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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-11

Background: Luke wrote an account of Jesus' life and sent it to Theophilus. We call that account "The Gospel of Luke" or simply "Luke." Luke also wrote this book, called "Acts," to Theophilus.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Luke's first account was about all that Jesus did and taught. [1:1]
- ☐ After Jesus suffered, he presented himself alive to his apostles and taught them about the kingdom of God. [1:3]
- ☐ Jesus told his apostles to wait in Jerusalem for what God had promised. [1:4]
- ☐ Jesus said that they would receive power and be his witness. [1:8]
- ☐ Jesus was raised up and a cloud hid him, and two men in white suddenly appeared. [1:9-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who was this book written to? [1:1]
It was written to Theophilus.
2. What did the author tell Theophilus his first book was about? [1:1-2]
The book was about all that Jesus did and taught until he was taken up.
3. What did Jesus do just before he was taken up? [1:2]
He gave his apostles commands through the Holy Spirit.
4. How long did Jesus appear to the apostles? [1:3]
He appeared to them for forty days.
5. What did Jesus speak of during the forty days he was with his apostles? [1:3]
He spoke about the kingdom of God.
6. What did Jesus command the apostles in 1:4?
He commanded them to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the promise from the Father.
7. What did Jesus tell the apostles about baptism in 1:5?
John baptized with water, but they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
8. What question did the apostles ask Jesus about the kingdom, and what was Jesus' answer? [1:6-7]
The apostles asked if it was time for Jesus to restore the kingdom to Israel, but Jesus said it was not for them to know what time the Father had chosen for this to happen.
9. What did Jesus tell the apostles would happen to them when the Holy Spirit came upon them in 1:8?
They would receive power.

Acts 1:1-11 continued

10. Where did Jesus tell the apostles they would be His witnesses? [1:8]
In Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
11. What did the apostles see happen to Jesus in 1:9?
He was lifted up into heaven and hidden in a cloud.
12. What did the two men in white tell the apostles in 1:10-11?
Jesus would return in the same way he was taken up into heaven.

Comment Section:

2:1-13

Background: The events of this passage happened during the day of Pentecost. The day of Pentecost was a Jewish feast.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The disciples were all together on the day of Pentecost. [2:1]
- ☐ There was a sound like the rushing wind in the house, and they saw what looked like tongues of fire resting on them. [2:2-3]
- ☐ The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. [2:4]
- ☐ Jews from all over the world were in Jerusalem at that time, and they were amazed that each of them could hear people speaking in their languages. [2:5-12]
- ☐ Some people mocked the disciples and said they had drunk too much wine. [2:13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where were the disciples on the day of Pentecost? [2:1]
They were all in one place together in Jerusalem.
2. What did the disciples hear and see? [2:2-3]
They heard the sound of a mighty rushing wind and they saw what looked like tongues of fire resting on each of them.
3. What happened to the disciples? [2:4]
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages.
4. Who was in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost? [2:5]
Godly Jews from every nation.
5. What did the Jews from other nations hear? [2:6]
The Jews from other nations heard in their own languages what the disciples were saying.
6. What did the Jews from other nations ask? [2:7,8,12]
They asked how these men from Galilee could speak in languages of different nations, and what this could mean.
7. What did the Jews from other nations hear the disciples telling about? [2:11]
They heard the disciples telling about God's mighty works.
8. What did the mockers say about the disciples? [2:13]
They said that the disciples had drunk too much wine.

Acts 2:1-13 continued

9. How do you think the events in 2:1-13 fulfilled what Jesus spoke to the apostles in 1:4-8?

Jesus said they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and they would receive power to be his witnesses. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they witnessed as they spoke in the languages of the people present.

Comment Section:

3:11-16

Background: In 3:1-10, Peter and John went to the temple and saw a man who was lame and who was asking for money. Peter healed the man in Jesus' name, and immediately the man stood and started walking around.

In 3:11-16, Peter spoke to the people and mentioned God's servant, Jesus. Pilate was the governor of Judea at the time of Jesus' death and resurrection. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were famous ancestors of the Jewish people.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ People ran to Peter, John, and the healed man and marveled at what had happened. [3:11]
- ☐ Peter told the people of Israel that their God had sent Jesus, but they had rejected Jesus and had him killed. [3:11-15]
- ☐ Peter told them that God had raised Jesus from the dead. [3:15]
- ☐ Peter told them that the lame man was healed by faith in Jesus' name. [3:16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened when Peter, John, and the man who was healed entered Solomon's Portico at the temple? [3:11]
They were surrounded by people who were amazed at the healing of the lame man.
2. Based on what Peter said, what do you think the people believed about the miracle? [3:12]
They apparently thought that Peter and John healed the man by their own power.
3. What did Peter say that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had done? [3:13]
Peter said that God had glorified his servant Jesus.
4. What had the people of Israel done to Jesus? [3:13]
They had handed him over to be killed, and they had rejected him before Pilate.
5. What did Peter call Jesus? [3:14-15]
He called Jesus the Holy and Righteous One and the Founder of life.
6. What had God done to Jesus? [3:15]
God had raised Jesus from the dead.
7. What did Peter say made the lame man strong? [3:16]
Faith in Jesus' name made the man strong.
8. What did Peter say had given the man perfect health? [3:16]
The faith that is through Jesus gave the man perfect health.

Comment Section:

4:23-31

Background: In 4:1-22, the Jewish religious leaders were annoyed that Peter and John were teaching that Jesus had been raised from the dead. So, they had a council meeting and put Peter and John on trial. The leaders could find no excuse to punish them, so they just commanded them not to teach in Jesus' name and let them go.

In Acts 4:25, the believers mentioned David. About one thousand years before Jesus came to earth, David was an important king of Israel. He wrote many of the psalms in the book of Psalms in the Old Testament.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Peter and John left the council and told the other believers what the council said to them. [4:23]
- ☐ The believers prayed. They quoted a scripture that said that people would oppose the Lord and his Christ. They acknowledged that what happened to Jesus was just what God had planned. [4:24-28]
- ☐ They prayed for the power to speak God's word boldly. [4:29-30]
- ☐ Then the place in which they were gathered was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. [4:31]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter and John do after they left the council? [4:23]
Peter and John went back to the other believers and told them what the council said to them.
2. What did the gathering of believers do when Peter and John told them what happened in the council? [4:24]
They prayed.
3. What did the believers say the Lord had made? [4:24]
They said that he had made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and all that is in them.
4. Who did the believers quote as they prayed? [4:25]
They quoted the Lord's servant David, who was their ancestor.
5. What did David say about the Gentile nations? [4:25]
The Gentile nations raged, and the peoples imagined useless things.
6. What did David say about the kings of the earth and the rulers? [4:26]
They gathered together against the Lord and against his Christ.
7. Who did the believers speak about as they prayed? [4:27]
They spoke about Herod, Pontius Pilate, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel.
8. What did the believers say those people had done? [4:27]
Those people had gathered against God's holy servant Jesus, whom God had anointed.

Acts 4:23-31 continued

9. Who had decided and planned what would happen to Jesus? [4:28]
God had decided what would happen.
10. What do you think David's words had to do with what happened to Jesus? [4:25-28]
David had said what the Gentiles and the rulers would do to the Christ. Jesus is the Christ. The people of Israel and the Gentiles gathered against Jesus Christ and killed him.
11. What did the believers ask the Lord to do? [4:29-30]
They asked him to enable them to speak his word with boldness, and they asked him to heal people and to give signs and wonders through Jesus' name.
12. What happened after the believers were done praying? [4:31]
After they prayed, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.
13. What did the believers do? [4:31]
They spoke the word of God boldly.

Comment Section:

5:1-11

Background: Acts 4 says that the believers were united in heart and soul. Those who owned houses or land sold them and brought the money to the apostles so the money could be distributed to those who were in need.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property and brought part of the money to the apostles. [5:1-2]
- ☐ Peter asked Ananias why he lied to the Holy Spirit, and when he heard that he fell down dead. [5:3-6]
- ☐ When Sapphira came to Peter she also lied and fell down dead. [5:7-10]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who were Ananias and Sapphira? [5:1]
They were a husband and wife who sold a piece of property.
2. What did Ananias and Sapphira do? [5:2]
They kept a part of the sale money and brought the other part to the apostles.
3. What question did Peter ask Ananias? [5:3]
Peter asked Ananias why he lied to the Holy Spirit and kept part of the price of the land.
4. What do you think was the reason that Peter accused Ananias of lying? [5:3]
Ananias pretended to give the whole amount of money that he received for the land.
5. What do you think was the reason that Peter asked Ananias about the land being his and the money being under his authority? [5:4]
He did this to remind Ananias that he did not have to sell the land, and he could have given as much as he wanted. He did not have to lie and pretend to give the whole amount.
6. What happened to Ananias after Peter spoke to him? [5:5-6]
Ananias fell down dead, and young men wrapped him up and took him out to bury him.
7. What happened about three hours later? [5:7]
Sapphira came to where Peter was, but she did not know what had happened.
8. What did Peter ask Sapphira, and how did she answer him? [5:8]
Peter asked if they sold the land for a certain amount, and she said yes, that was the amount.
9. What did Peter accuse Ananias and Sapphira of doing? [5:9]
He accused them of agreeing to test the Spirit of the Lord.

Acts 5:1-11 continued

10. What do you think was the reason that Peter said that Ananias and Sapphira tested the Lord? [5:9]
Perhaps Ananias and Sapphira had to have known that God is holy and punishes sin. Yet they lied to the Lord by pretending to give the apostles the full amount of money.
11. What happened to Sapphira? [5:10]
She fell down dead, and the young men came and got her body and buried her beside her husband.
12. What was the reaction of the church after the death of Ananias and Sapphira? [5:11]
The church was filled with great fear when they heard this account.

Comment Section:

6:8-15

Background: Stephen was one of the seven men chosen to help the apostles minister to the group of believers. (Acts 6:1-6)

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Stephen was doing signs and wonders among the people. [6:8]
- ☐ Some people from a certain synagogue opposed Stephen. [6:9-11]
- ☐ False witnesses accused Stephen of speaking against God, Moses, and the temple. [6:11-14]
- ☐ As the council was about to speak to Stephen, his face was like that of an angel. [6:15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was Stephen doing in 6:8?
Stephen was doing great signs and wonders among the people.
2. What did people from the synagogue of the Freedmen do? [6:9-10]
They debated with Stephen.
3. Why were the people unable to successfully debate against Stephen? [6:10]
They could not successfully debate against Stephen because he spoke with wisdom and by the Spirit.
4. What did the Freedmen do in 6:11 and what was the result in 6:12?
The Freedmen paid men to lie and say that Stephen disrespected God and Moses. This stirred up the Jewish elders and scribes, who seized Stephen and brought him to the council.
5. What did the false witnesses accuse Stephen of doing? [6:13]
They accused him of speaking against the holy place and the law.
6. What do you think “the holy place” was? [6:13]
It was either Jerusalem or God’s temple in Jerusalem.
7. What was their evidence that Stephen had spoken against the holy place and the law? [6:14]
They said that they had heard Stephen say that Jesus of Nazareth would destroy that place and change the customs that Moses had given them.
8. What did the council see as Stephen was about to address the council? [6:15]
They saw that Stephen’s face was like the face of an angel.

Comment Section:

7:44-53

Background: In Acts 7, the high priest asked Stephen if his accusers were telling the truth. Stephen then spoke about Israel's history, including when God called Moses to lead the Israelites through the wilderness to the land God had promised to give to them.

In 7:44-53 Stephen spoke of the following men who had lived long ago. Joshua was Moses' assistant. He led the people of Israel into the land that God had promised. King David was the most important king of Israel. King Solomon was David's son.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Stephen told about their ancestors having the tabernacle in the wilderness and in the land God gave them. [7:44-45]
- ☐ Stephen told about David wanting to build a house and about Solomon building a house for God. [7:46-47]
- ☐ Stephen said that God does not live in houses made by people and quoted a scripture about it. [7:48-50]
- ☐ Stephen rebuked the people for murdering the Righteous One and not keeping the law. [7:51-53]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What had God told Moses to make? [7:44]
God told him to make the tabernacle of the testimony.
2. Later what did the Jews' ancestors do with the tabernacle? [7:45]
They took the tabernacle with them when they took possession of the land.
3. What did God do to the nations that lived in the land? [7:45]
God took the land from the nations and made them leave it.
4. What did David ask God to let him do? [7:46]
David asked God to let him find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob. This means that David wanted to build a temple for the ark of the covenant. (Some versions say that David asked God to let him build a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.)
5. What did Solomon do? [7:47]
Solomon built the house for God.
6. What did Stephen then say about God and houses? [7:48]
The Most High did not live in houses made by human hands.
7. According to the prophet, what did the Lord say about heaven and earth? [7:48-49]
The Lord said that heaven was his throne and the earth is his footstool.

Acts 7:44-53 continued

8. What do you think the Lord meant by all that he said in verses 49 and 50?
The Lord is so much greater than heaven and earth and he created it all. People cannot build a suitable house for him.
9. What did Stephen call the high priest and the members of the council? [7:51]
He called them stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears.
10. What do you think Stephen meant by this? [7:51]
He probably meant that they were stubborn, and they did not truly love God or listen to him.
11. What had their ancestors done to the prophets? [7:52]
They persecuted and killed the prophets.
12. Who did the people Stephen was talking to betray and murder? [7:52]
They betrayed and murdered the Righteous One.
13. What do you think was the reason that Stephen spoke about the Jews having received the law that angels ordained? [7:53]
He probably spoke about it because that makes it even more terrible that the Jews murdered the Righteous One.

Comment Section:

8:14-25

Background: At the beginning of chapter 8, a disciple named Philip went to Samaria and preached about Christ. He also did signs, and many people were healed. Many people believed and were baptized. A sorcerer named Simon also believed and was baptized. Simon stayed with Philip all the time and was amazed by the signs and mighty things Philip did.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The apostles in Jerusalem sent Peter and John to the people in Samaria. [8:14]
- ☐ When Peter and John prayed and laid their hands on the believers, they received the Holy Spirit. [8:15-17]
- ☐ Simon the magician tried to buy the power of the Holy Spirit from Peter. [8:18-19]
- ☐ Peter told Simon his heart was not right before God. [8:20-23]
- ☐ Simon asked Peter and John to pray for him. [8:24]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the apostles in Jerusalem do? [8:14]
They sent Peter and John to Samaria.
2. What do you think they sent Peter and John to do? [8:14]
They probably sent Peter and John to assure the new believers that what Philip had taught them was true and to strengthen them in their faith in God.
3. What did Peter and John pray for? [8:15]
They prayed that the believers in Samaria would receive the Holy Spirit.
4. Up until that time, what had the believers experienced? [8:16]
They had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.
5. What did Peter and John do? [8:17]
They put their hands on the believers.
6. What did Simon the magician do when he saw the Samaritan believers receive the Holy Spirit? [8:18]
He offered Peter and John money.
7. What authority did Simon want? [8:19]
He wanted authority to place his hands on people so that they would receive the Holy Spirit.
8. Why did Peter want Simon's silver to perish along with Simon? [8:20]
Peter wanted this to happen because Simon thought he could pay money to get God's gift.

Acts 8:14-25 continued

9. Why did Simon have no part in the gospel? [8:21]
Simon had no part because his heart was not right with God.
10. What did Peter say might happen if Simon repented and prayed to the Lord? [8:22]
The Lord might forgive him for what he wanted to do.
11. What condition did Peter say Simon was in? [8:23]
Simon was in the poison of bitterness and bound by unrighteousness. The phrase “in the poison of bitterness” might mean “full of corrupting sin” or “full of jealousy.”
12. How did Simon respond to Peter’s rebuke? [8:24]
Simon asked Peter to pray that nothing bad would happen to him.
13. Where did Peter and John go, and what did they do on the way? [8:25]
As they went back to Jerusalem, they stopped at many villages and preached the gospel.

Comment Section:

9:1-9

Background: Acts 8:1 and 3 mention a man named Saul. Saul approved of Stephen's execution, and he tried to destroy the church. He looked for Christians and took them to prison.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Saul was going to Damascus to arrest believers and take them to Jerusalem. [9:1-2]
- ☐ A light from heaven shone all around Saul, and a voice said, "Saul why are you persecuting me?" [9:3-4]
- ☐ The voice said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. Go into the city and wait to be told what to do." [9:5-6]
- ☐ Saul could not see, so his companions led him into Damascus. [9:7-9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who did Saul threaten to murder? [9:1]
Saul threatened to murder the disciples of the Lord.
2. Why did Saul ask the high priest for letters for the synagogues in Damascus? [9:1-2]
He wanted to look for people who belonged to the Way, tie them up, and take them to Jerusalem.
3. What do you think it means to belong to the Way? [9:2]
It means to be a follower of Jesus. (Jesus had said that he is the Way.)
4. What happened to Saul as he traveled to Damascus? [9:3]
A light from heaven shone all around Saul.
5. Saul heard a voice. What did it say to him? [9:4]
The voice said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
6. Who was speaking to Saul? [9:5]
Jesus was speaking to Saul.
7. What do you think was the reason that Jesus said that Saul was persecuting him? [9:5]
Saul was persecuting Jesus' followers, and Jesus considered that to be the same as persecuting him.
8. What did Jesus tell Saul to do, and what did Jesus say would happen? [9:6]
He told Saul to go into the city, and someone would tell Saul what he must do.
9. What did the men traveling with Saul hear and see? [9:7]
They heard the voice, but they did not see Jesus speaking to Saul.

Acts 9:1-9 continued

10. What happened when Saul got up and opened his eyes? [9:8]

He could not see anything.

11. How did Saul go into the city? [9:8]

The men who were traveling with him led him by the hand into Damascus.

Comment Section:

10:27-35

Background: The beginning of Acts 10 tells about Cornelius. Cornelius was a Gentile who feared God and prayed constantly. One day an angel came to him in a vision. The angel told him to send men to the city of Joppa to get Simon Peter. So, Cornelius sent three men to get Peter.

The next day, as Peter was praying, he had a vision in which he was told to eat animals that the scriptures called unclean. Three times in the vision God said, "What God has made clean, you must not call defiled." Then the three men came to Peter. The Spirit told Peter to go with them. The next morning, Peter went with the men to Cornelius's house in Caesarea. Cornelius fell down to worship Peter, but Peter told him to stand up.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Peter arrived, he told Cornelius that God had shown him not to call any person unclean. [10:28-29]
- ☐ Peter asked Cornelius why he had called for him and Cornelius told him about the angel that had appeared to him. [10:30-33]
- ☐ Peter said that he now understood that God is not partial, and he accepts people in all nations that fear him and do what is right. [10:35]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Peter see when he came into the house? [10:27]
He saw many people gathered together.
2. What did Peter say is not lawful for a Jewish man to do? [10:28]
It is not lawful for a Jewish man to associate with a foreigner or visit with a foreigner.
3. Why did Peter come to Cornelius without arguing? [10:28-29]
He came because God had shown him that he should not call any man defiled or unclean.
4. What do you think was the reason that Peter normally would have considered Cornelius to be unclean? [10:28]
Peter would have considered Cornelius to be unclean because Cornelius was a foreigner, a Gentile.
5. What had happened while Cornelius was praying four days ago? [10:30]
A man in bright clothing stood before him.
6. What do you think was the reason that Cornelius told Peter about the bright clothing? [10:30]
He probably did this because this is what he saw, and it would let Peter know that the man Cornelius saw was really an angel.
7. What had the man told Cornelius about his prayer and his alms? [10:31]
He said that God had heard Cornelius's prayer and that Cornelius's alms had reminded God about him.

Acts 10:27-35 continued

8. What did the man tell Cornelius about Simon Peter? [10:32]
He told Cornelius where Simon Peter was staying.
9. What did Cornelius and those with him want to hear? [10:33]
They wanted to hear everything that the Lord had instructed Peter to say.
10. What did Peter now understand about God? [10:34]
Peter understood that God is not partial. This means that God treats all people the same.
11. Who does God accept? [10:35]
God accepts anyone in any nation who fears God and does what is right.

Comment Section:

12:1-11

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ King Herod arrested members of the church, and he had James the brother of John put to death. [12:1-2]
- ☐ Herod had Peter arrested and put in prison. [12:3]
- ☐ The church prayed for Peter, and an angel helped Peter escape from prison. [12:4-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did King Herod do? [12:1]
King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church. This means that he had his soldiers arrest them.
2. Who did Herod kill with the sword? [12:2]
Herod killed James, the brother of John. This means that he had his soldiers kill James.
3. What else did Herod do, and why did he do this? [12:3]
Herod arrested Peter. He did this because he saw that the Jews were pleased when he killed James.
4. How was Peter guarded in prison? [12:4]
Four squads of soldiers guarded Peter. This means that four groups of soldiers took turns guarding him all day and all night so he would not be able to escape.
5. What did Herod plan to do with Peter? [12:4]
He planned to bring him to the people after the Passover.
6. What was the church doing while Peter was in prison? [12:5]
The church was earnestly praying to God for Peter.
7. On the night before Herod was going to bring Peter out for trial, what was Peter doing, and who was with him? [12:6]
Peter was sleeping. He was in between two soldiers, and there were guards at the prison door.
8. What did the angel tell Peter to do? [12:7-8]
He told Peter to get up, gird himself, put on his sandals and his outer garment, and follow him.
9. What happened to the chains? [12:7]
They fell off Peter's hands.
10. What did Peter think about what was happening? [12:9]
He did not know that what was happening was real. He thought he was seeing a vision.
11. After they passed by the guards and came to the iron gate, what happened? [12:10]
The gate opened by itself.

Acts 12:1-11 continued

12. What happened after Peter was out of prison and the angel of the Lord left him? [12:10-12]

Peter realized he was not dreaming and that the Lord had rescued him from Herod and from what the Jewish people were expecting. He went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, where people were praying.

13. What do you think the Jewish people were expecting? [12:11]

They were probably expecting that there would be a trial and Herod would condemn Peter to death.

Comment Section:

13:42-48

Background: In Acts 9, Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit and began to teach others about Christ. In Acts 11, Saul's friend Barnabas took Saul to Antioch to help him teach the church there. In Acts 13, the church in Antioch sent Barnabas and Saul to teach the gospel in other places. They then came to Antioch of Pisidia. On the Sabbath day, they taught in the synagogue there. Saul was also called Paul. (Acts 13:9)

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The people at the synagogue begged Paul and Barnabas to speak again on the next Sabbath. [13:42-43]
- ☐ On the next Sabbath, the Jews became jealous and opposed Paul's teaching. [13:44-45]
- ☐ Paul and Barnabas said that they would go to the Gentiles. [13:46-48]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. As Paul and Barnabas left the synagogue, what did the people beg them to do? [13:42]
They begged Paul and Barnabas to say the same things again the next Sabbath.
2. When the meeting ended, who followed Paul and Barnabas? [13:43]
Many Jews and devout Gentiles who converted to Judaism followed them.
3. What happened when Paul and Barnabas returned to the synagogue a week later? [13:44-45]
Almost the whole city gathered to hear Paul preach the word of the Lord, but the Jews were jealous of him and spoke against all that Paul preached and insulted him.
4. What did Paul and Barnabas tell the Jewish leaders of the synagogue after they rejected Paul's message? [13:46]
Paul and Barnabas said it was necessary to speak to the Jews first, but since they rejected the message of eternal life, they were turning to the Gentiles.
5. For what purpose did God appoint Paul and Barnabas to be a light for the Gentiles? [13:47]
He did this so that they would bring the message of salvation to the most distant parts of the earth.
6. How did the Gentiles respond to the Word of God? [13:48]
All whom God appointed to have eternal life believed.

Comment Section:

14:8-20

Background: In Acts 14:1-7, Paul and Barnabas preached the gospel in Iconium. People tried to mistreat Paul and Barnabas, so they fled to the Lycaonian city of Lystra. They continued to preach the gospel.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul healed a lame man in Lystra. [14:8-10]
- ☐ The men of Lystra thought Paul and Barnabas were gods, and they tried to worship them. [14:11-14]
- ☐ Paul and Barnabas stopped the men of Lystra from worshiping them, and then Paul gave a speech that highlighted the grace and mercy of God. [14:15-18]
- ☐ Jews from Antioch and Iconium came to Lystra and stirred up the people. [14:19]
- ☐ They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city. [14:19]
- ☐ Paul and Barnabas traveled to a city called Derbe, where they preached the Gospel. [14:20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How long had the man been unable to walk? [14:8]
He was disabled from the time he was born, and he had never walked.
2. What did Paul tell the man to do, and what happened? [14:10]
Paul told the man to stand up, and the man jumped up and walked around.
3. Who did the crowd think Barnabas and Paul were? [4:11-12]
They thought that Barnabas was the false god named Zeus, and that Paul was the false god named Hermes.
4. Why did the priest of Zeus bring oxen and wreaths to the gates? [14:13]
He did this because he and the people wanted to offer a sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas.
5. What did Paul and Barnabas do when they understood that the men of Lystra wanted to worship them as gods? [14:14-15]
Paul and Barnabas tore their clothing, ran into the crowd and told them that they were human beings just like the people of Lystra.
6. What do you think was the reason that Paul and Barnabas tore their clothes? [14:14]
They did this to show how upset they were about the terrible thing the people were doing.
7. What do you think Paul and Barnabas were referring to when they spoke of useless things? [14:15]
They were probably referring to worshiping false gods and sacrificing to them.
8. What did Paul and Barnabas say about God? [14:15]
He is the living God. He made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them.

Acts 14:8-20 continued

9. In the past ages, what had God allowed the people of the nations to do? [14:16]
He allowed them to live according to their own ways.
10. How had God made himself known to people? [14:17]
He did good to people, and he gave them rain and fruitful seasons. He filled them with food and gladness.
11. How do you think the people responded to Paul and Barnabas's words? [14:18]
They did not sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas, but apparently, they still wanted to.
12. What did some Jews from Antioch and Iconium do? [4:19]
They came and persuaded the crowd to think that Paul was not teaching the truth.
13. What did the Jews and the crowd do to Paul? [4:19]
They stoned him and dragged him out of the city thinking he was dead.
14. What did Paul do while the disciples were standing around him? [14:20]?
He got up and went back into the city.
15. What did Paul and Barnabas do the next day? [14:20]
They went to Derbe.

Comment Section:

15:1-21

Background: Antioch was a Gentile city with many Jewish people. When Gentile men wanted to become Jews, they had to be circumcised to be like the Jewish men. The church in Antioch was made up of both Jews and Gentiles.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Some men from Judea went to Antioch and said that men had to be circumcised in order to be saved. [15:1]
- ☐ Paul and Barnabas and some others went to Jerusalem to meet with the apostles and elders about this. [15:2]
- ☐ When they got to Jerusalem, some believers said that the Gentile believers needed to be circumcised and to follow the law of Moses.
- ☐ Peter said that since God gave the Gentiles the Holy Spirit, they should not require the Gentiles to keep the law of Moses. [15:7-11]
- ☐ Paul and Barnabas reported the signs and wonders God did through them among the Gentiles. [15:12]
- ☐ James said that they should not trouble the Gentiles, but there were some things they should tell the Gentiles to stay away from. [15:13-21]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did some men from Judea teach the believers in Antioch? [15:1-2]
They taught that the believers had to be circumcised according to the custom of Moses in order to be saved.
2. What do you think Paul and Barnabas thought about that? [15:2]
They strongly disagreed. They did not think that the believers in Antioch needed to be circumcised.
3. What did the church in Antioch do about this issue? [15:2-3]
They appointed Paul and Barnabas and some other believers to go to Jerusalem to talk with the apostles and elders.
4. What did Paul and Barnabas tell the believers as they went through Phoenicia and Samaria, and how did the believers feel about it? [15:3]
Paul and Barnabas told them about the Gentiles converting to Christ, and the believers were very happy about it.
5. How did the church, apostles, and elders respond when Paul and Barnabas arrived in Jerusalem? [15:4]
They welcomed Paul and Barnabas.
6. How did some Pharisees, who had become believers in Jesus, respond when Paul and Barnabas reported all that God had done with them? [15:4-5]
They said that it was necessary to circumcise the Gentiles and to command them to keep the law of Moses.
7. According to Peter, who chose for the Gentiles to hear and believe the gospel? [15:7]
God chose.

Acts 15:1-21 continued

8. How did God testify that the Gentile believers were acceptable to him? [15:8]
He gave them the Holy Spirit, just as he gave the Holy Spirit to the Jewish believers.
9. How did God cleanse the hearts of both the Gentiles and Jews? [15:9]
He cleansed their hearts by faith.
10. How were some of the Jewish believers testing God? [15:10]
They wanted to put a yoke on the Gentile believers that even the Jews could not carry.
11. What do you think Peter was talking about when he spoke of putting a yoke on the Gentile believers? [15:10]
He was talking about requiring them to be circumcised and to keep the law of Moses.
12. How were the Gentile believers saved? [15:11]
They were saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.
13. Who do you think Peter was talking about when he said, "We will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus"? [15:11]
He was probably talking about the Jews.
14. What did Barnabas and Paul tell the crowd at the meeting? [15:12]
They told the group about the signs and wonders God did among the Gentiles.
15. When James spoke about "Simon," who do you think he was referring to? [15:14]
He was referring to Simon Peter, whose speech was recorded in 15:7-11.
16. For what purpose did God graciously help the Gentiles? [15:14]
He did it to take some of them to be people for himself.
17. According to the prophets, what did God say he would build again? [15:15-16]
He would rebuild the tabernacle of David. This means God would make King David's descendant rule over Israel again.
18. Why would God rebuild the tabernacle of David? [15:17]
He would do it so that the rest of humanity would seek the Lord.
19. Who was included with that rest of humanity? [15:17]
The Gentiles who were called by God's name. This means the Gentiles who belonged to God.
20. What do you think was the reason that James quoted what the prophet said? [15:15-18]
He quoted the prophets because they said that Gentiles would be called by God's name. This fits with what Simon Peter said about Gentiles being saved.
21. What did James decide? [15:19]
James decided that they should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who turned to God.

Acts 15:1-21 continued

22. What did James say the Gentiles should stay away from? [15:20]

They should stay away from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals, and from blood. This means that they should not eat food offered to idols, be sexually immoral, eat the meat of strangled animals, or eat or drink blood.

23. What was the reason James gave for telling Gentiles to stay away from those things? [15:21]

The reason was that Jews had taught these commands from the law of Moses every Sabbath.

Comment Section:

16:11-15

Background: Paul had a vision of a man in Macedonia saying, “Come to Macedonia and help us,” so he and his companions planned to go there. Luke, the author of this book, was one of them.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul and his companions went to Philippi in Macedonia. [16:11-12]
- ☐ They went to the river and spoke with the women there. [16:13]
- ☐ Lydia listened, and she and her household were baptized. [16:14-15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What places did Paul and his companions sail to? [16:11]
They sailed to Samothrace and Neapolis.
2. What do you think was the reason that Paul and his companions went to Philippi? [16:12]
Philippi was the most important city in the district of Macedonia.
3. What did Paul and his companions do? [16:13]
They sat down and spoke with the women who had gathered by the river.
4. What do you think the women had gathered to do? [16:13]
They had probably gathered to pray.
5. Who did Paul meet at the river? [16:14]
He met Lydia, a merchant and a worshiper of God.
6. What did Lydia and the members of her household do? [16:14-15]
After they responded to the gospel, they were baptized.
7. What did Lydia persuade Paul and his companions to do? [16:15]
She persuaded them to stay at her house.

Comment Section:

18:24-28

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A Jew named Apollos came to Ephesus. [18:24]
- ☐ Apollos accurately taught about Jesus, but he only knew the baptism of John. [18:25]
- ☐ When Priscilla and Aquila heard Apollos speaking in the synagogue, they explained the way of God more accurately. [18:26]
- ☐ Apollos received letters from the brothers and went to Achaia. [18:27]
- ☐ Apollos refuted the Jews in public debate. [18:28]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who was Apollos? [18:24]
Apollos was a Jew from Alexandria.
2. What did Apollos do when he came to Ephesus? [18:24-25]
He accurately taught the things concerning Jesus.
3. Where did Apollos speak in Ephesus? [18:26]
Apollos spoke in the synagogue.
4. What did Priscilla and Aquila do after they heard Apollos speak? [18:26]
They explained the way of God more accurately.
5. Where did Apollos want to go from Ephesus? [18:27]
Apollos wanted to go from Ephesus to Achaia.
6. How did the brothers in Ephesus help Apollos? [18:27]
The brothers in Ephesus encouraged him, and they wrote letters to the disciples in Achaia.
7. What did Apollos do when he arrived in Achaia? [18:28]
Apollos proved from the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Comment Section:

19:1-7

Background: Corinth was a city in Achaia.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul went to Ephesus and met some disciples. [19:1]
- ☐ Those disciples had not received the Holy Spirit. [19:2]
- ☐ Paul taught them about Jesus, and they were baptized in Jesus' name. [19:4-5]
- ☐ Paul put his hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. [19:6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened while Apollos was in Corinth? [19:1]
Paul went to Ephesus and met some disciples.
2. What did Paul say to the disciples? [19:2]
Paul asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit when they believed.
3. What did the disciples reply to Paul? [19:3]
They told Paul that they had not even heard of the Holy Spirit.
4. What baptism had they been baptized into? [19:3]
They had been baptized into John's baptism.
5. Who do you think had first preached to these disciples? [19:1-3]
It was probably Apollos. See Acts 18:24-25.
6. What was John's baptism? [19:4]
It was a baptism of repentance.
7. According to Paul, what had John told the people they should do? [19:4]
They should believe in Jesus, the one who would come after John.
8. What happened after Paul explained what John taught? [19:4-5]
They were baptized into the name of Jesus.
9. What happened after Paul put his hands on the people? [19:6]
The Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 19:1-7 continued

10. How many disciples were there? [19:7]
There were twelve men in all.

Comment Section:

20:7-12

Background: In Acts 20:5-6 Paul and his companions sailed to the city of Troas.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ While he was at Troas, Paul spoke to the believers late into the night. [20:7]
- ☐ A young man fell asleep and fell out of a window and died. [20:9]
- ☐ Paul took the young man in his arms and the young man lived again. [20:10-12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul do when the believers were gathered to break bread in Troas? [20:7]
Paul spoke to the believers and his talk went until midnight.
2. Why did Paul speak so long? [20:7]
He spoke so long because he planned to leave them the next day.
3. Who was Eutychus and what happened to him? [20:9]
Eutychus was a young man who was listening to Paul. He was sitting in a window, fell asleep, and then fell out of the window and died.
4. What story of the building did Eutychus fall from? [20:9]
He fell from the third story.
5. What happened when Paul lay on Eutychus and put his arms around him? [20:10]
Eutychus became alive.
6. After going upstairs and eating, how much longer did Paul talk with the believers? [20:11]
He talked with them until dawn.
7. What do you think it means that they brought the boy back alive? [20:12]
The young man was alive, and they took him to his home.

Comment Section:

21:27-36

Background: After preaching in various cities, Paul and his companions went to Jerusalem. There he told the elders in the church what God had done among the Gentiles. The elders said that some of the Jewish believers had heard that Paul taught Jews not to keep the law. This was not true. So, the elders asked Paul to go to the temple with some other men so that they could purify themselves and let the priests know when they would return to present their offerings. This would show the Jewish Christians that Paul was obeying the law. Paul did this.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jews from Asia told the people that Paul taught against the law and that had defiled the temple. [21:27-29]
- ☐ Roman soldiers arrested Paul and carried him into the fortress. [21:30-36]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did some Jews from Asia see Paul? [21:27]
They saw him in the temple.
2. How did Jews from Asia stir up the crowd? [21:27-28]
The Jews from Asia said Paul taught against the people, the law, and the temple and that he had defiled the temple.
3. Why did the Jews think Paul had brought Greeks into the temple? [21:29]
They had seen Trophimus, who was from Ephesus, with Paul in the city and assumed Paul had brought him.
4. What did the crowd do to Paul? [21:30-31]
They dragged Paul outside the temple and tried to kill him.
5. What news did the chief captain of the company of soldiers hear? [21:31]
He heard that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.
6. What did the crowd do when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers? [21:32]
They stopped beating Paul.
7. What did the chief captain of the soldiers do to Paul? [21:33]
He took hold of Paul and commanded his soldiers to bind Paul with two chains.
8. Why was the chief captain unable to learn the truth about the uproar? [21:33-34]
Some people in the crowd were shouting one thing and some people were shouting something else. There was a lot of noise.

Acts 21:27-36 continued

9. What did the chief captain tell his soldiers to do? [21:34]
He told them to take Paul into the fortress.
10. What do you think was the reason for taking Paul into the fortress? [21:34]
The captain probably wanted to stop the uproar and find out what Paul had done to cause it.
11. Why did the soldiers carry Paul? [21:35]
They carried him because the crowd was so violent.
12. What was the crowd doing? [21:36]
The crowd was shouting, "Away with him."
13. What do you think the crowd wanted the chief captain to do? [21:36]
They wanted him to take Paul away and kill him.

Comment Section:

22:22-29

Background: In Acts 21:40, Paul got permission from the chief captain to stand on the steps of the fortress and talk to the people. In Acts 22, Paul told them that he had persecuted the church. He told them that he had met the risen Lord Jesus, and the Lord had told him to leave Jerusalem because the Jews would not accept Paul's testimony about him. He told them that the Lord had sent him far away to the Gentiles.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The people were angry about what Paul said, and they wanted to kill him. [22:22]
- ☐ The captain ordered that Paul should be questioned and whipped. [22:23-24]
- ☐ When they were about to whip Paul, Paul asked if the law allowed them to whip a Roman citizen who had not been put on trial. [22:25]
- ☐ When the chief captain learned that Paul was a Roman citizen, he was afraid. [22:26-29]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did the crowd react when Paul said he was sent to the Gentiles? [22:22-23]
They reacted by yelling, throwing dust in the air and shouting that Paul should not be allowed to live.
2. What do you think was the reason that the crowd reacted that way? [22:22]
They were angry. Perhaps they thought Paul was a blasphemer because he said that the Lord had sent him to the Gentiles. Perhaps they thought that what Paul said confirmed that Paul was teaching against the temple and that he had brought Gentiles into the temple. Perhaps they were angry because what Paul said implied that the Jews would not listen to his message from the Lord but the Gentiles would.
3. What did the chief captain order to be done to Paul? [22:24]
He ordered that Paul be taken into the fortress and questioned with scourging.
4. What did the soldiers do to Paul? [22:25]
They tied him down with leather straps.
5. What did Paul ask the centurion who was going to scourge him? [22:25]
Paul asked the centurion if it was legal to scourge a Roman citizen who has not been put on trial.
6. What did the centurion do? [22:26]
He told the chief captain that Paul was a Roman citizen.
7. How had the chief captain become a Roman citizen? [22:28]
He or someone else paid a large amount of money for him to become a citizen.

Acts 22:22-29 continued

8. Why was the chief captain afraid? [22:29]

The chief captain was afraid because he tied Paul up. That is, he had ordered Paul to be scourged, even though it was not legal.

Comment Section:

23:23-30

Background: The chief captain took Paul to the chief priests to find out what they were accusing him of. When Paul spoke, there was an uproar, so the captain took Paul back to the fortress. Then he learned that some Jews were planning to trap Paul and kill him.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The chief captain ordered that Paul be taken to Felix, the governor at Caesarea. [23:23-24]
- ☐ The chief captain wrote a letter to Felix that told why he was sending Paul to him. [23:25-30]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the chief captain tell two centurions to do? [23:23-24]
He told them to take Paul along with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to Felix, the governor, in Caesarea that night.
2. What was the name of the chief captain? [23:25]
His name was Claudius Lysias.
3. What did the chief captain write that he did for Paul? [23:27]
He wrote that he rescued Paul from the Jews who were about to kill him.
4. What did he write was his reason for rescuing Paul? [23:27]
He wrote that he rescued Paul because he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen.
5. What do you think about the truth of what the captain wrote about his reason for rescuing Paul? [22:24-25; 23:27]
It was not completely true. The captain learned that Paul was a Roman citizen after he took Paul from the Jews and ordered that he be scourged.
6. What did the captain write that he did next, and why did he do this? [23:28]
He took Paul to the Jews' council because he wanted to know what they were accusing him of.
7. What did the captain write about how serious the accusations were? [23:29]
He wrote that they did not deserve death or imprisonment.
8. What did the captain write that he did when he heard about the plot against Paul? [23:30]
He sent Paul to the governor and told his accusers to bring their charges against Paul to the governor.
9. What do you think the captain wanted the governor to do?
He wanted the governor to judge Paul's case.

Comment Section:

24:10-16

Background: The high priest, some elders and an orator went to the governor and presented their charges against Paul.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul said that he did not do the things the Jews were accusing him of. [24:11-13]
- ☐ Paul told the governor what he believed and how he lived. [24:14-16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul say was the reason that he was glad to explain himself to the governor? [24:10]
The governor had been a judge to the nation for many years.
2. What do you think was Paul's reason for saying that?
He was showing respect to the governor. He expressed confidence in the governor's ability to judge well.
3. How long ago had Paul gone to worship in Jerusalem? [24:11]
It had not been more than twelve days ago.
4. What did Paul say about his behavior in the synagogues and in the city? [24:12]
He did not argue with anyone or stir up a crowd there.
5. Who did Paul say he served? [24:14]
He said that he served their ancestors' God.
6. What did Paul say about the law and what was written in the prophets? [24:14]
He said that he believed it all.
7. What did Paul say was the same about himself and the Jews who were accusing him? [24:15]
They all had the hope that God would resurrect both the righteous people and the wicked people.
8. What did Paul say he worked hard to have? [24:16]
He worked hard to have a blameless conscience before God and people.

Comment Section:

25:1-12

Background: In Acts 24:17-21, Paul told about what he was doing in Jerusalem, about the Jews from Asia, and about what he had said to the Jewish council. Then Governor Felix put Paul in custody and said that he would decide the case later. But after two years Paul was still in custody and Festus became governor.

In Acts 25:10, Paul spoke of Caesar. Caesar was the Roman emperor, and Felix was his governor over the province of Judea.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Governor Festus went to Jerusalem. [25:1]
- ☐ The chief priests asked the governor to summon Paul to Jerusalem so they could ambush him on the way. [25:2-3]
- ☐ Festus told them to go to Caesarea and bring their charges there. [25:4-5]
- ☐ The Jews came to Caesarea and brought charges against Paul which they could not prove. [25:6-7]
- ☐ Paul told Festus that he was not guilty of any of the charges the Jews brought against him. [25:8]
- ☐ Festus wanted to do a favor for the Jews and asked if Paul would go to Jerusalem to stand trial. [25:9]
- ☐ Paul did not want to go to Jerusalem, so he appealed to Caesar. [25:10-11]
- ☐ Festus agreed and said Paul would go before Caesar. [25:12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened when Festus went from Caesarea to Jerusalem? [25:1-2]
The chief priest and other Jewish leaders asked Festus to send Paul to Jerusalem for a trial.
2. Why did the Jews want Paul to come to Jerusalem? [25:3]
The Jewish leaders intended to kill Paul while he was on his way to Jerusalem.
3. What did Festus tell the Jewish leaders? [25:4-5]
Festus said they should go with him to Caesarea and accuse Paul there.
4. What did the Jewish leaders do when Paul was brought to Festus? [25:6-7]
They brought serious charges against Paul that they could not prove.
5. How did Paul defend himself from these charges? [25:8]
Paul said that he had not sinned against the law of the Jews, the temple, or Caesar.
6. Why did Festus ask Paul if he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be judged by Festus there? [25:9]
Festus wanted to gain favor with the Jews.
7. How do you think Festus would gain favor with the Jews by asking that? [25:3, 9]
It would give the Jews an opportunity to trap Paul and kill him while he traveled to Jerusalem.

Acts 25:1-12 continued

8. What do you think Paul meant when he said that he was standing before the judgment seat of Caesar? [25:10]
Paul was standing before the governor's judgment seat, and the governor represented Caesar.
9. What do you think was Paul's reason for appealing to Caesar? [25:10]
Paul did not want Festus to hand him over to the Jews. Perhaps Paul realized that Festus would not judge him justly.
10. What did Festus say after he talked with his council? [25:12]
Festus told Paul that Paul would go to Caesar.

Comment Section:

27:13-26

Background: In Acts 25, King Agrippa came to Caesarea to visit Governor Festus. Festus asked Agrippa to listen to Paul. In Acts 26, Paul spoke to Agrippa. Afterward Agrippa said that Paul could have been freed if he had not appealed to Caesar.

In Acts 27, Paul and some other prisoners were sent on a ship to sail to Italy. The trip took a long time, and it became the time of year that was dangerous for sailing. They got to Fair Havens on the south side of the island of Crete. Paul warned the men about the danger, but the ship centurion did not listen. They tried to keep sailing west to the city of Phoenix on the island of Crete.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A strong wind blew the ship out to sea. [27:13-15]
- ☐ The sailors tried to make the ship safe by throwing the ship's equipment into the water. [27:16-19]
- ☐ After many days they gave up hope that they would be saved. [27:20]
- ☐ Paul urged them to take courage, and he told them about an angel he had seen. [27:21-26]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened after the ship set sail from Fair Haven? [27:13-15]
Soon after they left, a wind of hurricane force called a northeaster struck the ship and they were driven on by the wind.
2. What did the sailors do to the lifeboat? [27:16]
They secured it.
3. What did the sailors do to the hull of the ship? [27:17]
They bound the hull of the ship with ropes or cables. That is, they passed cables under the ship to hold it together.
4. What did the sailors do to keep the ship from getting stuck on the sandbars of Syrtis? [27:17]
They lowered the sea anchor.
5. What did the crew do as the ship was battered by the wind? [27:18-19]
The sailors threw cargo and the ship's equipment overboard.
6. When the sun and stars did not shine on them for many days, what do you think was the reason the men gave up hope of being saved? [27:20]
Sailors used the sun and stars to navigate. Since they could not see the sun and stars, they did not know where they were or where they were going.

Acts 27:13-26 continued

7. What did the men not do for a long time? [27:21]
They did not eat.
8. What did Paul say they should have done? [27:21]
They should have listened to him when he said not to set sail from Crete.
9. What did Paul do after most on the ship had given up hope of being saved? [27:22-26]
Paul stood up and told the men to take courage because an angel had stood before him and told him that he must stand before Caesar and that God has granted all on the ship to him.
10. What was the reason that they should take courage? [27:22]
None of them would lose their lives. They would only lose the ship.
11. Whose angel stood beside Paul? [27:23]
God's angel.
12. What did the angel say Paul would do? [27:24]
Paul would stand before Caesar.
13. What do you think it meant that God would give to Paul all those who were sailing with him? [27:24]
It meant that God would allow all those who were sailing with Paul to live.
14. What else did Paul say would happen? [27:26]
The ship would run aground on some island.

Comment Section:

28:11-16

Background: The ship ran aground by an island and the men all got safely to the island. The island was called Malta, and the people of the island were kind to the men who had come from the ship.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Three months later Paul and the others went on another ship.
- ☐ They stopped at a few cities on the way.
- ☐ When they landed at Puteoli, Paul and his companions stayed with some believers for a week.
- ☐ When Paul and his companions were on their way to Rome, some believers from Rome came to them.
- ☐ In Rome, Paul was permitted to live by himself with a soldier guarding him.

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did they leave the island of Malta [28:11-13]
They boarded a ship that had stayed in Malta for the winter, then they sailed away, stopping at two places before reaching Puteoli.
2. What did Paul say about the ship they set sail in? [28:11]
It was from Alexandria, and it had spent the winter at the island and it had a carving on it called "the twin gods."
3. What cities did they land in? [28:12-13]
They landed at Syracuse, Rhegium, and Puteoli.
4. What did Paul and his companions do in Puteoli? [28:13-14]
They found some Christian brothers and stayed with them for seven days.
5. What were the two towns to which some brothers from Rome came in order to meet Paul and his companions while they were traveling to Rome? [28:15]
Some brothers came to the town called the Market of Appius and to the town called Three Taverns.
6. What did Paul do when he saw those brothers? [28:15]
Paul thanked God and took courage.
7. What happened when Paul arrived in Rome? [28:16]
Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

Comment Section: