

Paul: Apostle, Missionary, Traveler, Letter writer

Travel Agency (Art Room)

Grades 1-4

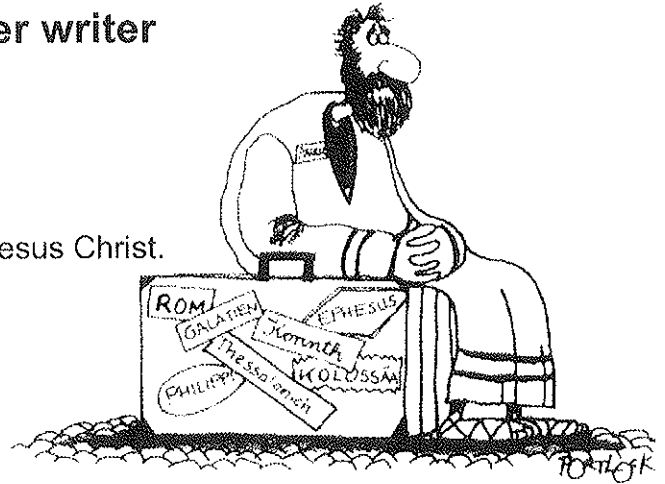
Key verse

All who believe are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.
Romans 3:22

Gathering (Shepherd)

As students arrive:

- Check them in on the attendance sheet.
- Give them their name buttons.
- Collect offering.
- **Have them write their prayer concerns and joys in the class prayer journal.**
- Guide them to the opening activity. The activity in your room today is to engage students while other students are arriving.
- **Begin with prayer-including entries in the class prayer journal.**



Telling the story (Workshop Leader)

Read the story of Paul found in *My Favorite Bible Storybook for Early Readers* pp.490-511. It's a children's Bible, but it tells a good overview for older students, too. It includes Saul's conversion, preaching and teaching, jail and a shipwreck-pretty much all the elements of Saul/Paul's life.

Responding to the story (Workshop Leader)

Paul did a lot of traveling after he became a believer. It is estimated that he traveled 10,000 miles in his lifetime, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people all around the Mediterranean Sea.

- Give each student a copy of *The Student Atlas*.
- Start with maps 24-27 to see the journeys of Paul. Note the scale to determine mileage and the comments that accompany the maps.
- Map 28 will show you the churches founded by Paul.
- Map 2 will show the terrain. It will show that the area traveled by Paul was rugged, mountainous, rocky, and desert-like.
- How do you think Paul traveled? Walking and by ship

Take a few minutes to look up the following Bible verses together. These verses give us a taste of what Paul was teaching as he was traveling.

- Romans 1:16-17
- Romans 3:23-24
- Romans 5:8
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Galatians 5:22-23
- Ephesians 2:8
- Philippians 4:13
- 1 Timothy 4:12

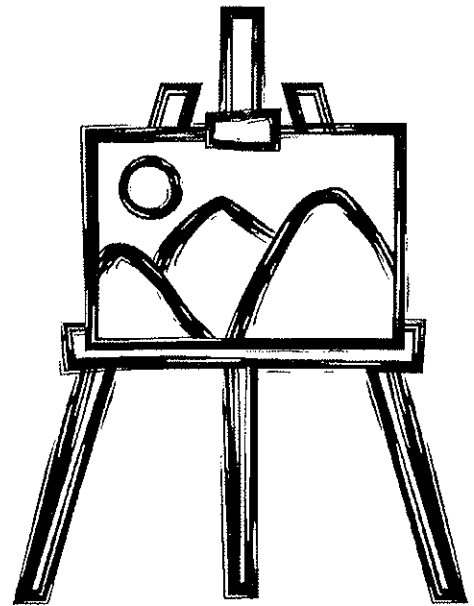
Students will do an art project to reinforce Paul's message. Each student gets a large piece of white paper. Have pencils and erasers available for preliminary sketches. Use colored pencils and crayons to complete the project.

Make a travel poster or advertisement for Paul's journey and/or his message.

Perhaps Paul is coming to your town to preach. Use words like: love, Jesus Christ, Gospel, Good News, new life, share, spread the news, etc.

Perhaps you are being recruited to travel with Paul on one of his journeys. Use words like: join us, trip of a lifetime, spread the Good News, greatest adventure, life changing, etc.

Usually, the best posters have large pictures and a few key words. Sketch your drawing lightly in pencil to get it right before you add color. There are a few posters up around the art room to use as examples of good posters that tell a message. Remember we want these travel posters or advertisement poster to be about Paul's travels. Kids can take these home or hang them up in the art room.



Reflection (Shepherd)-5 minutes

Jesus turned Paul's life around completely. Paul hated Christians, then Jesus transformed him into the greatest missionary ever. *How has Jesus changed your life or the lives of people you know?* Shepherds, you answer, too! Get the students started.

Pray:

Dear Jesus of miraculous changes,
Change my sinful ways! Turn my bad qualities to good.
Help me be generous instead of selfish.
Help me love instead of hate.
Help me make friends, not enemies.
With your help, anything is possible.
Change my sinful ways!
Amen.