

THE UNKNOWN REVEALED

LESSON 9

Acts 17:16–34

GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN THROUGH HIS WORD.



CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God make Himself known to me in His Word.

CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can teach others about Jesus as I share His Word with them.

GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

ADULT

I can explain why it is so important that God's people remember that God makes Himself known through His Word.

YOUTH

I can give examples from the text to show how God makes Himself known through His Word.

ELEMENTARY

I understand that I can learn about God through His Word.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God wants me to know Him and love Him.

BIBLE VERSE

Faith comes from hearing, and hearing
through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

As Paul waits for the other disciples to join him in Athens, he spends time in discussion with philosophers and others in the marketplace. Many temples and altars fill the city of Athens, including an altar dedicated to the “unknown god.” One day, Paul speaks at the Areopagus—also called Mars Hill. He uses the altar to the unknown god as an opportunity to teach the people concerning the true God.

TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—The people of Athens were considered great thinkers, but they didn't all believe in Jesus. Are smart people always right? How can you kindly and gently share your knowledge of God's Word with others?
- ▶ *At Mealttime*—God works faith through the preaching of His Word, just as He did through Paul's words to the people. After the meal, set out on the table a collection of family Bibles or Bible story books. Where did each of them come from? How do you use them?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—Paul, Barnabas, Silas, and Timothy walked long distances to bring God's Word to others. Keep track of the number of steps you walk in one hour. Who did you talk to in that hour? Did that person mention Jesus at all? Did you?
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Pray together, thanking Jesus for the miracle of salvation He has worked in you.

