

# Acts-Revelation

## Paul talks to the people of Athens Acts 17:16-34

### Younger Verse

We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20

### Older Verse

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### Welcome Time

Bring a map (sometimes there are maps in the back of Bibles) and share with the kids where Paul is in today's lesson —Greece). Let them see how he traveled all over that area to help the people know about Jesus.

### 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 about people who searched the Bible to see if Paul was telling the truth. Sure enough, they saw that Jesus was the only way to Heaven.

Other people heard what Paul was doing and tried to make trouble for him again. Paul's friends helped him travel to another city. Paul's friend, Silas, promised to join him later.

Paul went to the large city of Athens in the country of Greece. Athens was a famous city where people loved to sit and talk about ideas. They built beautiful buildings and special places to talk and listen.

Paul was so shocked to see so many statues. These statues were being worshipped by the people! Paul could not believe the wrong things that they believed.

Paul began telling the people about Jesus and how He came back to life. Some of the people listened while others thought he was babbling about strange ideas.

Many were interested to hear what Paul was saying, so they invited him to speak at a special place on the hill that overlooked the whole city. It was called Mars Hill.

The people asked Paul to share his teaching with them. Paul stood up and was very polite to the people. He complimented them on wanting to know the truth. He mentioned that they had many statues that they worshipped.

### Lesson Goals

**Help kids see how they can share Jesus with others**  
**Know what you believe and how to share it with others**

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Then, Paul, told them that he saw one statue to “An Unknown God.” Paul knew that there was only One God and he wanted the people to know the One and only true God. Paul shared that he could tell them who the unknown God to them really was and how they could go to Heaven.

Paul told them how God created the world and everything in it. He explained that God does not live in a temple or building but is everywhere. Paul shared how God gave us His Son Jesus. He excitedly told them that Jesus came back to life. Some just laughed at Paul, but others wanted to know more. They asked Paul to stay and tell them more about Jesus.

Some of the men followed Jesus because of what Paul told them. Paul helped them know more about their new belief in Jesus and then traveled on to another city.

Paul was willing to share what he believed with others. He was smart and used things that they could relate to, to help them understand that God was the only true God. When we talk to people about Jesus, we can also use things to help people understand and believe. Remember also that people laughed at Paul and did not agree with him. Sometimes people will not believe what we are saying about Jesus. But, they cannot tell us that what happened to us is not true. Share what Jesus has done for you. You know it’s true and others will see it too.

**Learning Activities**

See how you can apply the lesson to their lives; Ask them if they know how to tell someone what they believe.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Ask the kids if they have any exciting news to share. Be excited as you say this. Explain that the verse is talking about sharing the exciting news of Jesus. Help the kids know how THEY can share this good news with others.

**Prayer Time**

Ask God to help you share what you believe with others.

**Clean Up/Snack time**

Enjoy snacks and talk about how the kids can talk to others about Jesus.

**Planning for May 30th  
Priscilla and Aquila  
Acts 18:18-28**

Preschool Lesson  
For  
Paul tells people Good News

Remember our friend in the Bible named Paul? Remember how he traveled many places to help people know about Jesus?

Well, he kept traveling because he wanted all people to know and love Jesus like he did.

He came to a big town called Athens. It was a very beautiful place with many buildings. He also noticed how they worship statues there. As he was looking at the statues, he had an idea.

He walked up to the people and talked to them. He shared how special their town was and how smart the people were. Then, he shared how they needed to know about Jesus.

The people were interested. They listened and listened to all that Paul had to say. Some wanted to know more. Paul shared how Jesus loved them so much and how He died and came back to life!

Some of the people believed when they heard the news. They were so happy and wanted to tell others the good news!

Just like Paul, we can tell others about Jesus and how much He loves them.

Sing this little chorus with the kids:

Tell the good news, tell the good news.  
Tell the good news to everyone.

Tell the good news, tell the good news.  
Tell the good news to everyone.

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## Hands-On Activities For Paul talks to the people in Athens

One of the big landmarks in Athens, Greece is the remains of a building called the Parthenon. It was originally very beautiful with round columns around the large building. Paul saw this monument when he talked to the people. When it was built, the people worshipped false gods there. Years after Paul came and told the people about Jesus, the Parthenon became a church building where people gathered to worship God. God knew that the people would believe in Him. We need to listen to God and follow Him just like Paul did. We can see many people believe in Jesus and trust Him! (information from the Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church)

Make a marshmallow replica of the Parthenon or the building where Paul preached. Use marshmallow for the columns. Toothpicks will help the building stay together.

Many Greek people wore something called a toga back then. It was a sheet draped around their body. Bring sheets and let the kids drape them around themselves (with their clothes on underneath, of course).

Use cardboard and make a Cardboard meeting place like where Paul talked and preached. Let the kids have fun making it. Draw columns etc. to make it look realistic.

Bring extra chips or snacks for the kids to pass out to friends. Set a time to pass out these chips and invite people to church. (You may want to go to a park within walking distance or to the playground in the apartment etc.)

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