

# ★ The Folly of Earthly Wisdom

Lesson 5

Paul at Mars' Hill

## The Teacher's Preparation

**Scripture Passages to Study:** Acts 13,17

**Study Guide:** Read "The Folly of Earthly Wisdom: Paul at Mars' Hill" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 1*.

**Lesson Objective:** Whenever the gospel is preached, people have three reactions: they rudely reject God's free gift of salvation, they gladly accept the gift of eternal life, or they make a pretense of postponing the decision. In reality, there are only two reactions: acceptance or rejection. Those who think they are postponing their decision are in fact rejecting God's Son.

**Lesson Application:** Have I accepted or rejected God's Son?

**Memory Verse:** Acts 17:24



"THY WORD HAVE I HID IN MINE HEART..."

*God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.*

—Acts 17:24

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## The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Life jacket

### Teacher Tips

Be fair. Be the kind of person children trust—firm, fair, friendly, respectful. Have a sense of humor.

# The Teacher's Lesson Plan

## Materials:

Life jacket (If you cannot find one to use, a picture or printout of one would be fine.)

## What You Could Say:

Storms can be frightening if you are not in a safe place. Small, quiet towns face storms as do large, bustling cities. In different places across the country, depending on the location and time of year, families like yours must bravely weather all sorts of storms—rainstorms, thunderstorms, hurricanes, and more! You and your family must know what to do and where to be in the event of any of these storms.

Storms happen not only on land—in the towns and cities where we live—but also on water—in the vast oceans. Throughout the Bible, we read of terrible storms that happened on the water. Do you remember what happened to Jonah in a storm? Do you remember when Jesus Christ stilled a storm that frightened His disciples?

If you found yourself in the middle of a terrible storm in the Pacific Ocean and the captain of the ship handed you a life jacket, what would you do with it? Would you tell the captain that you just learned how to swim and toss the life jacket overboard? Would you pack the life jacket in your suitcase and wait to put it on until later? No! How foolish it would be to wait! The choice is simple—you must take the life jacket.

Today, we will learn about people who made some choices; and as we learn about these people and the events surrounding their decisions, think about your own life. Have you chosen Jesus Christ? The choice is simple—you must!

## Teacher's Notes

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"I have seen many men work without praying, though I have never seen any good come out of it; but I have never seen a man pray without working."

—Hudson Taylor