

Behavior

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Aquila and Priscilla

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Begin with Prayer

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Acts 18:1-28

Memory Verse

Get along with each other. Romans 12:16 (The Message)

Lesson Goals

Learn that God wants us to get along with others.
Learn that God wants us to be good friends.

Behavior Focus Scripture

Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. ...discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Romans 12:16-18 (The Message)

Bible Story

Read Acts 18:1-6, 18 aloud.

Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible before teaching it. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.

Welcome Time

Do you get along with people? Are your friends people who are kind or mean? In today's lesson we will learn about a couple who got along.

Paul traveled to Corinth. When he got to Corinth, Paul met a Jew named Aquila. Aquila and his wife Priscilla had recently come to Corinth. They had left Italy because all the Jews had been required to leave Rome.

Aquila and Priscilla were believers. They became *friends* with Paul. Aquila and Priscilla were tentmakers. Paul was a tentmaker, too. Paul went to stay with them.

Paul was trained to be a teacher of the law and the scriptures. But they were also taught some kind of trade so they could make a living.

Aquila and Priscilla worked together. They probably **got along** very well. They are mentioned together when they are mentioned in the Bible. They **got along** very well with Paul. Paul stayed with them for a year and a half.

When Paul writes to the Romans he says that Aquila and Priscilla risked their lives for him. Paul calls them his fellow workers. (Romans 16:3).

Paul taught in the Jewish synagogues. He told the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. But the Jews did not believe. Paul wanted the Jews to believe because he was a Jew. Paul told the Jews that he would go to the Gentiles.

Paul went to the house of a man named Justus where the chief ruler of the synagogue became a believer along with his family. After that many Corinthians believed and were baptized. (Acts 18:7-8)

Then Paul had some trouble from the Jews. They accused Paul of teaching to worship God in a way that was against their law. The deputy threw them out and told them to take care of their own problem. The people took Sosthenes, who represented them, and beat him because he lost their case. (Acts 18:12-17)

Week 10

Review:
Romans 12:1-3;
9-21
(The Message)

Paul stayed a while longer in Corinth. When he decided to leave, he took his *friends*, Aquila and Priscilla, with him. (Acts 18:18)

Then Paul, Aquila and Priscilla went to Ephesus. When Paul left Ephesus, he left Aquila and Priscilla there. He trusted his *friends*. He knew that they would *help* the believers. He knew they would be *good friends* and teachers to the believers in Ephesus.

Later when Paul writes to the Corinthians he refers to the church that meets in the home of Aquila and Priscilla. Their *friendship* continued to be strong even after they went in different directions.

Do you know Jesus? Aquila and Priscilla provided a place for Paul. They became good **friends**. Paul became their teacher. They all got **along well**. Many in Corinth believed and were baptized. Are you a believer? Would you like to invite Jesus into your heart and life?

Pray this prayer: Dear God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins. Thank you that He has risen from the dead; and because He lives I can have a personal relationship with you. Please forgive my sins. Please come be a part of my life and help me to **get along** with others and to be a good **friend**.

Review:

1. **Why were Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth?** (the Jews were forced to leave Rome)
2. **What kind of work did they do?** (were tentmakers)
3. **How long did Paul stay with his friends in Corinth?** (a year and a half)
4. **Explain that getting along with others is important.** Aquila and Priscilla became **good friends** with Paul. Paul stayed with them and taught them. Many in Corinth believed and were baptized. Aquila and Priscilla were not only witnesses, they were a part of the ministry. Their **friendship** continued even after they went their separate ways.

Prayer:

Pray that God will help you to **get along** with others.
Pray that God will help you to be a **good friend**.

Challenge:

Getting along with others is not always easy. **Getting along** may mean we have to give up our rights. Sometimes **getting along** means taking turns or letting someone else go first. Sometimes it means saying “sorry,” first. Sometimes **getting along** means letting someone else have the last snack. Sometimes it means getting up early to help your mom. God wants us to **get along**.

We also have to be **good friends**. **Good friends** take the good and the bad. **Good friends** forgive. **Good friends** say, “I’m sorry.” **Good friends** laugh and cry with you. **Good friends** don’t just think about themselves. God wants us to be **good friends**.

Write about any changes in behavior or attitude in your prayer journal.

Application:

Work hard at **getting along** with others. Say, “I’m sorry,” first. Take turns. Let someone else have the last snack. Choose to be a good **friend**. Don’t think only of yourself.

Planning Ahead:

Apollos
Acts 18:23-27

End with
Prayer

Hands-on Activities For Aquila and Priscilla

Review: Romans 12:6-13 (The Message). Have the children form a wiggly line (like a worm). The first child to quote the verse correctly will be at the head of the line. The next child will walk in and out of the line between children as he quotes the verse. Have the leader move the squiggly line around your area or room. You may want to practice.

Prayer journal: Work on your prayer journal. Write down what God has said to you about getting along with others? What has he said about being a good friend? Ask God to help you.

Being a friend questions. Ask the children about what is ok and not ok.

1. Is it ok to take stuff from your friend without permission?
2. Is it ok to take it by forcing your friend to give it to you?
3. Is it ok to take your sister's stuff?
4. Is it ok to enter a room without knocking?
5. How do you greet someone?
6. Is it ok to hit them and say, "hi."?
7. Is it ok to sit on people?
8. Is it ok to climb over people in a van?
9. Is it ok to eat someone else's food?
10. Is it ok to invite someone to eat pizza if someone else is paying and not you?

Options for handling anger. Tell the children that when they are angry they should consider the following.

1. Pray.
2. Keep quiet.
3. Breathe deeply.
4. Count to ten or to a hundred.
5. Consider walking away (run if necessary).

Later:

1. Talk about it with an adult who can help.
2. Apologize if you offended someone. Ask if you can still be friends.
3. Talk to the person who has offended you (once you are calm).
4. Use statements like, "When you did this, I felt this." Listen to their response.
Don't use words like "always," and "never."
Instead of asking "why," say, "Help me understand the reason..." "I don't understand the reason you
...."
Don't interrupt.
Clarify and say, "Do you mean..."
Decide if you need to be a friend to that person.

Describe your best friend. Ask the children to describe their best friend. Ask them to tell why the person is their best friend.

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with each other.
Romans 12:16
(The Message)

Romans 12: 1-3, 9-21 (The Message)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.