



May 3, 2026, Paul's Sermon at Athens

Acts 17:16-31

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of all, you are present in all places and in all peoples, and the gospel story is spoken in every language. Open our hearts and minds to traditions different than our own, that we might learn from them, grow toward you, and become one unified Body of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.
(Acts 17:24-25)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul learned about the religions of those in Athens before he engaged in debates at the Areopagus. He brought their perspective to the conversation as he introduced them to Creator God.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you stepped way outside your comfort zone. What did you learn?
- Where would you like to travel? What would you like to see there?
- For the littles: What's your favorite story?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God stretch you to learn and grow. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Reach out to a local faith community of a religion other than your own and ask how you can learn more about the beliefs and practices of that community. How does learning about other religions strengthen your commitment to your own?



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Paul in Corinth*, Acts 18:1-17

Tuesday: *Paul in Ephesus*, Acts 19:1-10

Wednesday: *Paul Arrested in the Temple*, Acts 21:27-36

Thursday: *Paul Defends Himself*, Acts 21:37-22:5

Friday: *The Plot to Kill Paul*, Acts 23:12-22

Saturday: *Paul Preaches in Rome*, Acts 28:23-30