

Lesson No. ( 44 )

**PAUL THE APOSTLE**  
HIS SERVICE AND TOIL FOR THE LORD

**References:**

2 Corinthians 11, Acts 9:13-28.

**Notes for Servants**

- ★ Paul the apostle should be our example as ministers. He went all over Asia Minor and Europe and established many churches. His evangelism was full of liveliness, earnest prayers, tears and great sacrifice. What have we done for the Service?
- ★ Service without toil is far away from being lively and effective. True service is that which attacks the kingdom of the devil, as successful ministers are perpetual targets for his blazing arrows. The Lord supports His children in their battle and grants them victory.
- ★ St. Paul did not seek people's support. Many of his friends stabbed him but he held fast to God and to them as he loved all. "If I love you the more, am I to be loved the less?"

**Objectives**

**General:** Love for the Service and seeking those who are keeping away from the church.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Know that we all must serve the Lord one way or another according to our abilities.
- B. Learn some of the ways which help them serve God in their age.
- C. Understand that when anyone serves God, He will give him all the help and support he will need in his service.

**Bible Verse**

**" Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? "**

(2 Corinthians 11:29)

**Teaching Aids**

A big map showing Paul's journey. The picture of Paul the apostle.

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**Instruction**

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.
- (4) Explain how powerful Paul's evangelism was.
- (5) Teacher should prepare the appropriate questions to emphasize the objectives during the lesson.

## Story Time

In the Bible, the apostle Paul wrote about the Fruit of the Spirit, but he hadn't understood it until he became a Christian. Imagine having your whole life run by rules like how to wash, who to talk to, and how far to walk. Before Paul met Jesus, this was his life.

Then Paul met Jesus. He learned that God doesn't want us to just follow rules and do right because we're supposed to. He wants to lovingly change our hearts so that we want to do what's right. Doing right doesn't save us—believing in Jesus and letting God change our hearts does. Suddenly Paul was free from trying to obey a bunch of rules and God's Spirit began growing new fruit in him. Instead of killing Christians, Paul became one! He then taught that the only way to please God is to believe in Jesus and let the Holy Spirit change us. That's true freedom.

Paul the apostle was a good example of those who repented and submitted their life to God. The Lord made of him a great hero threatening the kingdom of the devil and bringing many people to the Lord. The Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (Acts 13) The apostles sent them on the first journey. (The Servant explains the journey on the map and how it was a long hard journey in the sea and on land - and how the Jews resisted the apostles: Bar - Jesus in Cyprus - They were driven out in Perga - They were about to be stoned in Iconium and in Lystra after healing the lame - They went to preach in Derbe - They, again, visited all these countries with rare courage and with love for Christ and the service.

Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit our brothers." (Acts 15) Paul and Silas began the journey to Cyprus. Paul went to the Asian countries to encourage them to stand firm in faith. He took Timothy from Lystra as a fruit of the service. He wanted to serve in Asia but the Spirit prevented him. When he saw the Macedonian, he went to Europe where he established Churches at Phil (Lydia - the girl who predicted the future - the jailer), in Thessalonica (where they were beaten and driven out), in Athens (he was greatly upset when he noticed how full of idols the city was), in Corinth (where he met Aquila and Priscilla and there he was persecuted by the Jews)

Then the apostle went on a third journey to Asia Minor. He established a church in Ephesus and stayed there for three years serving them with tears night and day. (Acts 19, 20) The Jews rebelled against him. They arrested him in Jerusalem... He was sent to the court several times... The mighty preacher stood before Felix, before Agrippa and before Caesar in Rome... Nero the tyrant ordered his soldiers to cut his head off and so he was martyred in A.D. 68...

### Discussion

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

### Learning Activities

Activity Sheet.