

November 17
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
PAUL VISITED THE CHURCHES
(Acts 18-21)

CHRIST CONNECTION: As Paul traveled, he told as many people as he could about Jesus. The church grew. Paul wanted to follow God's plan no matter what. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What should Christians do? We should tell others the good news of Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Tell people of God's wonderful works. Psalm 96:3

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Tell preschoolers about places where you have traveled. If you have photos, show them. Briefly talk about your trips. Invite preschoolers to name a place where they have traveled.

SAY *In today's story, we will learn about Paul, who traveled from place to place telling people about Jesus. Sometimes he had hard times during his travels. Listen closely to find out what happened when he traveled to the cities of Ephesus and Jerusalem.*

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
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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. Who traveled to Ephesus and Jerusalem to tell people about Jesus? (*Paul*)
3. Why didn't the people in Ephesus worship the one, true God? (*They worshiped many gods. They needed to learn about Jesus and believe in Him.*)
4. Is it always easy to follow Jesus and tell others about Him? (*No.*)

5. *What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make followers of Jesus from every nation by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

SAY *In the city of Ephesus, Paul met with about 12 men who believed in God but did not know about Jesus. Paul told them about Jesus, and the men believed and were baptized. People in Ephesus believed in many gods, rather than believing in the one, true God. They shouted at Paul and caused trouble for him, so he left. Later, Paul met with a group of men and talked with them late into the night. A man sat in a window, listened to Paul, and got very sleepy. He accidentally fell out the window! Paul wrapped his arms around him and the man came back to life. Even though Paul did not always have an easy life, he wanted to tell people the good news about Jesus.*

4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *What is our mission as Christians? Our mission is to make followers of Jesus from every nation by the power of the Holy Spirit. Today, we learned that Paul was on a mission to tell everyone he met about Jesus' love for them. We can tell others what we know about Jesus, too!*

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at Psalm 96:3. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read aloud the key passage. Form small groups. Assign each group one of the following words to say: “tell,” “works,” “wonderful,” and “peoples.” Practice saying the words with the group, if necessary explain what each word means. Repeat the verse a few times, pointing to the group on cue when it is their turn to say the assigned word.

SAY *Our key passage tells us to tell others about how amazing God is because He sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Jesus did amazing and wonderful works everywhere He went and among all people.*

6. PRAY

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

SAY *As Paul traveled, he told as many people as he could about Jesus. God changed people’s hearts, and the church grew. God had chosen Paul to tell people the good news about Jesus, and Paul wanted to follow God’s plan no matter what.*

SAY *God, help [say each child’s name] learn and tell others the good news about Your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

BUILD WITH BLOCKS

Form three groups. Assign each group a location, a pile of blocks to use, and a job to do. One group will use the blocks to build a church building. Several feet away, another group will build another church building. The third group will line up the blocks, making a road leading from one church to the other.

SAY *We built two churches and a road that connects them! Paul traveled from one church to another. As Paul traveled, he told as many people as he could about Jesus. God changed people’s hearts, and the church grew. God had chosen Paul to tell people the good news about Jesus, and Paul wanted to follow God’s plan no matter what.*

CREATE HAPPY AND SAD FACES

Distribute paper plates and markers to each child. Guide preschoolers to draw a smiling face on one side of the paper plate and a sad face on the other side. Review the Bible story and ask preschoolers to respond to each statement by showing a happy or sad face.

- Paul helped believers know and love Jesus more.
- Some people did not like what Paul was doing and shouted at him.
- Paul healed a man who fell out of a window.
- Paul knew He would be put in prison in Jerusalem for telling people about Jesus.
- Paul was happy to tell people the good news about Jesus.

SAY *Even though Paul did not always have an easy life, he wanted to tell people the good news about Jesus. People sometimes became angry with Paul when he talked about Jesus. Others were happy to hear the good news. !*

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

As children color, talk about the Christ Connection.

SAY *Many people heard the gospel and were saved. They listened and believed in Jesus. Paul and his friends said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.’*

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 Acts 15-18. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

PAUL VISITED THE CHURCHES

STORYTELLING TIPS

Show happy and sad faces: Prior to the session, draw a smiling face on one side of a paper plate and a sad face on the other side. Tell preschoolers that you will show them either a happy face or a sad face as you tell the story. Challenge them to listen, watch closely, and make the face they see based on what they hear in the story. Show the happy face while talking about Paul visiting different places and telling others about Jesus. Show the sad face when mentioning some of his struggles.

Use people figures: Play out the Bible story as you tell it using people figures and a doll house.

Paul visited churches in many different places and helped the believers know and love Jesus even more. When Paul got to the city of Ephesus, he met about twelve men who believed in God. They knew about John the Baptist, but they did not know about Jesus. So Paul told them about Jesus. The men believed and were baptized.

Some people did not like what Paul was doing. Paul said there is one true God. But the people believed in many gods. They shouted at Paul and caused trouble for him. So Paul met with his friends and said goodbye. He was going to go toward Jerusalem.

One night, Paul met with a group of men to eat the Lord's Supper. Paul talked to the group until midnight. While Paul talked, a young man named Eutychus (YOO tih kuhs) sat in the window. He listened to Paul and got very sleepy. Eutychus fell asleep, and he fell right out the window—three stories down to the ground.

Eutychus was dead, but Paul went to him and put his arms around him, and Eutychus came back to life. "Don't worry," Paul said. "He is alive now." The believers took Eutychus home, and they were very glad.

Now Paul traveled back toward Ephesus. He asked the church leaders to meet him nearby. Paul told them that God wanted him to go to the city of

Jerusalem. "I do not know what will happen there," Paul said, "but I know there will be trouble. I will be put in prison."

But this did not stop Paul. He knew that the most important thing was not having an easy life; the most important thing was to do the work God had for him. "I want to tell people the good news about Jesus," he said.

The church leaders prayed with Paul and said goodbye.

Christ Connection: As Paul traveled, he told as many people as he could about Jesus. God changed people's hearts, and the church grew. God had chosen Paul to tell people the good news about Jesus, and Paul wanted to follow God's plan no matter what.

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.

November 17
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Two Year Olds
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Acts 18-21

CHRIST CONNECTION: The church grows when people believe the good news.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What should Christians do? We should tell others the good news of Jesus.

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LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY: SHARE THE LOVE

Guide the children to sit on the floor in a circle. Whisper in one child's ear, "Jesus loves you!" Encourage the child to whisper, "Jesus loves you!" in the ear of the person sitting next to him. Continue sharing around the circle until the message comes back to you. Repeat, adding each toddler's name in for "you" or say different phrases about love as time permits.

SAY *Does Jesus love you? Yes, He does! Jesus loves us! We are saved when we believe in Jesus, just like Lydia and the jailer in our Bible story today.*

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Encourage the toddlers to sit on the floor in a circle and chant the key passage phrase: "Tell (*cup your hands around your mouth*) people (*clap two times*) of God's (*pat your knees two times*) wonderful works (*raise hands and wiggle them*)." Repeat in rhythm, getting faster each time.

SAY *What can we do with God's wonderful works? Yes! We can tell people! Our key passage phrase says, 'Tell people of God's wonderful works.' We can tell people about what God has done.*

ACTIVITIES

HEAL AND STICK

Gather self-adhesive bandages or stickers to resemble them. Help the toddlers place bandages or stickers on baby dolls to help "heal" them. Read the gospel gems as babies play.

SAY *Who healed a boy who came to learn about Jesus? Paul did! Paul healed a boy who came to learn about Jesus.*

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 traveled to visit churches.
- Paul healed a boy who came to learn about Jesus.
- Paul told people the good news about Jesus.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Acts 18-21 and tell the following Bible story:

Paul traveled all around to visit churches. He met with people who believed in Jesus and helped them know and love Jesus more. One night, Paul talked to a group of people. It was very late, and a young man named Eutychus (YOO tih kuhs) was sitting in the window to listen. Eutychus fell asleep and fell out the window! Paul put his arms around Eutychus, and he came back to life! The people took Eutychus home, and they were very

glad. Now Paul wanted to go to Jerusalem. Paul said, "I want to tell people the good news about Jesus." The church leaders prayed with Paul and said goodbye.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.