

Acts-Revelation

A Plot to Kill Paul

Acts 23:12-35

Younger Verse

Depend on the Lord in whatever you do. Proverbs 16:3

Older Verse

Depend on the Lord in whatever you do. Then your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

Welcome Time

Have you ever seen or heard something and wondered if you should tell someone? Let's see what happens in today's lesson.

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.*

Remember last week we learned that Paul was arrested even though he had done nothing wrong. He was telling the people about Jesus and several evil men caused a riot and helped Paul get arrested.

Paul was taken to a special building for safe keeping. They wanted to make sure Paul was safe and secure.

That night, God told Paul to have courage. He let Paul know that he would go to another city called Rome and tell about Jesus.

Paul had relatives in the city. His sister lived there and had a son, Paul's nephew.

The next morning, while Paul's nephew was out in the city, he heard some disturbing news. He heard the evil men talking about Paul and how they would kill him!

Paul's nephew listened closely to all that they were saying. He heard them even promise not to eat anything until Paul was killed! Paul's nephew quietly heard all the details of how they were going to trick the soldiers. They were going to pretend to need him to come to a meeting to get clearer information. Instead, they were going to jump the soldiers and kill Paul.

When Paul's nephew heard all of this news he immediately ran to tell Paul. Huffing and puffing, Paul's nephew told Paul all that the evil men said. Paul called for a soldier. He told the soldier to take his nephew to the commander because he had something important to tell him.

The soldier took Paul's nephew to the commander. The commander listened as he shared the news about the plot to kill Paul.

The commander listened and was glad for the news. He told Paul's nephew to tell no one what he had heard.

Lesson Goals

See Paul's courage

Learn how to depend on God and trust Him

Explain why it was so important for Paul to tell others about Jesus

After Paul's nephew left, the commander ordered two of his soldiers to gather together 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen, and 200 men with spears to guard Paul. That's 470 men to protect Paul!

Immediately, the men assembled and they put Paul on a horse. That night they rode to another town where Paul would be safe. They transferred him to another town because of the plot to kill him.

The governor in the new area told Paul that he would hear his case when the other men arrived to tell their side of the story.

Next week we will learn more about what happens to Paul on his journey to tell people about Jesus.

God took care of Paul! Paul knew that God promised to help him get to Rome. He knew that He would protect him.

God promises to take care of us too. We may still have problems or troubles, but He will help us through them. God also makes a special promise. He tells us that we will go to Heaven if we believe in Jesus and ask Him to be in our lives.

The exciting thing is that God wants to be involved in our lives all the time. He is glad we will be in Heaven one day, and now wants to spend time with you everyday. We can spend time with God by reading our Bibles and learning about Him, praying and talking to Him, going to church, helping others, and telling others about Him.

God promises that He will be with us always and will help us through all kinds of situations in our lives. Instead of being afraid or threatened, we can talk to Him and He will help us know what to do. God cares about us and wants to bless our lives.

If you want to know more about Jesus or how to share him with others, talk to us during activity time.

Learning Activities

Use this time to help the kids apply the lesson to their lives.

Memory Verse Activities

Write the verse on a piece of paper and decorate it. Ask the kids to hang the verse in their rooms so that they can remember to depend on God.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us depend on Him and trust Him all the time.

Clean Up/Snack time

Munch on beef jerky like soldiers do. If that is not available, use your imagination to make a fun snack that will help the kids remember the lesson.

Planning for June 27th
Paul on trial
Acts 24:1-27

Preschool Lesson
For
Someone tries to hurt Paul

We have been talking a lot about a man named Paul. At first, he did not know what it meant to believe in Jesus. Then, one special day, he understood that Jesus was God's Son. He believed in Jesus and wanted to tell EVERYONE the good news about Jesus.

He was so excited to help others know about Jesus. He traveled from city to city helping people learn about Jesus.

Paul saw some really amazing things happen. He also had people that did not like what he was saying. They wanted him to leave and sometimes tried to hurt Paul.

One time, Paul was telling people about Jesus and the evil people had him arrested. Paul had done nothing wrong, but they arrested him.

While he was in jail, one of his relatives heard the mean people talking about Paul. He listened and learned that they wanted to try to hurt Paul. They made up a mean plan to trick the soldiers and grab Paul to hurt him.

When Paul's relative heard this, he ran straight to Paul to tell him the news. Paul told him to tell one of the soldiers. When the soldier heard the news, he ordered many more soldiers to guard Paul so that he would be safe. He also saddled up Paul and moved him to another city where he would be safe.

God took care of Paul. God had told Paul that he would go to a city called Rome. Paul knew that God would protect him and keep him safe.

God took care of Paul and He will take care of us! Let's thank God for how He always watches over us and takes care of us and our families.

Sing, "I have so much...to be thankful for."

Hands-On Activities
For
A Plot to Kill Paul

Paul's nephew was willing to listen and heard some important information. How well do your kids listen? Try different things to see how well they listen. For example, change your voice level to be much softer and see what your kids do.

Bring some green army men and act out the lesson. Remember there were MANY army men that accompanied Paul (470)

Talk about the difference between a tattletale and someone like Paul's nephew who did the right thing by telling what he had heard. Make up some situations and let the kids learn what is appropriate to tell and share and what is gossip or tattle telling. Also help to distinguish between accidentally hearing and eavesdropping.

What would the story be like if it were today. Let the kids make up a Modern day drama of what would happen if the story happened today in our world. Use your imagination!