

# Acts-Revelation

Paul tells the King about Jesus Acts 25:1—26:31

## Younger Verse

Speak the truth to each other. Zechariah 8:16

## Older Verse

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## Welcome Time

Have you ever had to tell your side of a story to the principal or teacher? Sometimes it's scary to share while others are looking at you. Paul got to share his story with some very important people. Listen and see what he did.

## Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Paul shared Jesus wherever he traveled. In one city he was arrested because he told the people about Jesus. The governor left him in jail for 2 years! Then a new governor took his place. Festus was his name. Some of the religious leaders wanted Paul to be transferred to another city because they wanted to kill him on the way to the city. However, the governor decided to hear the case himself.

Festus listened to the claims and no one could prove that Paul had done wrong. Then Paul stood up and spoke. He told Festus that he had done nothing wrong. Paul asked to have a trial with Caesar—the emperor of the Roman empire which was almost the whole world!

A few days later King Agrippa and his sister, Bernice, came to visit Festus. The king ruled a section of the land. Festus wanted the king to hear the whole case and help explain the situation to Caesar.

Wow—what an opportunity. Paul had a chance to tell the governor and the king about Jesus. That's exactly what he did! He told them about his experience with God on the road to a town.

Several weeks ago we talked about Paul's experience on the road to a city called Damascus. On the way to hurt and arrest some Christians, Paul was blinded by Jesus. Jesus asked Paul why he was doing these bad

## Lesson Goals

Help the kids trust Jesus  
Understand that when we believe in Jesus, God is with us forever  
See the need to share Jesus with everyone

things to Him. Three days later, God told a Christian to visit Paul. When he touched his eyes, he could see again!

After explaining this, Paul told the king that this was why he was telling people about Jesus—because Jesus had changed his life and he knew that Jesus really did die and come back to life. He told the king that Jesus was the ONLY way to get to Heaven.

While Paul was saying these things, Festus said loudly, “Paul, you are crazy!” Paul replied, “Most excellent Festus, I am not crazy. My words are true. They are not words of a foolish man.”

Then the king spoke, “Paul do you think that I would become a Christian in such a short time?”

Paul said, “It might be short or it might be a long time, but I’m praying to God that every person listening to me will trust Jesus today and be like me—except for these chains!”

Both the king and Festus agreed that Paul had done nothing wrong, but they had to send him to stand trial before the emperor in Rome because Paul requested it.

Paul was faithful to tell people about Jesus no matter where he was or who they were. We must be courageous and tell others about Jesus too.

Do you remember what the king said in response to Paul? He gave an excuse why he could not trust in Jesus right then. If you have been making excuses, maybe it’s time to think about asking Jesus to come into your life. He will change your life like He did for Paul. You will see how you become a different person who has a kind and caring spirit. You will love God and want to spend time learning about Him and praying with Him. If you want to know how to believe in Jesus in your heart, talk to us about it.

This is a great lesson to help the kids understand what it means to trust Jesus. Please be sensitive!

Are you praying like Paul—that everyone listening will trust Jesus?

#### Learning Activities

Look through the packet to find activities that will be fun for your kids.

#### Memory Verse Activities

Try to write the verse with yarn on the carpet. Talk about what it means to tell the truth.

#### Prayer Time

Ask God to help us share Jesus with people we meet. Ask God to help people listen and want to believe in Him.

#### Clean Up/Snack time

Take time to appreciate all your cleaning helpers.

**Planning for July 11th**  
**Paul is shipwrecked!**  
**Acts 27:13-44**

Preschool Lesson  
For  
Paul and the King

Remember our friend, Paul? He loved Jesus very, very much. He walked from city to city to tell people about how wonderful Jesus was. He would always share how Jesus had changed him from a mean person to a happy, joyful person. He would help the people know how they can have joy in their hearts by believing in Jesus.

Last week we learned that some mean people put Paul in jail. They told a lie about Paul and Paul was stuck in jail.

The leader transferred him to another town and Paul got to tell more people about Jesus. Paul stayed in jail 2 years!! That is a very, very, long time. Paul was not sad. He was happy to tell everyone he could about Jesus.

One day, the king and his wife came to visit. When they heard about Paul, they wanted to see him and hear what had happened.

Can you believe it? Paul got to talk to the king. Do you know what they talked about? Paul told him about the most important thing in the whole world—Jesus! Paul shared how Jesus had changed his life.

The king listened to every word. Finally, he told Paul that it would take him much more time to trust in Jesus.

Paul told him that he was praying to God that every person that listened to him would trust in Jesus.

Paul loved to tell people about Jesus. He knew that Jesus was wonderful. We can tell people about Jesus too!

Sing this song to the tune of “Where is Thumbkin?”

Where is Paul? Where is Paul?  
He’s right here. He’s right here.  
He’s talking to the people  
About Jesus’ love.  
That is good. That is good.

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
Paul tells the king about Jesus

Make edible faces from bread or bagels to resemble Paul, Festus and King Agrippa.

Make kingly crowns. Use stickers, glitter glue or other objects to accent the crowns.

Use carpet as a flannel board to illustrate the story or to write out the memory verse (using yarn).

Make life-size figures of Paul, Festus and King Agrippa using large rolls of paper.

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