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Acts 15:22; Matthew 9:38; 2 Corinthians 1:16; 3 John 1:6

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 13:3-4

“Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.”

BIG IDEAS

- We are called and sent by the Holy Spirit.
- Faithful worship leads the church to go and send.
- The Spirit is with us as we go.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 13

KNEEL: LIVING ON MISSION

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- The gospel has the power to turn the world upside down.
- They are empowered and chosen to be a gospel witness in the world.
- Our salvation has come by grace alone.



Every student should feel...

- Comfort that the Lord is with them wherever they go.
- Hope in the God of salvation.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.



Every student should strive to...

- Read, study, and meditate on the entire book of Acts.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Pray consistently for boldness to make Jesus known.



Every student should want...

- To pursue faithfulness in living on mission.
- To share the gospel with people in their lives who do not know Jesus.
- To sacrifice their personal freedoms for the sake of the gospel

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it means to be sent out as an ambassador. We will pray for them to desire to go out with the gospel. We will lead them to practice sharing the gospel with their friends.

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Read Acts 13 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:

- Make note of the influence of believers on one another. How did they encourage and influence one another to share the gospel and live for Christ?
- Make note of the ways the fasting and praying of the believers impacted their ministry. What part does fasting and praying play in the ministry of the church today?
- How did God use the early church to carry the gospel to the world?

Read and meditate on Acts 13 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the ways God uses the church to send out ambassadors for His purpose.
- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that we have the Holy Spirit with us when we go in Jesus' name.
- Ponder how to model for your son or daughter the truth that faithful worship leads the church to go out with the gospel.



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to guide them to use the power of the Holy Spirit to carry the gospel to their lost friends.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to help them see the benefit of worshiping with other believers and how this leads to the gospel going out.



Memorize Acts 13:3-4 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verses on an index card and review them each day to help your son or daughter learn them.
- Help your son or daughter make a list of the people your church has sent out with the gospel. Point out the way worshiping together encourages and equips believers to go out with the gospel.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that they can encourage other believers in the church to carry the gospel into the world. Help them come up with three tangible ways that he or she can encourage others to share the gospel.