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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will speak the truth.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: Where does faith come from?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Acts 14:8–10

Have you ever seen someone’s face light up with excitement? Maybe that is what this man looked like listening to Paul preach. Life would have been so hard for this man who had been crippled since birth. He would have had to depend on others for everything. Doctors didn’t have any hope of him being able to walk. But when he heard Paul preach, he was full of faith.

Faith comes from hearing the Word of God. Paul preached the truth of God’s Word, and the crippled man had the faith he needed to be healed. When we listen to and speak the truth of God’s Word, we will be full of faith to believe for the impossible.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** How long had the man been unable to walk?  **Answer 1.** Since birth (Acts 14:8) |
| **Question 2.** What was Paul doing before the man was healed?  **Answer 2.** He was preaching. (Acts 14:9) |
| **Question 3.** How do you think the crippled man felt when he was listening to Paul preach?  **Answer 3.** He had faith in God. Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** What do you imagine the man might have done when he was healed?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** Where does faith come from?  **Answer 5.** Faith comes from hearing the Word of God. |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, help us to listen to and speak the truth of God’s Word, the Bible. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will speak the truth.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: Whose power heals the sick?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Acts 14:11–15

The crowd saw something spectacular. They couldn’t understand how the man who had always been crippled had been healed. They decided that there must be something extra special about Paul and Barnabas. The man with crippled feet listened to Paul preach and God healed him. But the crowd saw the healing and seemed to completely miss the truth about the true God.

If the crowd had listened to Paul and Barnabas, their lives could have been forever changed. God is all powerful and it is by His power that the man was healed. If we want everything that God has for us, then we should turn from worthless things, listen to and turn to the living God. He alone has the power to heal sick people and do miracles!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Who did the crowd think Paul and Barnabas were?  **Answer 1.** “These men are gods in human form.” (Acts 14:11–12) |
| **Question 2.** What did the people try to do for Paul and Barnabas?  **Answer 2.** They were going to offer sacrifices to them. (Acts 14:13) |
| **Question 3.** How do you think Paul and Barnabas felt when the crowd started to do this?  **Answer 3.** Paul and Barnabas were upset and told the people to stop the sacrifices. Paul and Barnabas explained that they were there to tell the people about the living God.  (Acts 14:14–15) |
| **Question 4.** Why do you think the crowd didn’t listen to Paul and Barnabas?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** Whose power heals the sick?  **Answer 5.** Our living God |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, help us not to get distracted by worthless things. Help us focus on the living God and what He wants. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will speak the truth.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: Why should we speak the truth?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Romans 16:17–20

Have you ever been taught the wrong way to do something? It can be frustrating and time consuming to have to relearn to do things the right way. Paul told the church in Rome to watch out for people who didn’t speak the truth. He knew that these false teachers could teach the people the wrong way to follow God.

We must also be careful that what we are being taught is the truth found in God’s Word. This means that we must know God’s Word and we must also speak the truth to others. We don’t want others to lead us away from God, and we don’t want to lead others away from God.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What kinds of people does Paul tell us to watch out for?  **Answer 1.** “People who cause divisions and upset people’s faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught” (Romans 16:17) |
| **Question 2.** Who does Paul say these false teachers are serving?  **Answer 2.** Their own personal interests (Romans 16:18) |
| **Question 3.** What could happen if people follow false teaching?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** What are some ways we can tell people aren’t teaching the truth?  **Answer 4.** See if it matches what the Bible says and what we have been taught. (Romans 16:17) |
| **Question 5.** Why should we speak the truth?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, protect us from people who don’t speak the truth. Help us to know Your Word and to speak Your truth. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  I will speak the truth.  **Faith Verse**  Romans 12:2 (NLT)  Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.  **Question of the Day: What should we do with the truth?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 2 Timothy 4:1–5

Imagine if you had the cure to one of the worst diseases. Do you think you would keep the medicine a secret? No, we would do everything we could to spread the cure so that more people could be saved from the disease.

In these verses, Paul was writing to encourage his friend Timothy to be ready to preach the truth of God at any time. Whether people receive the message or not, Timothy needed to share the truth and good news of Jesus.

Today, there are many people who aren’t interested in hearing the truth. But does that mean we should stop sharing the truth? No, the truth of God is the only way for people to be saved. So even when it’s hard, we must keep speaking the truth to everyone we meet.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What are some things Paul encouraged Timothy to keep doing?  **Answer 1.** Preach God’s Word, be ready all of the time, teach people. (2 Timothy 4:2) |
| **Question 2.** What did Paul warn Timothy about the future?  **Answer 2.** “For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.” (2 Timothy 4:3–4) People won’t want to listen to God’s truth and will find teachers who will teach them whatever they want to hear. |
| **Question 3.** Why do you think Paul was telling Timothy this?  **Answer 3.** To help him prepare for what was coming. Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** Have you ever found it difficult to listen to the truth? Why or why not?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** What should we do with the truth?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear Jesus, help us to not get discouraged when others don’t listen to the truth. Help us to keep sharing Your good news. Please use us so that more people will come to believe in You and follow You. Amen.