

## Apostle Paul

Romans 12:2

### Memory Work

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

*--Romans 12:2 (NKJV)*

### Message

*Commit yourself to the Lord.*

### Additional Lesson Content

RI Students: Below is a set of notes for you to be familiar with before class starts. Please read through them and if any Bible verses are listed, be sure to read that as well.

#### Paul's Life

- Born in Cilicia around 10 AD.
- Parents belonged to the tribe of Benjamin
- Was a Roman citizen because his parents were Roman citizens.
- Paul actually had two names, Paul was his Latin name and Saul was his Hebrew name. Paul exclusively used the name “Paul” after his Christian conversion.
- Was a tent-maker until 18 to 20 years old.
- When he was about 18 he went to Jerusalem to be a study of Gamaliel a famous teacher of Jewish religious law (Mosaic Law)
- Eventually, Paul became a Pharisee. Pharisaism is a sect of the Jewish religion. These devout men were known for their strict adherence to Jewish law.
- Paul was zealous at persecuting the first Christians – he was present at the stoning of Deacon Stephen. (Acts 8:1-3)
- Paul was converted to Christianity after a remarkable encounter with Jesus (Act 9:1-19).
  - Saul was actually on his way to Damascus to persecute more Christians when Jesus intervened.

#### Paul's Ministry

- A few days after Paul was converted and baptized he started to preach that Jesus is the Son of God. (Acts 9:20-22)
- Paul stayed around Jerusalem for 10-15 years. Then started travelling abroad on missionary journeys.
- Paul wrote many letters to the Christian congregations and his friends and fellow disciples. These works of inspiration and guidance are called epistles.

## Additional Lesson Content – Continued

### Paul's Missionary Journeys

- Paul took a total of three missionary journeys. Look at the map at the following link: <http://www.christianityoasis.com/DailyBread/Acts/paulsjourneys.jpg>
- In total it took about ten years for Paul to take three missionary journeys. He was about 60 years old when he was done with the third journey.
- Many congregations were established through Paul and many believing souls experienced the teachings of the Lord Jesus.
- Paul's final journey took him to Rome where it is not known what happened to him. It is assumed that he was executed in Rome.

### Talk About It

*Help your child to become familiar with the events of Paul's life. Paul went through some very difficult times in his life, but as a result of his experiences he became even more committed to the Lord.*

*Talk with your child about what it means to make a commitment. We make commitments when we join a team or music group at school. We commit to attending the practices, practicing at home, and doing our best for our team. We also make commitments in relationships in our lives, making a promise to a person to be in an exclusive relationship with them.*

*Look up James 5:12 together in your Bible ("My brothers and sisters, don't take an oath when you make a promise. Don't call on heaven or earth or anything else to back up what you say. Let your "Yes" be yes. And let your "No" be no.") On confirmation day, you make a promise to be committed to the Lord all the days of your life. Talk with your child about this commitment. Some days will not be easy, just as they were for Paul. But we can always turn to our Heavenly Father for guidance and strength. Pray together. Talk about it.*