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(Paul addresses a group of philosophers in Athens and urges them to worship the only true God.)
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2. Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey began in Antioch. He and Silas travelled through Asia Minor visiting the churches that Paul had helped establish on his 1st Journey. Then they sailed across the Aegean Sea to teach people in Macedonia. These men travelled wherever God wanted them to go to teach people about Jesus.

3. When Paul arrived in the city of Athens he looked around and saw many idols. The people of Athens were worshipping these idols instead of worshipping God. Paul was very distressed to see this and he wanted to tell the people about the real God and his son, Jesus.

4. The first thing Paul did was to go to the synagogue and talk to the Jews about Jesus.

5. Then Paul went to the agora (the marketplace in the city where people liked to gather) and told people there about God and Jesus. While he was talking some men overheard him. They were part of a group that met up on a big rock hill called the Areopagus and they wanted Paul to come and meet with them.

6. The men at the meeting of the Areopagus were an important group that met together to talk and think. Sometimes, instead of actually doing anything, they just liked to sit and talk about it instead.

The city of Athens had many kinds of idols and altars and the men of the Areopagus were the ones that decided whether or not people could bring new ones into the city. They asked Paul to tell them about the new ideas he was talking about to everyone.

7. So Paul told them that he had been looking at all of the idols around Athens. He had even noticed an idol with a sign on it that said, “TO AN UNKNOWN GOD” They were worshipping what they did not know but he would tell them about the God that he knew. He wanted to tell them about the only true God.

8. He said that all of the idols they were worshipping were made by people. But that didn’t make sense. People can’t make God. It is the other way around. God makes people!

9. Paul then told them that they should stop worshipping idols. God is more important than any person or thing in the world so they should only worship God.

10. And finally Paul told them one more very important thing. He told them that Jesus died and that God made him alive again. By doing this God had given them proof that his is real.
11. When Paul finished talking some of the men sneered at him. And some of the men wanted to just keep talking and talking about it. But Paul had told them the truth and he knew it was time to leave.

12. Not very many people in Athens decided to become followers of Jesus but a few did. One was one of the men of the Areopagus and one was a woman named Damaris.

The time came for Paul to leave to go to other cities and tell people about God and Jesus. He hoped that the people of Athens would learn to worship God someday.
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