

Acts-Revelation

Paul preaches in Rome, Italy

Acts 28:17-31

Younger Verse

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

Older Verse

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16

Welcome Time

We have learned many things about Paul. Ask the kids to share something that they remember about Paul. Explain that in today's lesson, we will learn where Paul goes and lives for the rest of his life.

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.*

Paul loved to tell people about Jesus. Everywhere he went, he helped people understand that Jesus was alive and that Jesus was the only way to Heaven.

Many people did not like Paul because of the things that he was saying. They had him arrested. He had to go to jail in several places.

Finally, Paul told the people that he wanted to have the emperor listen to his case. So, Paul traveled to the country of Italy. (Show the kids on a map if you have one.) He went to the city of Rome.

While he was in Rome, Paul was under arrest, but people could visit him and take care of him. He always had guards chained to him. Paul loved telling the guards about Jesus.

Paul also wrote letters to churches and friends while he was in prison. God helped him know what to say to help new Christians learn more about Jesus and grow in their understanding. We can read these letters because they are in the Bible. It is great to read the Bible, because it always has a message for us.

When Paul went before the courts, he told them that they had done nothing wrong. He shared with them how he believed in Jesus and how Jesus had changed his life. Many people heard the message of how Jesus could change their lives.

We are not sure what happened to Paul. Most people believe that eventually Paul was killed for what he believed. Paul was never scared and he always knew that God was with him wherever he went.

Lesson Goals

Learn how to share what you believe like Paul did
Describe what happened to Paul and why

God asks us to always stand up for what we believe. Sometimes this is hard to do when people make fun of us or laugh at us. Just like our memory verse says today, we must be a light to help others know about Jesus.

Paul was willing to live a hard life to make sure everyone heard about Jesus. He was even put in prison! What are you willing to do to help someone know Jesus? Think about it.

Learning Activities

Talk about how we can share Jesus with others.

Memory Verse Activities

There are several songs that go with this verse. Share one to help the kids learn and remember the verse!

Prayer Time

Pray and ask God to help everyone tell someone about Jesus this week.

Clean Up/Snack time

Enjoy snacks and talk about the stories that they liked from the Bible. Share how we can learn something from these stories to help us in our lives.

Planning for July 25th
Romans
3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10

Preschool Lesson
For
Paul goes to Rome

Paul loved Jesus very much. He always had a smile on his face when he told people about how Jesus loved them and cared for them. Everywhere he went, Paul helped people know that Jesus was God's Son and that Jesus was the only way to go to Heaven.

Paul had some hard times too. Some people did not like what Paul was saying and had him arrested, even though he had done nothing wrong!

Back then, when someone was in jail, sometimes they were chained between two soldiers. That happened to Paul. Do you know what he did? He talked to them about Jesus! Even when he had hard times, he was happy to tell others about Jesus.

Also, while he was in jail, he wrote many letters, with God's help. He wrote notes to churches, helping them know how to learn more about Jesus and do things God's way. These letters are part of the Bible. We will be learning more about this next week.

Paul loved God no matter what was happening. He knew that God would be with him wherever he went.

God loves us too. He cares for us and will be with us wherever we go.

Let's thank God for caring for us. Let's sing a song to tell Jesus how much we love him. Sing "My best friend is Jesus."

Hands-On Activities For Paul preaches in Rome

When most people think of Rome and Italy, they think of Italian food. Bring something Italian to eat (I.e. pizza, ravioli, spaghetti, etc.)

An obituary is an article sharing things that a person did during their life. It is written after a person passes away. Write an obituary for Paul sharing things that he did during his life. (For older kids: write an obituary for your life. What would you write?)

Paul was never ashamed to tell people about Jesus. If possible, pair the kids up and help them share with another person how someone can come to believe in Jesus. You may want to use the power bands. There are some in a box under the curriculum trays.

Make paper chains and attach to the kids like Paul was chained to several guards. Act out the story and talk about what it would feel like to have someone chained to you all the time.

Review the lessons in Acts and talk about what you have learned through this study. Let the kids share stories they really liked and things that they learned.
