

# PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY BEGAN

GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING.

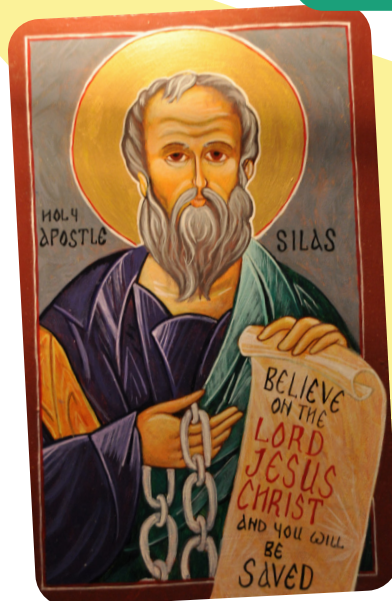


## ACTS 15 MAP

If you've seen a map of the earth, you know it's huge. Remember when **JESUS** told the apostles to be **HIS WITNESSES** in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)? He wasn't kidding! While in Jerusalem, **BARNABAS** heard that lots of Gentiles in Antioch were believing in Jesus. He traveled there, saw it was true, and **CONVINCED PAUL** to join him! A year of sharing the gospel in Antioch prepared Paul and Barnabas for future journeys.

This map shows the different places **GOD SENT** Paul and Barnabas. **BARNABAS** traveled back to his home country of **CYPRUS**, a small island in the Mediterranean Sea, loved today for its beauty and good weather. Born a Jew, **PAUL** journeyed **THROUGHOUT ISRAEL**, going to Syria and Cilicia to reach the people he knew and understood. Look at the map. Did Paul and Barnabas obey Jesus' command?

## SPOTLIGHT ON SILAS



- + Silas is a nickname for Silvanus. Paul used his longer name in 2 Corinthians and in both letters to the Thessalonians.
- + Leader in the early Jerusalem church.
- + Traveled with Peter to Pontius and Cappadocia.
- + Served as Peter's scribe for his first letter. In this letter, Silas called himself Silvanus.
- + Traveled with Paul to Asia Minor and Macedonia.
- + Put in the Philippian prison with Paul.
- + When the prison doors opened and they didn't try to escape. Silas and Paul shared the gospel with the jailer and he and his entire household believed!

**BIBLE PASSAGE:**  
ACTS 15:36-41

**MEMORY VERSE:**  
LUKE 24:46-47

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**

✦ Began the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) in 1888 to connect Southern Baptists with missionaries.



✦ Traveled all over the United States to encourage churches to pray for and give to missions.

✦ Refused to be paid for her work.

✦ Wrote 18,000 letters in just one year to raise support for missionaries!

**MISSIONARY HISTORY**

Many Christians have followed Paul's example. Have you ever heard of these missionaries?

**GEORGE LIELE**

✦ Born a slave in Virginia in 1752.

✦ Was emancipated (set free from slavery) in 1778.

✦ Believed to be the first overseas missionary from the United States in 1782.



**LOTTIE MOON**

✦ Served 39 years in China teaching at a girls' school and sharing Christ with women.

✦ To win the trust of the children in her village, Lottie made tea cakes. She became known as "the cookie lady."

✦ One of the first missionaries to adopt wearing the clothing of the culture she hoped to reach!



**ACTS 15 CROSSWORD**

Read each description and write the name of the person it describes in the correct spot of the crossword puzzle.

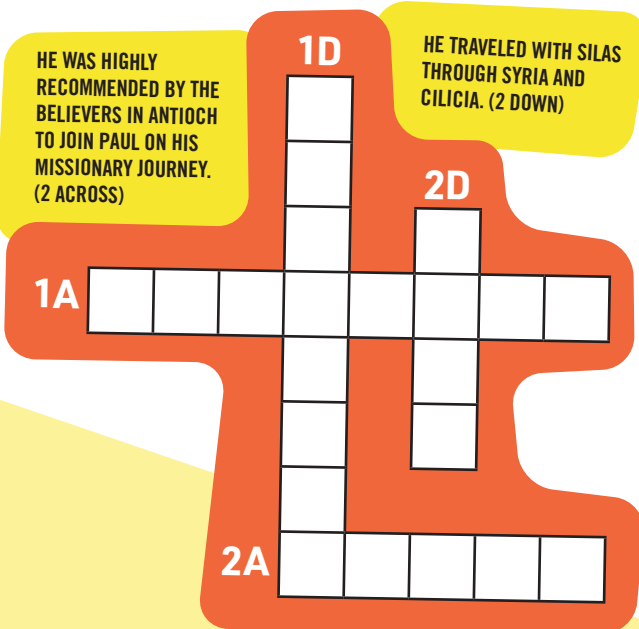
**EXAMINE ACTS 15:36-41** to check your responses.

ON A PREVIOUS TRIP WITH PAUL AND BARNABAS, HE LEFT EARLY. (1 ACROSS)

HE WANTED TO TAKE JOHN MARK ON THE MISSIONARY TRIP WITH PAUL. (1 DOWN)

HE WAS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY THE BELIEVERS IN ANTIOCH TO JOIN PAUL ON HIS MISSIONARY JOURNEY. (2 ACROSS)

HE TRAVELED WITH SILAS THROUGH SYRIA AND CILICIA. (2 DOWN)



**BIG PICTURE**

Identify each of the following objects. Was it harder to identify them because they were zoomed in? God sees the big picture of our lives. He doesn't see the zoomed in part we see, He sees everything. We won't always understand God's plans, but we can trust that God is always working.

