

**December 1**  
**9:00am & 11:00am**  
*Three and Four Year Olds*  
**PAUL RETURNED TO JERUSALEM**  
(Acts 21-22)

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Paul followed God's plan even though he faced trouble. God was with Paul. We can tell people about Jesus because God is with us, too.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for all He has done for us.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** *Lord, I will praise your name.* Isaiah 25:1

## LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Welcome the children to group time. Ask preschoolers to name different things they do when they are happy to see someone. As each is mentioned, invite boys and girls to do the actions together. Include things such as giving a high-five or a fist bump, waving, or giving a hug.

**SAY** *These are great ways to say hello when we are happy to see someone. In today's Bible story, a man named Paul had been on a long journey telling people about Jesus. His friends were excited to see him when he returned. Unfortunately, not everyone was happy with the news he brought with him.*

### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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### 3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY: SHOW EMOTIONS

Retell the story using the story points. After each story point, ask the children to show you with their faces and bodies how Paul and the others in the story must have felt.

**SAY** *Paul wanted to go to Jerusalem. How do you think he felt? You think he was excited? Show me your excited face. Then Agabus warned Paul that people in Jerusalem might be mad and tie him up. Show me how Agabus looked. Yes, he probably looked worried. You look worried, too. All of Paul's friends were worried! How did Paul look? He must have looked a little scared but determined to do what God wanted him to do. In Jerusalem, how did Paul's friends look? Oh yes! They were happy to see him! But how did the other people look? They looked really mad! After the Roman soldiers took Paul away to a safe place, how did he look? Some of you look happy and some look sad. Paul was probably happy that he was safe, but sad that he could not tell the people in Jerusalem more about Jesus.*

#### Story Points

- Paul wanted to go to Jerusalem to tell people about Jesus, but a man named Agabus (AG uh buhs) gave Paul a warning from God. Agabus took Paul's belt. He wrapped it around his own hands and feet. "If you go," Agabus said, "people there will tie you up."
- Paul's friends were worried, but Paul said, "I want to go tell people about Jesus."
- When Paul went to Jerusalem, his friends there were happy to see him. But others were not happy. They shouted at Paul and pulled him out of the temple.
- Those people wanted to hurt Paul, but a Roman army commander stopped them. Roman soldiers took Paul away to a place where he would be safe.

### 4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

**SAY** Our big picture question asks, **Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for all He has done for us.** Paul wanted everyone to know about Jesus. He traveled to many places to share this good news with others. Paul praised Jesus because He came to rescue sinners. Paul had been rescued by Jesus, and he wanted others to believe too. Paul's life was changed by Jesus, and he continued to praise Him for the rest of his life.

## 5. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Isaiah 25:1. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Help the children decide on actions for the words *Lord, I, praise, Your, and name*. Repeat the key passage phrase several times using the chosen actions. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

**SAY** We show God that we love Him when we praise Him. We praise God when we sing to Him but we can praise Him when we pray, give offerings, and talk about what God has done for us. Let's say the verse with our actions again.

## 6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

**SAY** God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to rescue sinners. Help us share this good news with everyone, even when it is hard. Like Paul, we want others to know who You are and all that You have done for us. Amen.

## ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

### FOLLOW THE ROAD

Use **painters tape** to make a road that winds around the area for children to follow. If you have a large area, use two strips of tape to make the sides of a road about 15 inches wide. For a smaller area, consider using one strip of tape for the children to follow. Encourage children to walk along the road as you review the Bible story or ask questions about it.

**SAY** Paul went to many towns to tell about Jesus. He probably walked to many of the places. In our story, he wanted to go to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is on a hill so he would have walked up a hill to get there. In the temple in Jerusalem, he wanted to praise the Lord and tell others about Jesus. Paul followed God's plan!

### DETERMINE THE TRUTH

Remind preschoolers that when something is true, it is right or it really happened. Share statements about Paul. Include some that are true and some that are not. Invite boys and girls to give a thumbs up if it is true and a thumbs down if it is not true. Use the following examples or create your own:

True: Paul traveled to tell people about Jesus. Paul faced hard times as he told people about Jesus. Paul told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus. People wanted to hurt Paul. Paul told about Jesus, even when it was dangerous.

False: Paul only told a few people about Jesus. Everyone liked Paul's message. Paul traveled by airplane to tell people about Jesus. Paul was too scared to obey God's plans. Paul went to a hotel to stay safe.

**SAY** When Paul returned to Jerusalem, some people were not happy with him. They made up lies about him. Because of this, many people wanted to hurt Paul. Even when Paul faced danger, he still told the truth. He shared that Jesus was God's Son and that God sent him to tell everyone about Jesus, not just the Jewish people.

### COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, talk about the Christ Connection.

**SAY** Paul followed God's plan even though he faced trouble. God was with Paul. We can tell people about Jesus because God is with us, too.

## OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

*\*Storytelling Props are not included in the blue bin, but you may choose to bring them from home.\**

Open your Bible to Romans 15. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

### WE ARE HERE TO GLORIFY GOD

#### STORYTELLING TIPS

Write a letter: Pretend to write a letter while telling the Bible story. Dress in Bible times clothing and use a feather as a quill.

Show Bible story pictures: Show pictures of Jesus helping others in a Bible storybook or from previous Bible story picture posters as you describe looking to Jesus as our example.

**Paul** was in Corinth when he **wrote a letter to Christians in Rome. These Christians were facing some challenges.** They came from different places and had different ways of doing things, but they all believed in Jesus. Paul wrote a letter to help them. **He reminded them how to live for Jesus.**

**Paul had told the Christians** in Rome that since **they were all part of God's family**, they were **like brothers and sisters.** Now **he wanted to teach them about how they should treat people who are not believers.** Paul wrote, **"We should be patient with others. We should help them and not just think about ourselves. If we are strong, we should help anyone who is weak."**

**Paul said** that Christians can look to Jesus as their example. **Jesus always cared for others and did what was right. He showed us how to love everyone. Jesus died to rescue sinners. We should serve and help others too.**

**God wants His children to love one another like Jesus loved us.** Paul wrote, **"May God help you to live in harmony with one another. When you do this, you bring glory to God. So we should accept one another and live in peace, for the glory of God."**

Paul wanted to visit the Christians in Rome, but he was going to go to Jerusalem first. God had chosen Paul to share the good news with the non-Jewish people. "My goal is to share the gospel with people who have

never heard about Jesus," he said. Then Paul asked the Christians to pray for him, and he left for Jerusalem.

*Christ Connection: God created people to bring Him glory. When we trust in Jesus and follow Him, we honor God by helping others. God calls us to love people like Jesus loved and to tell them about Jesus.*

## DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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## LEARN

*(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)*

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## ACTIVITIES

### SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

To the familiar tune of "London Bridge":

"We can share about Jesus, about Jesus, about Jesus.

We can share about Jesus 'cause God is with us."

**SAY** *God was with Paul. Paul wanted to tell people about Jesus. We can tell people about Jesus because God is with us.*

### STOP AND START

Play [upbeat worship music](#) on an [electronic device](#). Invite toddlers to dance as the music plays. Instruct toddlers to stop moving when the music stops. Review the story as the toddlers dance.

**SAY** *What did we do when the music turned off? We stopped. Roman soldiers stopped the people from hurting Paul. God was with Paul. God kept Paul safe.*

### COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the [activity page](#). As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- Paul wanted to tell people about Jesus.

- Some people did not like Paul's message.
- God was with Paul.

### OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Acts 21-22 and tell the following Bible story:

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