

Behavior

Lesson 10

Apollo

Behaviors

Begin with Prayer

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Acts 18:23-28

Memory Verse

Don't be stuck-up. Romans 12:16 (The Message)

Lesson Goals

Learn that God wants us to learn from others.
Learn that God wants us to help others.
Learn that God wants us to tell others what we know.

Behavior Focus Scripture

Don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. Romans 12:16 (The Message)

Bible Story

Read Acts 18:22-28 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 allow other people to teach you? Or are you a know-it-all? In today's lesson we will see how one leader became a better leader because he allowed someone else to teach him.

While Aquila and Priscilla were in Ephesus a young man named Apollos came to them. He was a good speaker. He knew the scriptures. The Bible says that he was "mighty in the scriptures." He could defend what he believed and knew. (Acts 18:24)

Apollos had heard the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John, he was "fervent in spirit." Apollos was excited about what he knew. He wanted others to know. He taught in the synagogue. That is where Aquila and Priscilla heard him speak. They saw his excitement. They recognized his ability to speak. They also recognized that he knew the scriptures. But they were aware that he did not know Jesus.

Aquila and Priscilla could have chosen to criticize Apollos. They could have chosen to make him look bad. That would mean they were stuck-up, know-it-all, and proud. But they were not.

Instead Aquila and Priscilla took Apollos home with them. They saw that he was a very good man. They knew he was a good speaker. They also saw that he really wanted to help people. So Aquila and Priscilla took Apollos home.

They **began to teach** Apollos about Jesus. They **told** him about the death and resurrection. They told Apollos the things they had learned from Paul. Apollos could have been stuck-up. He could have refused to allow Aquila and Priscilla to teach him. After all, Apollos was already teaching in the synagogue. Aquila was not. Apollos knew the scriptures. He knew how to defend what he believed. But he was not a know-it-all. Because he allowed himself to **be taught** by poor tentmakers, he learned the truth. He became a believer.

Aquila and Priscilla **encouraged** Apollos to continue **teaching** and speaking. Because Apollos knew the scriptures, he became an even stronger speaker and leader. Aquila and Priscilla had **helped** Apollos.

Then Apollos decided to go to Achaia. The believers in Ephesus wrote letters so that the believers in Achaia would listen to him.

Apollos had believed that salvation is given by grace. He **taught** in the synagogues

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9-21
(The Message)

and showed the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. Apollos **helped** the believers and **taught** them. (Acts 18:28)

Paul **taught** Aquila and Priscilla. Aquila and Priscilla **taught** Apollos. Apollo **taught** those in Achaia. Each one had been **willing to learn**. Each one had been willing to **help** someone else learn. The Good News of Jesus was being **taught**.

Do you know Jesus? Aquila and Priscilla **helped and taught** Apollos. He was already a leader. He was already a teacher. He was teaching in the synagogues. He was a good speaker. But, Apollos did not know Jesus. He was **willing to learn**. Aquila and Priscilla were **willing to help**. Apollos became a believer. 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 **learn from others**. Help me to be willing to **help others**.

Review:

1. **What did Apollos teach?** (what he learned from John the Baptist)
2. **Why did Apollos need help?** (he did not know Jesus)
3. **How did Aquila and Priscilla help him?** (took him home and privately taught him)
4. **Explain that when we offer help to people we have to be careful.** Aquila and Priscilla could have discouraged Apollos if they had just told him he was wrong. They could have offended him and told him that he did not know the truth. But instead they took him home. They were kind to him. He became a willing listener and a **willing student**. Because Aquila and Priscilla were careful about how, when, and where they approached Apollos, he became a believer. He became a stronger leader who knew and shared the truth.

Prayer:

Pray that God will help you wants to **learn from others**.

Pray that God will help you want to **help others**.

Pray that God will help you wants us to **tell others** what we know.

Challenge:

When we think we know everything, it is easy to become **stuck-up**. It is easy to become a know-it-all. God does not want to be like that. God wants us to be willing to learn from others. Even if we are good at some things there is always someone who can do it better or who has more experience.

We are also supposed to be willing to **help others**. We can teach others what we know. Sometimes we think we don't know enough or are not important enough, but God doesn't think that way.

We are to **help others** know what we know about Jesus. We know that Jesus is God's son. We know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. We know that He rose from the dead. We know that if we ask God to forgive us, He will. We know that if we believe in Him we can go to heaven.

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

Application:

Be willing to learn from others. Pay extra attention during Bible study. Tell someone what you learned in Bible study. Tell someone about Jesus.

End with
Prayer

Hands-on Activities For Apollos

Review: Romans 12:1-4, 9-21(The Message). Create a stage. If possible the children can help decorate and create. Create a banner that says: How God Wants Me to Live. Allow those who know the verses to get up on stage and recite them. Encourage those who do not know to keep trying to learn the verses.

Prayer journal: Work on your prayer journal. Write down what God has said to you about learning from others. What has he said about helping others? Ask God to help you. Keep reading the Bible everyday. Pray everyday.

Put the children in groups of three or four. Make sure at least one child in each group can write. Give them three objects. Ask them to come up with different ways the items can be used. Have each group share their list. Examples:

Baking soda can be used to clean the tub, to clear an upset stomach and to brush your teeth.

Vinegar can be used to unclog a drain (mix with salt), kill ants and for boiling eggs. You can find other examples in books or on the internet.

Pencils can be used to write, as a hair clip (to hold hair in place), to play the drums with

Paper can be used to write on, make a box, if it's wet to clean

Have the children that know how to find Bible verses teach the others. Use the table of contents. If you know songs have the children who know the songs teach the others.

Remind the children about the stories they have learned. Ask the children to tell what they remember about each story. This will be a good review. Have a copy of the lesson, coloring pages, etc. You could assign the children a story ahead of time and let them tell it.

Ask the children to talk about behavior changes. Do this in a game fashion. Some children may want to express themselves through rap, music, art or dance. You may ask them to prepare in advance. Make sure their expression relates to behavior changes.

Create footprints. Put them on the ground. Have two children walk on the footprints. Talk about being a follower and being a leader. Aquila and Priscilla learned from Paul. They taught Apollos. Tell the children they can be good learners and teach others to do good.

Put the verses you have learned in balloons. Be sure to have enough for each child. Blow up the balloons and put them in plastic bags for transporting. Have the children play balloon volleyball. When you finish, pop the balloons and read the verses.

**Don't be
stuck-up.
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.