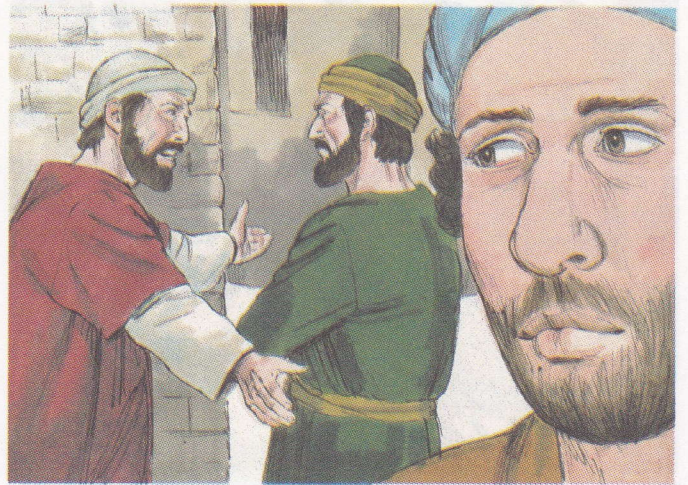


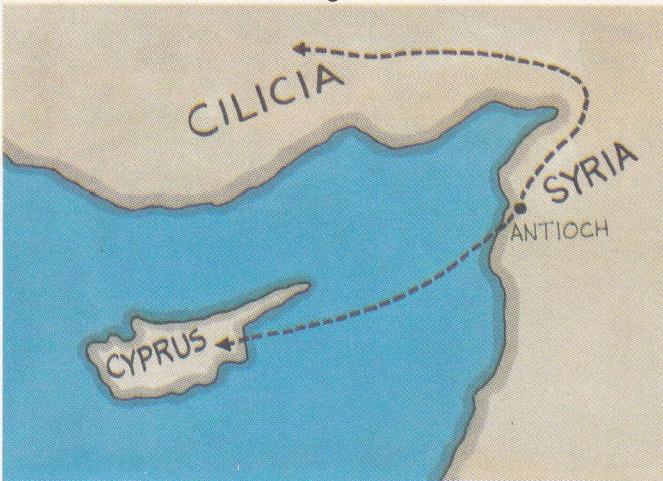
The Second Journey Begins



1 After spending some time with other church leaders in Jerusalem, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit the towns where we preached and see how the believers there are doing."



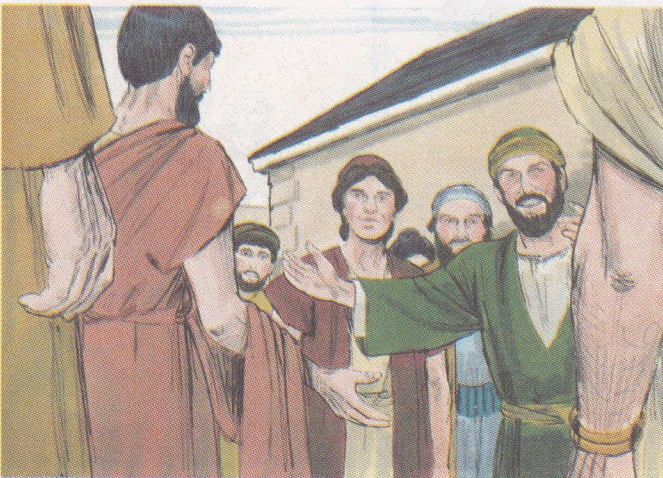
2 Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them. Paul did not think that this was wise, however, because Mark had left them during the first journey and returned home.



3 Because of this disagreement, Paul and Barnabas decided to separate. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus. Paul chose Silas and went through Syria and Cilicia.



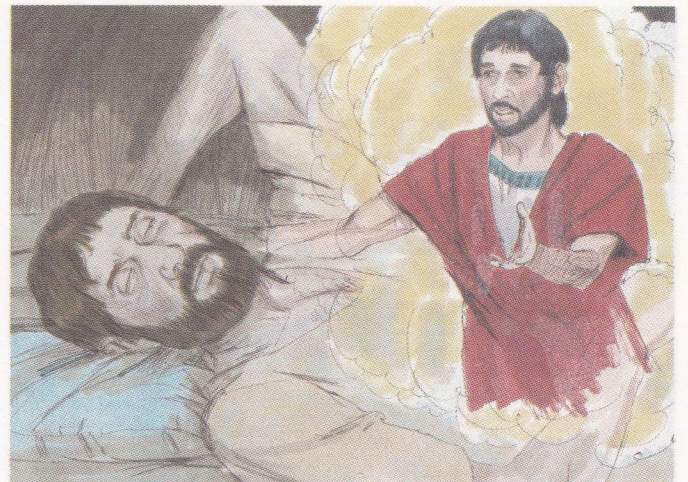
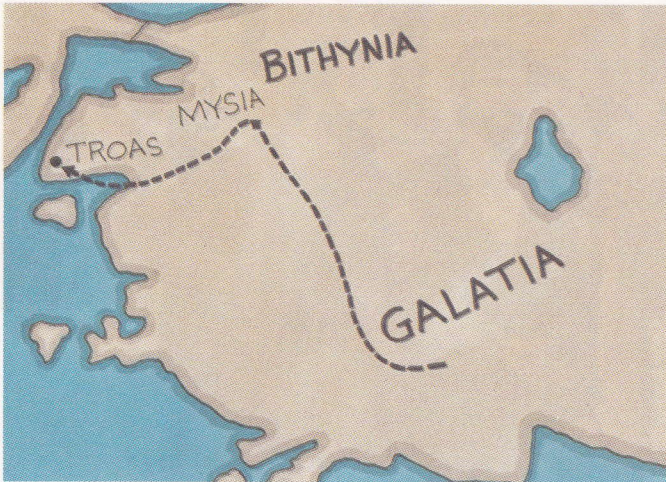
4 At Lystra, Paul met a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish Christian, but his father was a Greek. Paul wanted Timothy to travel with him, so he circumcised him.



5 They traveled from town to town and encouraged the new Christians. The church grew in faith and numbers every day.

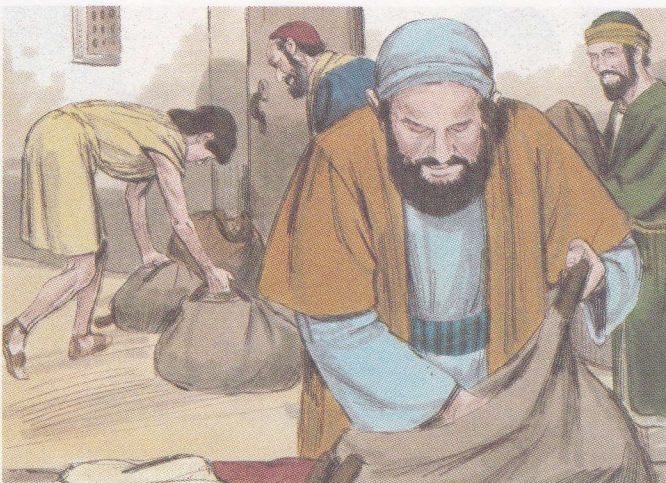


6 Paul and those with him traveled through the region of Phrygia and Galatia. But the Holy Spirit kept them from preaching the word in the province of Asia.



7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia. But the Spirit of Jesus would not let them. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.

8 During the night, Paul had a vision. He saw a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!"



9 Because of Paul's vision, his group concluded that God wanted them to preach in Macedonia. So they made preparations to leave at once.

10 They sailed from Troas to Samothrace and then to Neapolis. From there they went on to the main city of that area of Macedonia—the Roman colony of Philippi.



11 When the Sabbath arrived, they went outside the city to a river, where they found a Jewish place of prayer. They sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

12 One of these was Lydia. She sold purple cloth and was from Thyatira. The Lord opened her heart and she and all her household were baptized. Lydia invited Paul and his group to stay at her home.