

Paul is Arrested



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

Overview:

Big Idea: The good news of Jesus sets us free from sin, so we can tell our story to others.

Bible Basis: Acts 21-28

Key Verse: *"Let those who have been set free by the Lord tell their story."* Psalm 107:2

Grade 1-2 Activity: **Telephone**

Supplies: Paper cups or tin cans (2), string (1 piece)

Preparation: In order to make the "telephone," poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup or tin can. Feed one end of the string through the hole and tie a knot to keep the string from slipping back through. The knot should be on the inside of the cup or tin can. Do the same with the other end of the string, and the other cup or tin can.

Directions: Take turns listening on one end of the "telephone" by placing your ear in the cup as you speak into the cup on the other end of the string. For this to work, the string must be pulled taut. After hearing what you say, have the person on the other end repeat it back to you through the telephone. Use the list below for ideas on what to say.

Phrases:

- I have good news!
- Jesus died and now He is alive.
- Jesus loves you so much.
- Jesus wants you to follow Him.
- You can live with Jesus in Heaven.
- You can tell others about Jesus.

Question: When you are on the phone, who do you talk to and what do you talk about? What could you tell that person about Jesus? Encourage everyone to practice on the telephone telling others about Jesus.

Grade 3-4 Activity: *The Great Bible Skate*

Supplies: Paper, tape and scissors

Set up: Write out the Bible verse on paper and cut it apart so that each card contains a portion of the Bible verse. Use tape to create a starting line on the floor. Mix up the cards and place them on the floor about 15 feet (4.5 meters) from the starting line.

Directions: Have everyone line up behind the starting line. Have the first person in line place the wax paper or paper plates beneath each of his/her feet. When you say “go,” instruct everyone to “skate” to the Bible verse cards, pick one up, and “skate” back. When they return, have them set their card on the floor and pass their “skates” (the wax paper) to the next person in line. Continue taking turns “skating” until each card has been retrieved. When all of the cards have been retrieved, everyone must race to assemble the cards in the order of today’s verse:

“Let those who have been set free by the Lord tell their story.” Psalm 107:2 (NirV)

Use a stopwatch or smartphone to time them. Stop the timer as soon as they have assembled the verse in the right order. For younger kids, assist them as needed in assembling the cards in the right order. Once the verse is in the right order, read it together several times until memorized. Then, flip the cards over and recite it from memory. Repeat the activity to see if you can beat your previous time.

Question: What do you think Jesus sets us free from?