



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 4, Lesson 21

## Paul Imprisoned in Rome

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to live  
a life faithful to God.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite story about Paul?

**GAME:** Bold Speakers

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CONNECTS US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 145:21.

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

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

### THE WORD PAUL BOLDLY TOLD OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

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

**Review:** God saved everyone on the ship just as He had promised.

**Today, we will see what happened when Paul finally reached Rome.**

Point to Rome, Italy. Point to Paul Imprisoned in Rome (Circa 61-63 A.D.).

**Paul arrived in Rome as a prisoner. Instead of a prison, Paul lived alone in a house where he was always guarded by a Roman soldier.**

**He was also most likely bound in chains. This is the very last story in the book of Acts.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 28:23-31.

Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 28:23b. Pray. **After he arrived,**

**Paul called together the Jewish leaders. He wanted them to understand he was never against the Jews.** Read Acts 28:23-31.

### THE WAY LIVING A FAITHFUL LIFE

**How long did Paul stay in the house waiting for his trial?** (Two years.) **Who were the first people Paul invited to visit?** (The Jewish leaders.) **How long did Paul speak to them about Jesus?** (From morning until night.) **God promised to send a Savior to His people. Did Paul convince them that Jesus was the Savior they had been hoping for?** (Yes. Some of the Jewish leaders believed. Some did not.)

**Because of what the prophets of the Bible had written, Paul knew some would not listen to him about Jesus. Why do you think Paul**

**tried so hard to convince them when he already knew many would never believe? Each person God created is very important to Him. The greatest thing we can do for others is to point them to Jesus.**

The Bible shows us that God knew some of the Jewish people would not listen and believe in His Son. Paul said that is why God sent Jesus to save the Gentiles (non-Jews) as well as the Jews. God would save all who would listen! **What did Paul say the Gentiles would do?** (Listen.) **For the next two years, what did Paul do when visitors came to see him?** (He welcomed them, preached about God's kingdom, and taught them about Jesus.)

**Have you ever worried that people won't listen if you tell them about Jesus? What else keeps you from telling others about Jesus? Just like Paul, you can point others to Jesus by speaking boldly about Him and trusting the Holy Spirit with the result. What are some other ways we can point people to Jesus?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Paul lived a faithful life. To use his own words, he "finished the race that was set before him." Over 1000 years before Paul, Samuel spoke about living a faithful life.** Reveal 1 Samuel 12:24. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**Samuel spoke about three things you can do to live a faithful life: fear the Lord, serve the Lord, and think about the great things He has done for you. In this verse, the phrase "fear the Lord" doesn't mean to be scared. It means to deeply respect Him as the one true God. How can you fear (show respect to) the Lord today? How can you serve the Lord faithfully with all your heart? Who can tell us one great thing God has done for you?**

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask Me about Paul" sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Paul boldly telling the Jewish leaders about Jesus
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Bold Message

**GAMES:** Celebrate the Acts of the Holy Spirit!

**CRAFT:** Paul's Letter Keeper

**DISCUSSION:** What Happened Next?

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Love Shuffle, Do the Wave

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**