



KIDS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for August 28-September 3, 2022

**“ACTS IN 30” Chapter 14: *Miracles of God, Idolatry, and Staying Faithful to the end!***

**Family Activity: God, the Creator and Maker of all things!**

In Acts chapter 14 we read about the miraculous power that God demonstrated through Paul and Barnabas to heal a lame man! Despite this marvelous miracle being made possible through God, the people started to worship false gods and idols—and even Paul and Barnabas for this act. Deeply saddened by this, Paul and Barnabas cried out to the people in verse 14, “We are men just like you! We preach about the living God, who made heaven, earth, the sea and all things.” It is so important to remember that everything we see and every miracle we witness is done by and through the power of Jesus! So, for this activity everyone will write in the bubbles everything God has created. Also, if you know of any miracle He has done for you or that you know of in the Bible write those in too. Once you are all finished feel free to share with one another!

**FOCUS: Acts 14: 1-10**

**What Is A Miracle?**

**REFLECT** – As Paul and Barnabas continue their journey in spreading the gospel. Many people, mostly the unbelieving Jews and Gentiles who didn't want the good news of Jesus to spread started rumors to drive Paul and Barnabas away from the people who wanted to believe in Jesus. But that didn't stop the mission God had for them! Just like how God used Peter to heal a man who couldn't walk in Acts 3, He used Paul in the same way to perform a miracle to heal another man who couldn't walk! Isn't God good!

**Q1- What is a miracle? Why do you think God uses miracles as a way to spread the good news about Jesus?**

**Can you think of any other miracles in the Bible God has done?-- Has a miracle happened in your life before? If so, share!**

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**FOCUS: Acts 14: 11-18**

**God Is Our Miracle Worker!**

**REFLECT**– Our God is not small—He is BIG, MIGHTY, and POWERFUL! After the amazing miracle Paul and Barnabas did in front of the big crowd, the people began to worship other idols and even called them (Paul and Barnabas) gods. Paul and Barnabas were so heartbroken that the people failed to realize that it was God who made the man walk, not them or other false gods. God is the one who provides everything for us. He is the miracle worker who supplies and blesses us with what we need. Since our God is so big there is no room to serve anyone or anything else.

**Q2-Where in the Bible does it tell us not to serve other gods or idols? What's wrong with serving other gods/idols over our one true God? It can be so easy to fall into the trap of focusing on the miracle instead of our miracle worker, God!—passing a test without studying, winning a sports game with practice, or even falling without breaking any bones. When or if a miracle happens in your life do you praise God first for the miracle or focus more on the miracle? Explain why we should give God praise first.**

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**FOCUS: Acts 14: 19-25**

**Encouragement In Hard Times**

**REFLECT**– With a lot of convincing the unbelieving Jews and Gentiles had Paul stoned so much that he was close to dying. With the help of the disciples, Paul was able to recover and continue his journey alongside Barnabas. Being stoned is no easy experience in fact I am sure it was very scary for Paul. However, Paul encourages the believers that as followers of Jesus we too could face hardships. Maybe not to the extent of stoning—however we could face hardships like someone making fun of us just because we believe in Jesus. Paul wants us to stay faithful to Jesus even in the hardest times!

**Q3- What helps you stay strong in your faith when you face hard times-maybe when losing a friend, failing a test, or losing a really big game? Who in your life encourages you? How can we encourage others in their faith?**

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**FOCUS: Acts 14: 26-28**

**Paul Completes His 1st Mission**

**REFLECT**– Paul and Barnabas have finally reached the end of their first mission! By remaining faithful and obedient to God's call they finished the journey with great success! How awesome is it to finish well even when things get tough!

**Q4- How should we obey God's call even when it gets tough? How does it feel when everything pays off in the end because you didn't give up? Share a story about how it worked out for you.**



