

Front Door

At Home Storytelling

The Road to Share God's Message

Acts 17: 1-9

Review:

The Narrative Lectionary takes a big jump in Acts to tell of the ministry of Paul and other friends. For over 20 years it was Paul's life to witness to the love of God through Jesus throughout the empire. You could say Paul was on the ultimate mission trip. I wonder if we are able to think of our life work, a mission statement. What would it be? How do our lives respond to God?

Tell the Story:

Prepare for the new story. Remind your children this is our time to listen for God. They will use their imagination to help listen and hear what they story is saying.

Tell the story: Keeping true to the narrative, tell the story with elements of emotion and excitement. Be careful not to edit the text too much. Favorite options for storytelling is read from scripture, summarize from scripture, view storytelling video from, visualize story sequence on a white board.

Retell:

Take the time to have the children re-tell the story they have just heard. Many options exist for this activity, it should remain a child's free choice. Use story props, white boards, puppets or blocks. Ask your kids to name characters, sequence events and explore notable concepts on their terms.

Notable Take Aways:

The narrative takes on spiritual and historical qualities in the Books of Acts. There are many people and places named in the ancient world. Times were definitely different, but how different were people? Many responded to the message of hope and love found in Jesus. Others didn't want to hear it, they had a system that worked for them. They wanted to stop the

Bring the Story to Life

In the image below a local [Chicago artist, Jim Bachor](#) finds a unique way to elevate a persons journey and solves the problem of city pot holes by making art. It reminds me of Paul traveling the roads of this many journeys and sharing the good news? I wonder if Paul left a picture what it would be? Can you think of a picture too?

Jim Bachor uses little pieces of tile to make one large image. You could paper or card board.



Resources:

[The Life of Paul](#)

Short animated video for kids and adults providing the background of Paul.

[Interactive map of Paul's travels.](#)

Follow along with Paul to find all the different places he went to share the good news. Use a globe to add a bigger perspective.

spread of the good news. Can you believe the story of Jesus has been told throughout time? What would you tell others about the story of God?