

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

ACTS 1:8 (ESV)

A New Direction

Follow the arrows to read a story about a missionary family. When you come to an intersection, change directions and go a different way.

START

A missionary couple spent several years living in the country where they were sure God wanted them to teach about Jesus.

FINISH

The Holy Spirit changed the family's direction so these people would have someone to teach them the truth.

One day while they were visiting family in the United States, the country decided not to allow them to come back. The family waited in a nearby country, and the father tried to get back to what had become their home. But the government was firm. They sent him away.

After the family settled into their new home, they began to meet refugees from where they had lived before. (Refugees are people who leave dangerous situations and go where they hope to find a better life.)

The family did not know any of the refugees, but they already spoke the language. Soon the family made new friends and began to share the good news about Jesus.

The family prayed and asked God for direction and understanding. How could they have been wrong about God sending them to these people?

God's answer surprised them. He gave them an opportunity to move to a new country. They thought they would have to learn a new culture and a new language in order to tell people about Jesus.

Will I Hear?

Paul heard when the Holy Spirit directed him, and you

can hear, too. Circle the items that could be used to help you know what God wants you to do.

Bible
cell phone
pastor
ears

newspaper
magazine
video games
mouth

teacher
books
pets
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CONVERSATION

Paul Listened to God

ACTS 15:36-41; 16:1-12

When Paul and Barnabas had been missionaries for awhile, Paul spoke to Barnabas: “Let’s go back and visit the believers in every town where we have preached. Let’s see how they are doing.”

Barnabas agreed. He wanted to take John Mark, but Paul did not want to take him because John Mark had left them on one of their other trips. So Barnabas took John Mark with him to Cyprus. Paul chose Silas, and they traveled through Syria and Cilicia. They helped the churches wherever they went.

In Lystra Paul met Timothy who was the son of a Greek father and a believing Jewish mother. People spoke well of Timothy, and Paul took him and traveled through towns, encouraging believers. The number of believers increased daily.

The Holy Spirit guided Paul and the men as they traveled. Instead of going to Asia or Mysia, Paul had a vision of a Macedonian man begging him to come and help. They immediately left, understanding that God was calling them to preach the gospel to Macedonia. They traveled to several towns in Macedonia, delivering the message of Jesus.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Acts 1:8

LIFE POINT: People can tell about Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will help them.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that people can tell about Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will help them. Paul submitted to the Holy Spirit’s leadership about where to go and where not to go. The Holy Spirit empowered Paul to tell people everywhere about Jesus.

LIVE IT OUT

If your child is already a Christian, remind her that the Holy Spirit lives in her. Use a concordance to find references to the Holy Spirit and together read the verses. Emphasize that the Holy Spirit helps people tell about Jesus.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God works through people to do work in their communities and world.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Acts 1:8

Monday: 2 Peter 1:21

Tuesday: Acts 4:31

Wednesday: Micah 3:8

Thursday: Acts 5:32

Friday: 1 John 2:27

Saturday: Acts 2:4

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul Listened to God* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.

