



Missionary Work of the Apostles

Service Module
Grade 7 – Week 1

Examples of Christian service in the Book of Acts

ST. PETER

St. Peter gave many sermons and his preaching guided by the Holy Spirit led many to believe in Christ

ST. STEPHEN

The first deacon. Distributed food and money to the poor in the community

TABITHA

Made tunics for the poor

ST. PHILIP

Traveled and preached to Samaria

ST. PAUL

Travelled through many different cities to teach the word of God

EVERYONE SERVED AS MUCH AS THEY COULD - NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL

ALL THEIR SERVICES LED TO THE CHURCH AND FAITH THAT WE HAVE TODAY

St. Paul



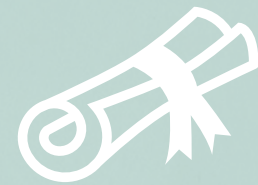
BORN IN TARBUS

Originally named Saul



WAS A ROMAN CITIZEN

from a wealthy Jewish family



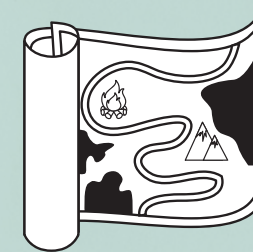
HIGHLY EDUCATED

Was a Pharisee



BECAME CHRISTIAN

and changed his name to
Paul




4 JOURNEYS

His missionary work
helped spread
Christianity all over the
world

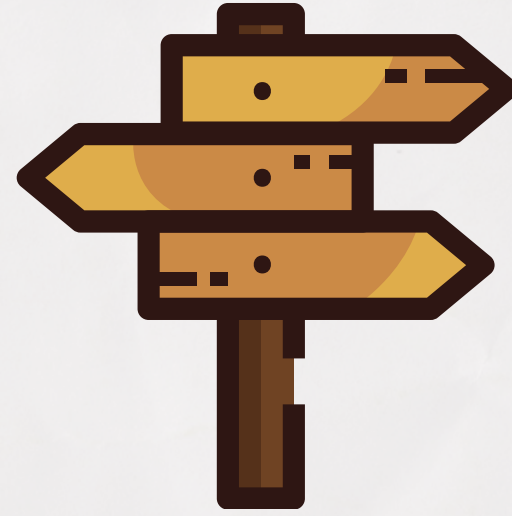


WROTE MANY EPISTLES

known as the "Pauline
Epistles" in the New
Testament



TRAVELING THROUGH THE ROMAN EMPIRE



BY LAND

- No stable source of food or shelter
- Constant danger of bandits

BY SEA

- No cabins for travelers – had to stay on deck exposed to sun, wind, rain
- Dangerous weather
- Danger of shipwreck



Paul's First Journey

WHO

St. Paul, Barnabas, and St. Mark

WHERE

- Antioch > Seleucia > Cyprus (Salamis and Paphos) > Perga
 - (From here, St. Mark returns to Jerusalem)
- Paul and Barnabas continue to Pisidian Antioch > Iconium > Lystra > Derbe
- Then they retraced their steps and sailed back to Antioch, where the first journey ends

WHAT

When they stopped in each city, they went to the synagogues to preach the coming of Jesus Christ, the messiah as the fulfillment of the promises made in the Old Testament.



Paul's Second Journey

WHO

St. Paul & Silas, then Timothy, and Aquila & Priscilla

WHERE

- First, Derbe and Lystra to check on the communities he had founded during his first trip.
 - Here they met Timothy, who they decided to bring with them on their journey.
- Then: Phrygia > Galatia > Troas where Paul had a vision to travel to Damascus and preach there.
 - He intentionally avoided Asia as the Holy Spirit would not allow him to go there and preach.
- Then, he traveled down the east coast of Greece, established a church in Corinth, then continued through Ephesus, returning to Antioch by way of Jerusalem.

WHAT

- Many major churches were established on this trip (whom he later wrote epistles to)
- During his journeys, Paul understood the culture he was stepping into and thus entered in with a strategy, conscious of the culture's traditions.
- The Epistles to the Thessalonians were written during this Journey





0 100 200 Miles
0 100 200 Kilometers

Paul's Third Journey

MAIN FOCUS: EPHESUS

Paul's Fourth Journey

WHO

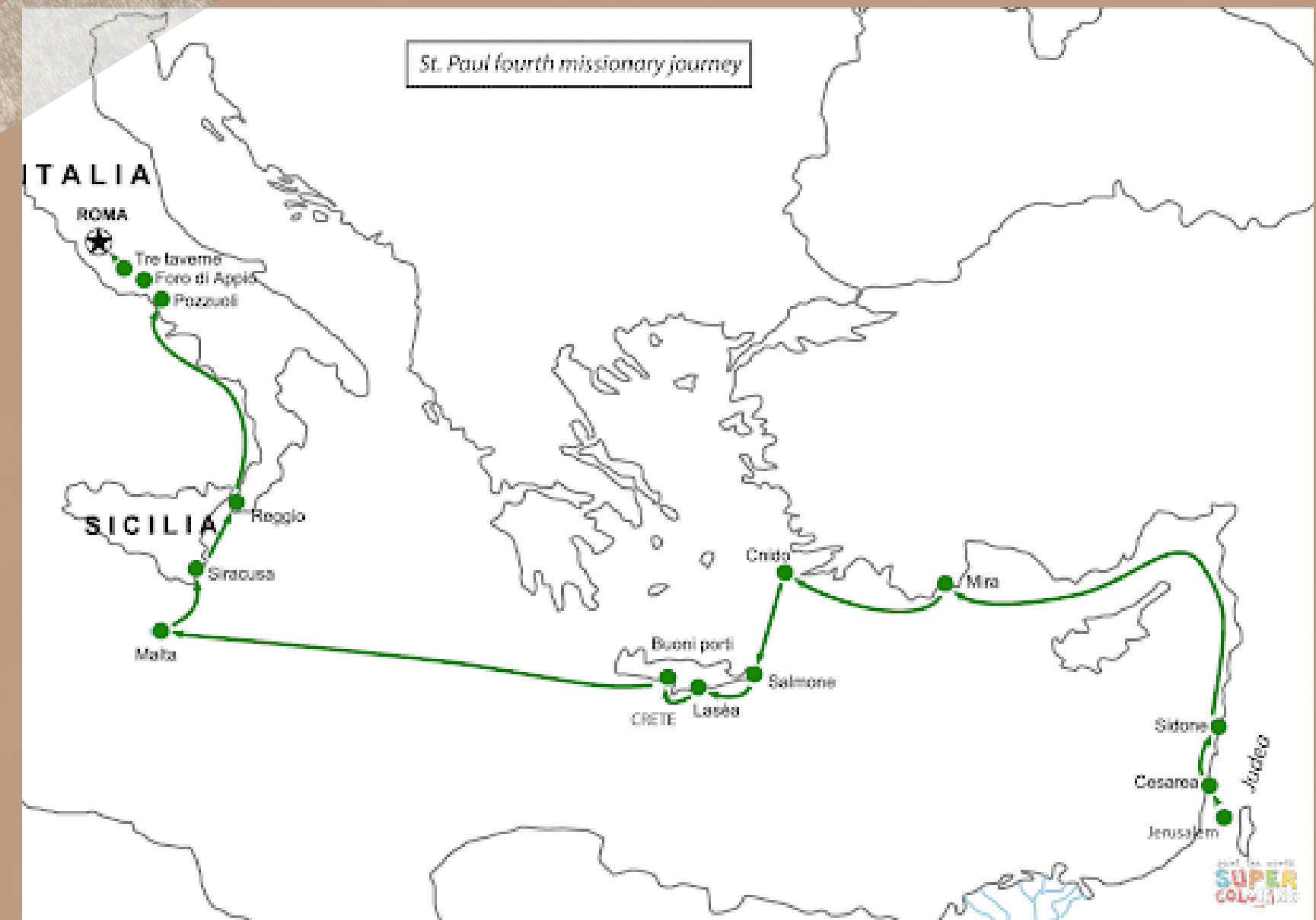
St. Paul (as a prisoner), Luke & Aristarchus, then Timothy

WHERE

- Jerusalem > Caesarea > Sidon > Myra > Lasea > Melita > Syracuse > Rhegium > Puteoli > Rome

WHAT

- When he arrived in Jerusalem at the end of his third trip, Paul was beaten by the Jews then taken to Caesarea where he was put in prison.
 - Since he was a Roman citizen, he was taken to Rome to be tried before the emperor
- When he arrived in Rome, he spent two years there as a prisoner
 - There he wrote the epistles to the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.
- St. Paul was beheaded in Rome





REVIEW

- 01 — HOW MANY JOURNEYS DID ST. PAUL GO ON?
- 02 — NAME 3 DISCIPLES WHO TRAVELED WITH HIM.
- 03 — NAME 3 CITIES PAUL VISITED.
- 04 — WHAT HAPPENED TO PAUL WHEN HE GOT TO JERUSALEM AT THE END OF HIS THIRD TRIP?
- 05 — WHAT MADE PAUL ABLE TO WIN OVER SO MANY PEOPLE?

Takeaways

Serving God

Before he became Christian, Paul had everything—status, money, respect, knowledge, all of it.

But serving God meant more to him than all of those things

Contentment

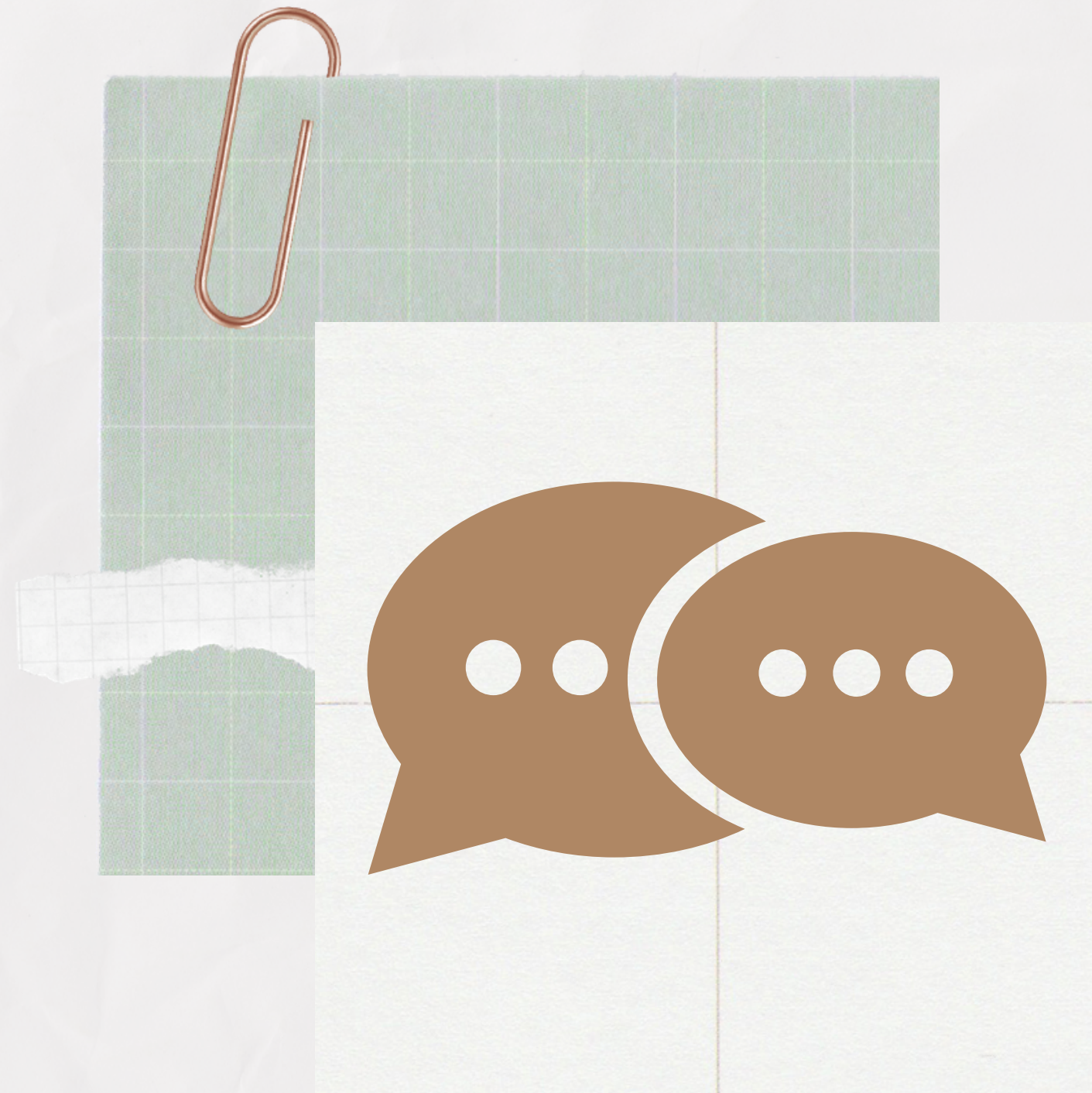
Paul suffered many struggles during his journeys. Jesus gave him the strength to be content in every circumstance.

We gain peace like Paul did when we follow God's will and serve Him

Body of Christ

As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, we as Christians form the Body of Christ.

We are each important with a unique role, and are called to serve the rest of the Body using our gifts



DISCUSSION

- What would happen if each of the disciples said "I don't have to worry about that...someone else will take care of it?" What would happen to the church?
- How can we serve in our daily lives? At school, at home, at church?
- What gifts did God give you and how can you use them for Him?

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

GALATIANS 6:10

