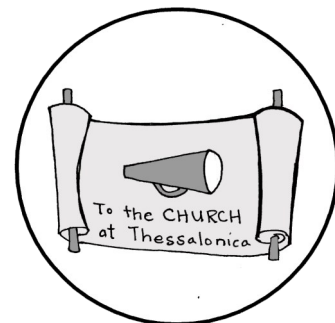


Lesson #2-31

THE CHURCH AT THESSALONICA

Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Key Verse:**

You received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

The Point:

We are called to be examples of God's love to those around us.

Unit Theme (April 7—April 28)

God Works through Us

LOVE LETTERS

Put God's love in an envelope to share.

You will need:

- † Paper
- † Envelopes
- † Markers or crayons
- † Pens or pencils

Instructions:

1. **In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul wanted his friends to know that Jesus loved them and that he thanked God for them. I want you to write a letter or draw a picture for someone letting them know that Jesus loves them, too.**
2. Make paper and crayons or markers available to participants. Help younger participants write any words they would like to use.
3. As they work, talk about what they could draw or write, which may include any of the following:
 - A picture of themselves, perhaps with the person they are writing to.
 - A get-well note for someone who is not feeling well.
 - An invitation to come over, play together, or share a meal or snack.
 - Remembering a special time together.
4. As participants finish, have them fold their paper and put it into an envelope. Help them write the names of the people they wrote (or drew) to on the envelopes, as needed.
5. **It is exciting and fun to share God's love with others, just like Paul.**