

Paul's Great Escape



Parents, below are a few activities you can try at home together to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview:

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit gives us power to boldly tell others about the good news of Jesus.

Bible Basis: Acts 9:19-31

Key Verse: Acts 1:8

Grade 1-2 Activity: *Basket Toss*

Supplies: Basket (1), stuffed animal (1), tape (1 roll)

Directions: Place the basket by a wall. On the floor, place a short tape line two feet from the basket, then another tape line two feet further back, and so on until you have four tape lines that get progressively farther from the basket. Give the stuffed animal to the first person and have them stand at the line closest to the basket. Have them toss the animal into the basket. Once they succeed, have them move back a line and repeat. Continue playing until everyone has a turn.

Say: Our basket was big enough to hold a stuffed animal, but can you imagine a basket big enough to hold a grown man? Today's true Bible story had a basket like that. Paul wanted everyone to know the good news of Jesus. God wants everyone in the world to hear about the good news of Jesus.

Question: If you were one of Paul's helpers, what would you have done to help him escape from the mean people?

Question: What are some things you could do to tell others about Jesus? What could you do to help others who are telling people about Jesus?

Grade 3-4 Activity: *Rock, Paper, Scissors Verse Battle*

Supplies: Paper, scissors

Directions: Write down the verse from below on a piece of paper. Cut the paper into pieces so that a portion of the verse is on each section of the paper. Lay the pieces of paper face up in the middle of your family. Encourage everyone to help you place the pieces in the right order. Read the verse carefully several times to memorize it. Today's Bible verse says:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me ... from one end of the earth to the other." Acts 1:8

Choose two people to battle against each other by playing a round of "Rock, Paper, Scissors." Have both people chant, "rock, paper, scissors, shoot." On "shoot," you will show with your hand which of the three items you've chosen. For "rock" they'll display a closed fist. For "paper" they'll hold their hand open flat with palm facing downward. For "scissors," they'll hold out their pointer and middle finger in the form of scissors. Rock beats scissors, scissors beat paper, and paper beats rock. Play the best two out of three to determine who wins the round. Direct the winning person to remove one piece of the Bible verse. The person who lost the round will then recite the verse with the missing word(s). Continue playing until all of the cards have been removed and everyone can recite the verse completely from memory.

Question: God want us to share the love of Jesus to others by telling them about Him. What could we say to our friends in order to tell them the good news of Jesus?

Question: Can you think of any other ways to share the good news of Jesus with others?