

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 261: THE CALL TO MACEDONIA**  
**ACTS 16:6-10**

Paul and those with him went through the areas of Phrygia and Galatia because the Holy Spirit did not allow them to tell the Good News in the province of Asia. When they reached the border of Mysia, they tried to go on into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not let them go there. So they passed by Mysia and went to the city of Troas. That night Paul saw a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia came to Paul. The man stood there and begged, "Come across to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we immediately prepared to leave for Macedonia. We understood that God had called us to tell the Good News to those people.

# THE CALL TO MACEDONIA

(ACTS 16:6-10)



“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night, There stood a man from Macedonia and he was begging him, saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’” **ACTS 16:9**

# 261. THE CALL TO MACEDONIA

## ACTS 16:6-10

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...."* MATTHEW 28:19

### **Review Questions**

#### **True or False**

1. They went through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and they were led by the Holy Spirit to preach the Word in Asia.
2. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.
3. So they stopped in Mysia and rested.
4. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night.
5. A man from Macedonia stood and was begging Paul, saying, 'Please do not come to Macedonia!'

### **Questions**

1. Did Paul and the others do what the Holy Spirit led them to do?
2. Did they go and preach in Asia?
3. After they passed by Mysia and came into Troas, that night something happened to Paul. What happened?
4. What did Paul see in his vision?
5. What did the man from Macedonia want Paul to do?
6. Did they all get ready to go to Macedonia? Did it take them a long time to decide to go to Macedonia?

## Lesson 261 Activity

### Save the Baby

Use a baby doll (or a towel bundled like a baby) and several pictures of dangerous things (See templates below). Have the kids in your class draw and color these different things for you quickly. Put the dangerous pictures along the floor in the room, and put the picture of the mommy at the end of the trail you will walk. Let a volunteer “walk” the baby down the trail, trying to get to its mommy. Let the class shout out to try to save the baby from the dangers as they walk by them.

Just like we can see the dangers and want to save the baby, God sees every good and bad thing and guides us accordingly. So, [we must be obedient to the voice of the Lord](#).

### DREAMS FROM GOD?

God showed Paul an open door. The way God chose to show Paul was through a vision. A vision can either be a night dream or a daydream. God gave Paul a dream about a man from Macedonia who needed help. He was calling Paul to come and help him.

It is important to note that not every dream we dream is from God. Sometimes it only means we had too much pizza. How do we determine that our dream was from God?

Can you remember any of your dreams? Did you ever feel as if you have ever had a dream from God? What makes you think it was from God?

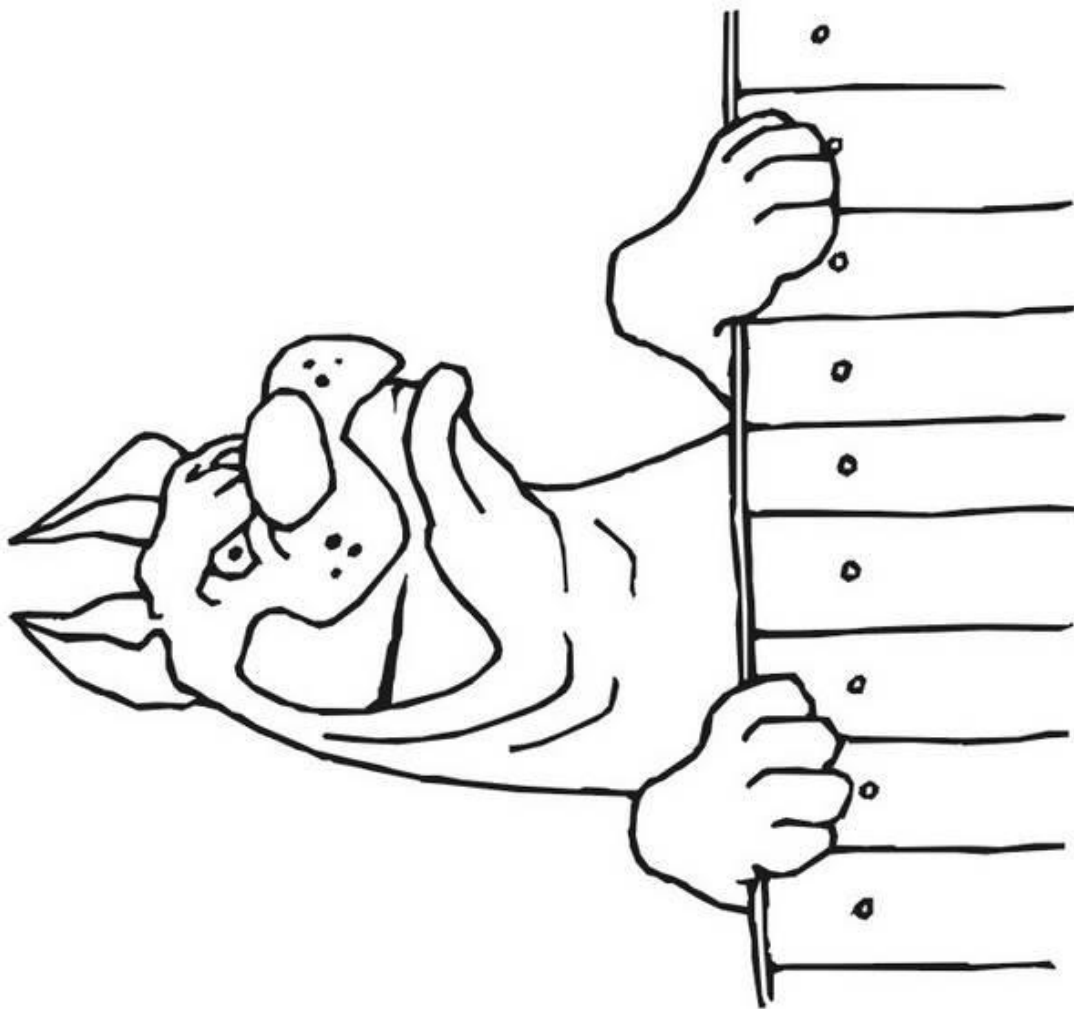
Several things are important when trying to determine if our dreams are from God.

- 1) Does it agree with the Bible? God will never ask us to do anything against His Word.
- 2) Does the dream give us a confirmation of something He has been speaking to us about or about an area He is leading us? Paul’s dream was an answer to his prayers. His dream was a confirmation of the direction in which God was already leading him.
- 3) If the dream includes someone besides ourselves, then the dream must also be a confirmation to their hearts. In today’s story, we see that his companions confirmed that Paul’s dream was of God. Each of them felt that the dream was of God, so they acted in obedience to the direction of God and headed into Macedonia. Luke uses the word “we” in verse ten. This must mean that He went along with Paul and his companions.

The important lesson to learn here is that when we know we have heard from God, we must be obedient to His voice. What is God leading you to do today? What is God’s direction for your life? Are you willing to be obedient and follow His direction? [We must be obedient to the voice of the Lord](#).

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to listen to and obey the voice of the Lord. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.



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