

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Paul Taught in Athens

ACTS 17:16-34

Paul was concerned about the city of Athens. It was full of false idols that the people had made. It made Paul sad to see people worshiping false gods. Paul went to the synagogue and talked with the Jews about Jesus. Every day in the marketplace he would tell the good news about Jesus and the resurrection to anyone who was there.

Some philosophers (men who liked to think, reason, and argue) heard Paul teach. "What is this babbler trying to say?" they asked one another. "He seems to be preaching about foreign gods."

Other men wanted to hear more, so they invited Paul to speak at the Areopagus, a place where people came to discuss important ideas. The men said, "What you say sounds strange to us. We want to know what it means."

Paul spoke respectfully. "People of Athens," he began. "I see you are a very religious people. I even saw an altar you have for an unknown god. I can tell you about Him. The God who made the world is Lord of heaven and earth. He does not live in places people make. He does not need anything from us, because He is the One who gives life and everything else. He created the people of every nation and wants them to know Him as God. We live and move and exist through Him. We are His, and He is not made of gold or silver or stone, like man makes."

Paul continued, "God is alive, and He commands all people everywhere to repent and turn away from disobeying Him."

Paul also explained that God sent Jesus. When Paul told how Jesus rose from the dead, some people made fun of Paul. Others wanted to hear more. Because Paul taught the good news of Jesus, some men and women in Athens became followers of Jesus.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 17:3

LIFE POINT: People can tell about the one true God.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that people can tell about the one true God. When Paul noticed how Athens was filled with idols, he boldly taught in the marketplace and the Areopagus about the one true God and His Son, Jesus.

LIVE IT OUT

Help your child memorize the Weekly Bible Verse, John 17:3. Review the Bible story, explaining that Paul told the people of Athens about the one true God. Encourage your child to share with others what she knows about the one true God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

All Christians are called to be on mission with God.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: John 17:3

Monday: Deuteronomy 6:4

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 1:17

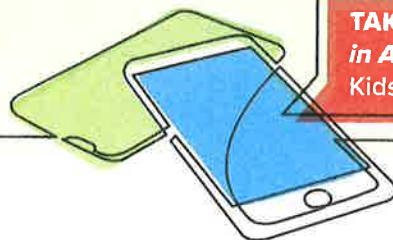
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:35

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:6

Friday: James 2:19

Saturday: Isaiah 45:21

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul Taught in Athens* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.




But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 1:8 (CSB)

How Can You Tell About Jesus?

With a friend, read each situation. Decide how you and your friend could use the situation to tell someone about Jesus.




Camryn was hurt at a baseball game and won't be able to play the rest of the summer.




Your best friend asked you why you aren't angry when things go wrong.




Mia placed third at the gymnastics meet and is very disappointed she didn't get a better score.



Tyler and Latisha were talking about how unfair the homework assignment is.



Your cousin asked you why you have to go to church every week.



Two kids from your class were making fun of a younger kid at recess.

What Can You Do?

Unscramble the words below to learn what you can do.

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