

Acts-Revelation

Paul escapes in a basket!

Acts 9:19-31

Younger Verse

God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and discipline.
2nd Timothy 1:7

Older Verse

God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and discipline.
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Welcome Time

Have you ever seen a movie where there was lots of action and danger?
Today's lesson is like an exciting movie. Listen and see.

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.*

Last week we learned how dramatically Paul was changed when he believed in Jesus. God blinded him and helped him see that Jesus was the only way to Heaven.

When Paul became a Christian, he was so excited that he told everyone he knew the good news about Jesus.

Many people did not understand what happened to Paul. They could see that he was very different now.

The people would argue with him saying that Jesus was not who he claimed to be. Paul always showed them that indeed Jesus was God's Son. This made these people mad.

They were so mad that they decided to try to KILL Paul! They looked for a way to capture him.

Word spread about the plan and Paul found out about it. It did not scare him, though. He knew that God would take care of him. He was not afraid of what people could do to him.

One night Paul knew it was time to go to another city. Some of his friends helped him secretly escape.

There was a wall around the city. Some people lived next to the wall and had windows cut in the wall. One person who lived by the wall helped Paul escape.

Paul's friends smuggled him out of the city by lowering him in a basket

Lesson Goals

Trust God rather than fear others
Tell others about Jesus like Paul did

out the window!! Paul's friends must have been very strong to lower him with ropes down the side of the wall.

Paul traveled to the town of Jerusalem. The Christians there did not know if Paul had really changed. They were afraid and suspicious of him.

Barnabas trusted God and knew that God had changed Paul's life. He shared Paul's experience with his friends and they realized that Paul really was different. They accepted Paul and loved him. Paul was able to go around the city and help more people know about Jesus.

Many people began to learn about Jesus because of Paul. God had changed his life and he wanted others to know what God could do for them. Has God changed your life? Do you believe in Him and trust Him with all your heart? He asks us to share with others the good news of Jesus. Have you ever done that? We can help you learn how to tell others about Jesus and not be afraid! Remember, Paul trusted God and knew that He would take care of him no matter what happened.

Learning Activities

Teach activities that will help the kids apply the lesson to their lives.

Memory Verse Activities

Many times we are afraid of something. Share how we can overcome fears with God's power, love and discipline.

Prayer Time

Pray and ask God for courage to tell others about Him. Ask God to help us use His power not to be afraid.

Clean Up/Snack time

Frost cupcakes and place a teddy graham or gummy bear on it to represent Paul (the cupcake is the basket). Add straws for the rope or use thin licorice candy. Use your imagination to come up with a creative snack!

Planning for March 7th
Dorcus is alive
Acts 9:36-42

Preschool Lesson
For
Paul escapes in a basket

Do you remember learning about a man named Paul. At first he did not love Jesus at all. Then, one day while he was walking on a road, God came to him and told him about Jesus. Paul believed in Jesus after that.

Paul loved Jesus so much that he wanted to tell everyone he met about the good news! Some people did not like this and they tried to hurt Paul.

Paul loved God and knew that God would help him. He was not afraid of what might happen to him. He just wanted to tell people everywhere about how wonderful Jesus was.

One night, Paul's friends knew that Paul had to escape to another city. They had a friend who lived on the second story of a building. Their window was part of the wall of the city. Paul's friends found a big basket and attached strong ropes. Paul got into the basket and his friends lowered him through the window to the outside of the city. Paul was safe!

Paul went to more cities telling people about Jesus. He knew how much God loved us and he wanted everyone to know this good news!

God loves us too! He loves everyone! God wants us to share this good news with friends too.

Sing this song to the tune of "A Tisket A Tasket"

A Tisket, a Tasket, Paul was in a basket
They lowered him through a hole
In a great big window.
A window, a window
Paul went through the window
He was lowered to the ground
To spread God's message all around.

Hands-On Activities For Paul escapes in a Basket

Weave a basket or weave a potholder.

Use an egg container (cut out 12 little “baskets”) or empty little cups (like Dixie) as the basket. Use a pipe cleaner to make a figure of Paul. Use another pipe cleaner for the rope strands. Write the memory verse on the “basket.”

Barnabas was a friend who trusted God and stood up for Paul. Do you have a good friend like that? Write a note to a friend and tell them how much you appreciate them. Also, think about how you can be a better friend to others.

Paul told others about Jesus and how He is the only way to Heaven. Pair the older kids up and help them share what they believe with their partner. Be sensitive; there will probably be some that do not know Him personally yet. They still can share what Jesus means to them. Listen and help the children know more about Jesus, not just in their mind, but in their hearts.

Act out the story using a cardboard box as the basket. Have fun reenacting what happens. Be sure to talk about how Paul told others about Jesus.
