

## ▶ LESSON 7.2: FAITH

### STUDENTS STUDIED:

- » Acts 16:9–40
- » Acts 17:1–9;  
1 Thessalonians 1
- » Acts 17:10–15; Acts 18
- » Acts 17:16–34

### ADDITIONAL READING:

- » Psalm 136

### STUDENTS MEMORIZED AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

- » 1 Thessalonians 1:3\*
- » Habakkuk 2:4b
- » Hebrews 11:23

## Students Learned the Following Definitions:

**SYNAGOGUE:** The Jewish place of worship, prayer and gathering during the time of the New Testament<sup>5</sup>

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
Students discovered what it means to make their faith in Jesus “seen” to those around them.	Students learned about the powerful effects of bold faith in Jesus.	Students were challenged to know what they have faith in and why they have that faith.	Students learned that knowledge does not equal faith. Knowing <b>about God</b> isn’t the same as <b>knowing</b> Him.
They read about the slave girl Lydia and the hardened jailer, and how faith in Jesus transformed their lives — something the people around them clearly saw.	They studied Paul’s time spent with the Church at Thessalonica. They learned that despite being persecuted, the Christians there were dedicated to serving the Lord and exhibited an unrelenting faith in Jesus. This influenced the cities around them.	They examined the Berean Church and the way its members fact-checked what Paul said by comparing it to God’s Word. This strengthened the Berean’s faith. Students also learned about Aquila and Priscilla, and how their faith in God grew strong enough that they desired to share the Gospel with others.	They read about Paul’s time spent preaching to the Greek philosophers and discovered knowledge can be a barrier to faith when misused. But knowledge can also trigger a curiosity to seek God.

## IDENTITY INSIGHT:

God orders and directs my steps even when I can't see Him. As I study His Word, He will illuminate the way before me so that I may grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ and become strong in my faith (Psalm 119:105, 133; 2 Peter 3:18).

Students circled which verse they chose to memorize.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:3\*

HABAKKUK 2:4B

HEBREWS 11:23

## DISCUSSION

### ► SHARE

Think of when you experienced your faith being strengthened. Share that with the group and invite them to share a time from their lives.

### ► ASK

Faith in Jesus brings joy to humans' lives. Lydia and the jailer experienced this firsthand. Ask students how they have found joy since coming to know Jesus.

### ► ACT

Encourage students to fact-check what they believe by thinking of a question they have about the Bible and seeking out the answer.

### TEACHING NOTES:

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