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## **Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 1, Bible Truth 2**

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### **The Case of the Whispering World** Acts 14

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*(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)*

- 1. Paul and Barnabas went to a town called Lystra. No one in Lystra knew about Jesus. They worshipped fake gods. So, Paul and Barnabas shared the good news of Jesus with them.**
- 2. A lame man heard the good news of Jesus. His legs didn't work, but his ears did! The Holy Spirit worked in his heart, and he believed! Paul and Barnabas were so excited!**
- 3. Then, God used Paul to give the lame man another gift. "In the name of Jesus, stand up and walk!" Paul told the man. The man believed in Jesus and obeyed Paul. He sprang up and walked!**
- 4. "These must be gods!" the crowd shouted. "Let's worship them.!" the people said. They made leafy crowns and brought fat bulls to give Paul and Barnabas as worship gifts.**
- 5. "Don't worship us!" Paul said. "Worship the one, true God, the maker of everything in this world you see and enjoy. He sent His Son, Jesus, to save you from your sins.**
- 6. Just then, enemies came. They told the crowd lies about Paul and Jesus, and made them angry. They threw stones at Paul, and dragged him out of the city. They thought he was dead.**
- 7. But Paul wasn't dead! And not everyone hated Paul and Jesus. Some, like the healed, lame man, believed God's message about Jesus. They carried Paul to their home to care for him.**
- 8. As Paul and Barnabas left Lystra, Paul was hurting on the outside, but happy on the inside. Now, there were believers in Lystra who could keep telling others the good news of Jesus!**