

## In the Footsteps of Paul

Read the passages from Acts as indicated on this guide and answer the questions or carry out the activities that follow them.

1. Beginning with Acts 11:25, flip through the Acts of the Apostles, taking note of each place Saint Paul visits. Write them here:
  
2. Now read the sidebar “The Journeys of Paul” near Acts, chapters 13–21 in *The Catholic Youth Bible*® (CYB), and look over “Map 8: Paul’s First and Second Journey” and “Map 9: Paul’s Third and Fourth Journey” at the back of the CYB.

How many journeys did Paul make?

What were the purposes of these journeys?

3. Why do you think Saint Paul was uniquely suited for these missionary travels? See the sidebar “Help Us to Evangelize” near Acts, chapter 17 for ideas.
  
4. Next read Acts 11:19–30.

What good effect did the persecutions have?

Where was Paul preaching?

With whom was he preaching?



What crisis struck the Christians in Judea in AD 40?

How did the Christians in Antioch respond?

5. Read about the first missionary journey in Acts 13:1–16,42–52 and in chapter 14.

Why were Paul and Barnabas sent?

What happened to the false prophet who tried to turn the proconsul away from the faith?

Although Paul was at first well received as he spoke in the synagogues, why did he begin preaching to Gentiles?

After Paul cured the crippled man, how did the crowds react?

How did this visit end badly for Paul after the Jews arrived?

6. Read chapter 15 of Acts. As Gentiles became followers of Jesus, what conflict arose in the early Church?



How was it resolved?

7. Read Acts 15:36–41 and chapter 16 of Acts. Why did Paul decide to go to Macedonia?

When Paul and Silas were imprisoned, why did their jailer become a Christian?

How did Paul assert his rights when he and Silas were released from prison?

8. Read Acts, chapters 17 and 18. How did Paul cleverly preach to the Greeks in Athens?

Who were Paul's hosts in the city of Corinth?

What city did Paul and his hosts travel to?

9. Read Acts 19:1–20. Quote one verse that shows the spread of Christianity.



10. Read Acts, chapter 20. What miracle did Paul work?

What thought in Paul's speech at Miletus impressed you?

11. Despite a prophet's warning, Paul returns to Jerusalem. Read the sidebar "Who Are Paul's Opponents?" near Acts 21: 17–26. Then read Acts 21:27–40. Why was Paul arrested and put in chains?

12. After Paul tells the story of his conversion, the Jews rebel. Read Acts 22:22–30 and chapter 23 of Acts.

How does Paul prevent being whipped as a means to get information?

How does Paul disrupt the Sanhedrin?

Who saved Paul from a Jewish ambush?

13. Read Acts, chapter 24. What do you think of Governor Felix?

14. Paul is questioned by the new governor, Festus, and then by the Jewish ruler King Agrippa. What is the king's response?



15. Read Acts, chapter 27. What are three ways that Paul proves to be a heroic man of God?

16. Where is Paul and what is he doing at the end of the Book of Acts?

