

# SEND SUNDAY

## Worship Resources

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### PURPOSE

This resource provides a suggested structure for your church's Send Sunday service, emphasizing missions through biblically grounded worship, preaching, and prayer.

### DISCLAIMER:

We believe worship planning is a holy process in which the ministers of the church should prayerfully lay their ideas and desires before the Lord. This guide is not meant to replace thoughtful and Spirit-led planning but to serve as a resource. These are suggestions to help you craft a service that fits your church's unique context and reflects God's heart for the nations.

## Suggested Service Outline

### 1. Welcome & Call to Worship

The Call to Worship sets the tone for the service by focusing hearts on God's glory and his mission to make his name known among all peoples. Use these scriptures to draw the congregation's attention to his global purpose:

#### Call to Worship Suggestions:

- **Psalm 67:1-3** (*May God be gracious to us and bless us... that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*)
- **Isaiah 49:6** (*It is too light a thing ... I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.*)
- **Revelation 7:9-10** (*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number ... standing before the throne and before the Lamb.*)

### 2. Corporate Confession & Assurance of Pardon

This section encourages the congregation to confess their sins corporately, focusing on apathy toward missions and evangelism, while being reminded of Christ's forgiveness and redemptive work.

#### Confession:

- We confess that we have been apathetic about the Great Commission.
- We confess that we have prioritized our own comfort over the needs of the lost.
- We confess that we have failed to pray, give, or go as you have commanded.
- We confess our lack of urgency for your global mission.

#### Assurance of Pardon:

**1 John 2:2** (*He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*)

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## Small Group Guide and Study Resources

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### PURPOSE

This guide is designed to help small groups reflect on what they experienced during Send Sunday and explore practical ways to live out the Great Commission. Whether your church focused on a specific passage or took a unique approach, this discussion will help participants process key themes and take next steps in missions involvement.

## Discussion Outline

### 1. Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Begin by inviting someone to open in prayer, asking God to give your group clarity, boldness, and a heart for the nations.

### 2. Reflecting on Send Sunday (10–15 minutes)

#### Discussion Questions:

- What was one thing that stood out to you from the Send Sunday message or service?
- Did anything challenge or convict you personally about missions or evangelism?
- How did the idea of your church being a “sending church” resonate with you?
- *Who in our church might God be calling to send out as a missionary? How can we support or encourage that person to pursue God’s call?*

### 3. Digging into Scripture (15–20 minutes)

Choose one or two of the following passages for group discussion, or ask a volunteer to read aloud:

- **Acts 13:1-3** (*The Holy Spirit sets apart workers to be sent by the local church.*)  
Discussion: How does this passage show that sending missionaries is an act of worship and obedience for the church?
- **Matthew 28:18-20** (*The Great Commission: Go and make disciples of all nations.*)  
Discussion: Jesus gave this command to all believers. What does it mean for you personally to “go” in your context?
- **Romans 10:13-15** (*How will they hear unless someone is sent?*)
- **Discussion:** Why is it essential for churches to raise up and send gospel workers?



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# A BOLD PRAYER GUIDE FOR MISSIONS

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## Join Us in Prayer for the Nations

Keep praying with us each week. Visit [abwe.org/pray](https://abwe.org/pray) to sign up and stay informed about how to lift up the nations in prayer.

This guide is meant to stir boldness in prayer, deepen your own walk with Christ, and lift up the nations in prayer.



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“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)

This prayer guide invites you to join God’s mission to reach the nations through intentional and bold prayer. We’ll pray in ever-widening circles—starting with yourself and your immediate sphere of influence, and expanding to the ends of the earth. Let’s pray bold prayers of faith and surrender that align our hearts with his purposes.

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### **Sunday: Sending from Your Church**

“I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named.” (Romans 15:20)

“How will they preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:15)

Reflect: The Great Commission is not optional. Pray for your church to send workers to the harvest fields where Christ is not yet known.

- Pray for God to raise up laborers from your church to go to the unreached.
- Intercede for those with evangelistic gifts to step forward boldly.
- Seek the Spirit’s guidance for whom to send and where to send them.
- Commit to encouraging and supporting missionaries from your church.

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# Kids' Adventure in Missions



# Instructions

This sample children's ministry lesson guide is designed to help you engage kids in learning about God's work among the nations, using the story of Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey. It's flexible—use as much or as little of the guide as works for your setting. Whether you want a full lesson plan or just some inspiration for activities, feel free to adapt it to fit your needs. The goal is to foster excitement about missions and help kids grasp the biblical call to proclaim the gospel.

Here's an overview of the lesson components and their purposes:

1. Preparation (Study the Lesson) – This section encourages teachers to review the material in advance. It helps ensure you're ready to guide kids through the story with clarity and confidence.
2. Begin the Lesson (Activity & Memory Verse) – Opening with a fun review activity or memory verse engages kids right away, helping them recall what they've learned before while setting the stage for today's story.
3. Teach the Lesson (Story & Discussion) – This part walks through the biblical account of Paul and Barnabas, emphasizing key moments like their commissioning and encounters on the journey. It's designed to make the story accessible and memorable for kids.
4. Activity (Bible Story Segments) – These creative activities, such as drawing scenes or using maps, reinforce the story while giving kids a hands-on learning experience.
5. Review the Lesson (Simplify & Discussion) – Encourages kids to distill what they've learned into simple key ideas. This helps solidify the main takeaways and ensures understanding.
6. Apply the Lesson (Team Game) – A fun, interactive game emphasizes teamwork and the importance of sharing the gospel. It reinforces the lesson's main point in a playful way.

Feel free to modify or skip parts of the guide to suit your group's size, age, and needs. The heart of this resource is to inspire kids with the truth of the gospel and God's mission to reach all nations.

# Acts 13:4-14:27

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Big idea: The church in Antioch sends out the first missionaries.



## Study the Lesson (before class)

- Paul and Barnabas accepted the new assignment from God. They chose to bring an assistant with them, John Mark. John Mark was a cousin of Barnabas. The assignment was to take the message of the gospel to other countries.
- Their first destination was Cyprus, the home country of Barnabas. Cyprus was where Saul was first called Paul. Salamis, on the eastern coast of Cyprus, was the first stop. Evidently, there was a large Jewish population in Salamis. From Salamis, they went to Paphos, a trip of about 100 miles or 160 kilometers.
- At Paphos, they encountered Bar-Jesus, a fraudulent wizard. Paul confronted this sorcerer and the governor immediately placed his faith in Jesus Christ as a result. At this point, Paul seems to take the lead over Barnabas, except when they were in Jerusalem.
- From Cyprus, they went to Perga in Pamphilia (southern Turkey). It was here that John Mark left the team and went back to Jerusalem. Paul thought John Mark lacked courage and commitment but later came to respect him and acknowledge that he needed John Mark for the work (2 Timothy 4:11).
- From Perga, they headed north to Pisidian Antioch. When invited to speak at the synagogue, Paul read two portions of Scripture from the Old Testament. First, from Moses and then from the prophets. The result was explosive.
- On their way home, Paul and Barnabas retraced their journey to encourage new believers along the way.

## TEACHER HELP

The teacher's guide is divided into five key segments. Each part of the teaching process is important and all five should be followed for effective teaching. Chronological Bible teaching is a great way to evangelize and disciple children. As children come to know the stories of the Bible, they will understand the God of the Bible and how to respond to him by faith.

Each of the five steps to teaching these lessons is a vital part of the lesson. Preparation before the lesson is extremely important and takes place in the days leading up to class. Then when class time starts, introduce the lesson with ideas or methods that will encourage students to become involved in the learning process. Teaching the story will take on several forms: through telling, through singing, through Scripture memory, and through activity. Be sure to review the lesson as well as previous lessons. Last, and probably most important, give your class something to apply or live out as a result of the lesson.

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Matthew 9:38



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