

Acts-Revelation

Philippians 1 and 2

Younger Verse

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. Revelation 3:20

Older Verse

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me. Revelation 3:20

Welcome Time

Have you ever thought about ALL that Jesus did for us? Paul shared some things with his friends. Let's listen together.

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.*

We are now to the book of Philippians (fill-lip-e-ans). It is NOT called the Philippines (fill-a-peans). That's a country. Philippians is a letter that Paul wrote to his friends in the city of Philippi. Paul wrote some very special words from God. We will study half of the letter today and the rest next week.

Paul felt like this letter was so important to write that he wrote it while he was in jail. That's right! Paul was in jail because he told people about Jesus. Paul tells us that many people believed in Jesus even while he was in jail! God used Paul to help many people trust in Jesus. Paul was not ashamed to tell others about Jesus because he knew that only Jesus was the way to Heaven.

Paul shared how he thanked God for the people of Philippi. He also encouraged them that God would continue to work through them. He helped them see that the work God started, He will complete.

Then, Paul shared a very important lesson with his friends. He asked them not to do anything out of selfishness or to gain something. Instead, he asked his friends to think of others as more important than themselves. Paul shared that they should look at other people's

Lesson Goals

Share some of the incredible things Jesus did for us
Tell what it means to have an attitude like Jesus

Interests and put them above their own interests. The people probably didn't want to read something in a letter like that. Most people think of themselves and really never bother with others. Paul asked them to think of others FIRST!

Then, he gave them a BIG reason for thinking and acting this way—Jesus. Paul shared the kind of attitude that Jesus had. Even though Jesus was with God up in Heaven, Jesus was not proud. In fact, when Jesus came to earth, He lived as a poor servant. He was not born in a palace; it was a barn. He did not have a golden crib; he had a feed box called a manger.

Jesus lived His life for others. In everything He did, Jesus obeyed God. He thought of others and cared for them, even when they were mean and horrible to Him. The most amazing act of humility and obedience was when Jesus died on the cross. Jesus did not die for something that He had done wrong. Jesus died on the cross to pay the punishment for all the wrongs that WE have done. By dying on the cross, Jesus made a way for us to go to Heaven if we believe.

Our sin (wrongs) separate us from God. There is no way we can get into Heaven by ourselves. Jesus took that sin on Himself when He died on the cross. He died for us! If we tell Jesus that we are sorry for all the wrongs we have done, He will forgive us. If we believe in Jesus in our hearts and ask Him to come into our lives, He will. He promises to stay with us forever and take us to Heaven one day.

Jesus did this for us! We must believe it in our hearts. If you want to know more about Jesus, talk to us about it. Just like Paul, we know that Jesus is the best news in the whole world!

Learning Activities

Try activities to help them see how THEY can have a Jesus attitude!

Memory Verse Activities

One at a time, let the kids stand on the other side of a door. Let them knock and say the Bible verse. Talk about who is talking in the verse (Jesus.) Share how Jesus comes into our hearts.

Prayer Time

Pray for needs. Remember to thank God for answers!

Clean Up/Snack time

It might be fun to have humble pie today! See the Hands-on pages.

Planning for Aug. 29th
Philippians 4

Preschool Lesson
For
Philippians 2

We are studying about another letter that Paul wrote to his friends. This letter is to friends in a city called Philippi. He loved them very much and wanted to share some important words from God to them.

Paul told them how much he prayed for them and loved them. It must have made the people feel so good to know that Paul and others took time to pray for them!

Then, Paul told them to be kind to others just like Jesus was. Paul reminded the people of how Jesus left everything in Heaven to live with us. He helped the people see that they should think and love others just like Jesus did!

Paul told his friends to shine like stars. If you look up at the stars at night, they shine so brightly in the sky. When people see us, they should see that we love Jesus and are willing to help others and care for them!

Sing this song to the tune of “Twinkle, twinkle, little star.”

Twinkle, twinkle little star,
We must shine near and far.
Jesus showed us what to do,
We must care for others too.
Twinkle, twinkle little star,
We must shine near and far.

Hands-On Activities For Philippians 2

Philippians 2: 12 says that we should shine like stars. That means the things we do should show others that we love Jesus and care for others. Buy glow-in-the-dark stars or special paint and decorate the room with stars.

Make a chalk drawing of stars on a black piece of paper. Write Philippians 2:12 on the piece of paper.

Philippians 1:3 says that Paul thanked God for his friends. Take time today to pray for a friend and make a card for them, telling them that you prayed for them.

Humility or being Humble is hard to describe and live out. It means that you do not brag or show off. Instead, you know that you are important but you do not have to brag to others about it. Think of examples of being humble or make up fun character scenarios.

Philippians 2: 14 says that there should be no complaining or arguing among us. That is HARD to do. Write this verse on a piece of paper and challenge the kids to say only helpful things to others for ONE DAY. That means they cannot complain or argue at all in ONE DAY. Encourage them to try it! It will be hard, but share that they CAN DO IT!

Attitude is everything! Paul shares that we should have a Jesus attitude. Talk about what that means.

Philippians 2:10-11 says that one day we will all bow down to Jesus and worship Him. It is really exciting to think that one day Jesus will come back and we will all bow down on our knees and worship Him.

There is an expression that says someone has to eat humble pie. That means that a person bragged about something, then had to come back and say that he/she was wrong. Bring a pie or little fried pies to class and talk about how Jesus wants us to be humble and not brag or give attention to ourselves.
