

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – The Feet of Those Who Preach Good News

Acts 13:4 *So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.*

Acts 20:13 *But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land.*

Romans 10:15 *And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*

How do we travel today? Bring in a miniature car, small model plane, toy boat, etc. How many additional ways of travel can the children think of? Make a list.

Now cross off the things that were *not* available for Paul to use when he traveled to preach the gospel. Add other ways of travel that Paul could have used but are not on your list. Were his ways of travel fast or slow by today's standards?

Look at a map and find out how many miles it is from Antioch in Syria to Antioch in Pisidia. Paul made this trip by land at the start of his second missionary journey (Acts 15:40-16:6ff). Have the children try to calculate how long it would take them to walk this far.

What would Paul have taken with him when he traveled? Have the children carry a heavy suitcase across the room and back. Do they think that Paul had to do this?

Show the children copies of *The Bible Missionary* magazine.¹ Many articles in the magazine describe how brothers and sisters travel to get to mission areas in the world. Pictures sometimes show Bible mission vehicles carrying people and supplies to remote parts of a foreign country.

¹ You can also visit the Christadelphian Bible Mission website at <http://www.cbm.org.uk/cbm.htm> for pictures and stories.

Activities like these can help the children appreciate what Paul did when he traveled from place to place to preach the gospel. It took dedication and effort.