

Acts-Revelation

Paul is arrested Acts 21:27—22:29

Younger Verse

Nothing is impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Older Verse

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Welcome Time

When someone does something mean to you, how do you respond? Let's listen and see what Paul does.

Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

Paul traveled from place to place telling people about Jesus. He loved Jesus and wanted others to know how He could change their lives.

Paul went to the church temple in a town called Jerusalem. Remember that this is a very special place for a group of people called the Jews. They knew God, but did not understand that Jesus was God's Son.

Paul wanted to tell these people the great news about Jesus, but they would not listen. In fact, they became very upset and began shouting at Paul. They pointed their fingers at Paul and pulled him out of the church temple.

The whole city became upset and ran to see what was going on. The people did not listen, but pulled Paul away.

Suddenly, soldiers came to stop the rioting. When the people saw the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

The commander ordered that Paul be arrested. He was handcuffed with chains on his hands and feet. He asked what had happened. Some said one thing and others said another. Finally, the commander ordered Paul to be put in a building. When Paul reached the steps, the rage was so great that the soldiers had to carry Paul for fear that the crowd would try to kill him.

Surprisingly, Paul asked if he could talk to the crowd, even after the things that they had done. Paul spoke to the crowd in their own language.

Paul shared how he used to hurt people who believed in Jesus. He told them about how he became a Christian. He shared that he was on a road to the city of Damascus when a bright light blinded him. Paul told them how he heard a voice from Heaven saying, "Why are you hurting me?"

Lesson Goals

Pray for those who are your enemies
Be bold to tell others about Jesus

Paul told them that the voice was from Jesus. He shared how the light had blinded him. He told them how Jesus told him to go to the town and find a man named Ananias. This man helped Paul and he could see again.

Paul shared how he knew that Jesus was real and that He was the only way to Heaven. He gladly told the people that he believed in Jesus that day and eagerly told everyone about Him.

Paul also told them that many of their people, called the Jews, had tried to hurt him. They hurt him so deeply that God told him to start telling the other people, called the Gentiles, about Jesus.

The people listened to Paul with their ears, but not with their heart. When he mentioned the Gentiles, who were different from the Jews, the people raised their voices and shouted, "Get rid of this man! He should not live for saying these things!"

When all this happened, the commanding soldier ordered Paul to be whipped and beaten in the building.

As a soldier was about to whip Paul, Paul told him that he was a special citizen that had special privileges. Because of this, the soldier did not hurt Paul. They kept him safe and away from the crowd.

Paul was not afraid to share Jesus with anyone. He remembered how God had told him that He would take care of him. Paul knew God had changed his heart. He loved God so much and was even willing to tell people who wanted to hurt him about God's kind of love. Knowing God gave Paul courage to tell others and to pray for those who were mean. He will give us courage too when we pray and ask Him to help us.

Would you like to know more about Jesus? Just like the crowd listened and learned about Jesus, we can help you know more about Him. Jesus can change your life like He changed Paul's life. You must tell God you are sorry for all your wrongs (sins) and ask Him for forgiveness. Then, tell Him that you believe in Jesus and want Him in your heart. Jesus will come into your heart and stay with you forever. He will help you change to be like Him. Jesus will help you choose to do right and live for God.

Learning Activities

Talk about how we can tell others about Jesus like Paul did.

Memory Verse Activities

It seemed like things looked impossible for Paul and then he got to tell them about Jesus, even when he was in chains! Remember the verse, nothing is impossible with God!

Prayer Time

Ask God to help everyone tell others about Jesus.

Clean Up/Snack time

Be sure that the area is clean and looks tidy after you eat snacks.

Preschool Lesson
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Just like Paul told people about Jesus, God wants us to tell others about Jesus.

Let's sing, "My best friend is Jesus."

Hands-On Activities
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Make paper chains to remind the kids of the story. Write encouraging words on the chains to remember to love our enemies.

Create Microphones. Shape foil into miniature microphones and help them pretend to tell others about Jesus. Encourage them to share Jesus with someone this week.

Fold paper into a megaphone by making it into a cone shape. Make up a fun cheer for Jesus.

Paul had courage because he remembered that God would take care of him. Ask God to help you have courage to tell others about Jesus.

Many of us may be afraid to speak to a crowd about Jesus like Paul did. However, God asks us to tell others about Jesus. He may want you to tell one person at a time about Him. Who could you tell this week?

When Paul was arrested, he did not change his story or demand his way. Paul trusted God and knew that He would help. He loved his enemies and even wanted to tell them about Jesus! Who is an enemy to you? Let's pray for them and try to be nice to them this week. It may be hard, but let God help you! He promises to be with us and will never leave us.