LESSON 17

GOD GUIDES PAUL



Aim: **To teach the children that God guided Paul. He told him where to preach the Gospel.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 16:6–10**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 48:14**
[T]his God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

When you come to a place you do not know, you need a guide to show you the way. **Describe a time when you or someone you know needed guidance.**

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Paul made many journeys to different towns and countries to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. On one journey he did not know where to go next. He had thought of several places, but in some way or another God stopped him from going there (Acts 16:6–8). What was Paul to do? He knew God would guide him.
2. **Describe how Paul had a vision one night (16:9).** He saw a man from Macedonia (the country we now call Greece). Paul knew from the man's clothes that he was from that region. **Show Picture 17.** The Macedonian was asking Paul to come and help them. The Bible uses a very strong word here for "ask"; it says the man begged Paul.
3. Paul knew it was God telling him that he had to take the Gospel to Greece. That is exactly what he and his companions did next (16:10).

Our Response to the Story

God still guides us today. He may give us guidance in dreams or through our church and Christian friends. God most often speaks to us through his Word, the Bible. When we pray, God may use that time to put an idea into our minds. We should ask God to guide us, and then trust that he will, as the memory verse promises.

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