



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 4, Lesson 18

Paul Is Arrested in Jerusalem

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us to share
our own stories about Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: When was a time you had to stand up and talk in front of others?

GAME: Race to the Story Steps

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CONNECTS US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 66:16.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

THE WORD PAUL TELLS HIS STORY TO THE ANGRY CROWD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent Paul on his third missionary journey.

Today, we will learn what Paul did when he was arrested in Jerusalem. Point to Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem (Circa 58 A.D.).

Paul's friends feared for his safety. He insisted on going because he knew it was God's plan. When he arrived, the believers welcomed him. James and the church elders warned Paul about the rumors falsely claiming that he was teaching against the Law of Moses. Check out what happened when Paul went to the temple in Jerusalem. Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 21:27, 33-36, 40; 22:1; 23:11. Pray. Read Acts 21:27, 33-36, 40; 22:1.

Paul explained that before he believed in Jesus, he too thought believers were breaking God's laws. Paul explained how God changed his mind. He told them how on the road to Damascus, he was blinded by a light from heaven and heard Jesus calling to him. Paul knew Jesus was the Lord. Paul explained that the Lord was now sending him to tell everyone the truth about Jesus. The crowd grew angry, so the guards arrested Paul and took him away. Paul knew some people in Jerusalem wanted to kill him. Let's read what the Lord told Paul to give him courage. Read Acts 23:11.

THE WAY WE EACH HAVE A STORY TO TELL

What did Paul ask the soldiers? (To speak to the crowd.) **When Paul stood on the steps, what did he say?** (How Jesus changed his life on the road to Damascus.) **Who can tell us that story?** (Acts 22:6-16.)

God does amazing things in our lives, too. He shows us He is with us. He gives us gifts and talents. He brings us friends. He heals us. He shows us miracles. He helps us follow Jesus. He answers our prayers. If you had the chance to stand on the steps in Jerusalem and tell the people a story of something God has done in your life, what would you tell them? Children take turns standing on a step or chair and sharing their personal story of God working in their lives.

Paul may have been afraid for his life or worried he would be put in jail. What did the Lord tell Paul about courage? ("Take courage! As you have testified about Me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.") **Paul knew he would make it safely out of Jerusalem because God still had plans for him to tell the people in Rome about Jesus. Do you think God has plans for you to tell someone about Jesus? God will give you the courage and the words to tell others about Jesus.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 700 years before Paul told the angry crowd what God had done for him, Isaiah promised to tell others what God had done. Reveal Isaiah 63:7. Read.

What did Isaiah promise to tell? (The Lord's kindnesses, His deeds, the good things He has done.) **When have you known God's kindness? How can you show His kindness to others? Who can you tell about His kindness? God's greatest kindness was when He sent His own Son to give His life to save us from our sins. Share that with others.**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: My Story on the Steps Card
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Paul standing on the steps telling his story
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Snack Stories

ACTIVITY: Our Stories Banner

DISCUSSION: Plot to Kill Paul

CRAFT: Paul's Letter Keeper

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Love Shuffle, Do the Wave

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW