Antioch of Pisidia*
Wednesday, Acts 13:26-35, *Paul and Barnabas in Antioch of Pisidia*
Thursday, Acts 13:36-52, *Paul and Barnabas in Antioch of Pisidia*
Friday, Acts 14:1-7, *Paul and Barnabas in Iconium*
Saturday, Acts 14:8-20, *Paul and Barnabas in Lystra and Derbe*