“Mission Possible”
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What
Paul and Barnabas take on their first missionary journey. They cover a lot of
ground and encounter many obstacles as they overcome with the power of the
Holy Spirit. **Themes:** Paul, Barnabas, John, Missionary Journey, Preaching,
Healing, Listening, Obedience, Holy Spirit

Who
Paul
Barnabas
John
Silas
Sergius Paulus
Elymas

When
Bible times

Wear (Props)
Bible for John
“Stones” that can be cast at Paul in Lystra. They can be easily made with
expanding foam and then painted. This keeps them light-weight so they do not
actually injure anyone. You could also use waded up gray construction paper.
Journey signs to place around the auditorium or theater scattered among the
audience.
Music- Mission Impossible theme; I'm a Believer (from Shrek soundtrack)
*Optional- fog machine and black light

Why
Acts 13-15

How
This skit requires audience participation. Some impromptu and some needs to
be staged ahead of time. You can use your children’s workers to help. Have
them strategically planted in the audience. Have fun with this!

Time
Approximately 5-7 minutes
Mountainous look going up the stage. Need steps or a ladder for Paul to climb up and do stunts. It would add a great effect for Paul and Barnabas to Zipline in if possible or some kind of exotic entrance. As the Mission Impossible music plays, Paul and Barnabas can roam about the audience in “spy mode” and once they reach the stage, roll across the stage toward each other and then stand up and introduce themselves. These are just suggestions. Use what you have.

Paul: (To Barnabas on a matter of fact tone) Paul.

Barnabas: (To Paul in a matter of fact tone) Barnabas.

Paul: So what’s the mission?

Barnabas: It should be here any time now.

They display an “awkward moment” for just a few seconds. Checking their watches etc. When Jesus’ voice starts, they are visibly relieved.

Jesus: (Voice only) Paul and Barnabas, your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to travel where My Spirit leads you and to say what My Spirit tells you to say. You will have hard times and will be hurt, put in jail, made fun of, and misunderstood because of Me.

Paul and Barnabas look at each other, give an assured nod and simultaneously say, "we accept."

Jesus: (Voice only) Then go! This message will… (Paul and Barnabas run for cover) …NOT self destruct in 30 seconds but will be recorded in the book of Acts for future generations to read, learn from and make plays about.

Paul, Barnabas and John get up from behind the rocks and dust themselves off. Paul and Barnabas don’t notice John at first. They are dusting themselves off and then Paul notices him and hits Barnabas on the arm and point to John.

Barnabas: (To John) Hey, where did you come from?

John: (Pulls out a Bible and opens it and points to the text) It says right here that you take me with you.

Barnabas: Oh! All right then. Let’s go!

Paul, Barnabas and John run together to different locations around the auditorium/room among the audience. Selecia, Sailed to Cyprus, Salamis, to Paphos (island). The music is up and kind of loud during this time and they are rolling, hopping and healing people, getting cheered, chased with weapons and such. They pause at Paphos where they will meet a proconsul (governor) and sorcerer/false prophet. While Paul and Barnabas are healing people and preaching silently in one of the locations— the scene with Sergius Paulus takes place.
**Sergius:** (Entering an off stage area with his “boys.” He is like the godfather.) Elymas, go find Paul and Barnabas and bring them to me. I want to hear what they have to say from the Word of God. (Elymas leaves and immediately returns with Paul and Barnabas and John.) I am Sergius Paulus. I am an intelligent man. I sent for you so that I can hear the Word of God.

**Elymas:** (To Sergius) Boss, you do not need to hear what these men have to say.

**Paul:** (Looking straight at Elymas) You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop messing up the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You will be blind for several days, not even able to see the light of the sun.

**Elymas:** (Fog machine and a black light hits Elymas and he puts on black sunglasses. He reaches out feeling faces from person to person saying) A little help please! (As he roams about, he runs into the wall and falls down.)

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**ENDING:**

**Jesus:** (Voice only) Paul and Silas. Barnabas and John. Your mission, should you choose to accept, is to travel where My Spirit leads you and to say what My Spirit tells you to say. You will have hard times and will be hurt, put in jail, made fun of, and misunderstood because of Me.

Paul and Barnabas look at each other, give a nod, but this time it indicates "see ya later" or "peace out." They each turn to their new partner/partner looks at them and they say the next line.

**All:** We accept.

**Jesus:** (Voice only) Then go!

Each team exits off in opposite directions. They leave "ninja style" being sneaky. Really play this up, hiding behind a plant and tiptoeing out, or put a lampshade on your head and pretend to be a lamp. Whatever you do, make it silly and fun for the kids.

The end.