



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 Paul 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. James and the church elders warned Paul about the rumors falsely claiming he was teaching against the Law of Moses. Check out what happened at the temple in Jerusalem.** Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 21:27, 33-36, 40; 22:1; 23:11, 23-24. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 21:40; 22:1. Pray. Read Acts 21:27, 33-36, 40; 22:1.

Paul said before he believed in Jesus, he too thought believers were breaking God's laws, but God changed his mind. He told them how Jesus changed his life on the road to Damascus. The Lord was now sending him to tell others. The crowd grew angry, so the guards arrested Paul and took him away. Let's read what the Lord told him. Read Acts 23:11. **The commander sent him to Caesarea. Check out what he did to keep Paul safe.** Read Acts 23:23-24.

THE WAY WE EACH HAVE A STORY TO TELL

What did the Jews from Asia do when they saw Paul in the temple? (They stirred up the crowd against him.) **The angry crowd was trying to**

stop Paul from spreading the word about Jesus. What did Paul say? (How Jesus changed his life on the road to Damascus.) **Who can tell us that story?** If children do not know Paul's story, read Acts 22:6-16 aloud.

God does amazing things in our lives, too. He shows 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 volunteer to take turns standing on a step or chair and sharing their personal story of God working in their lives.

After meeting with the Sanhedrin, why do you think Paul needed courage? (He may have been afraid for his life or afraid he would be put in jail.) **What did the Lord tell Paul?** ("Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.") **Why would this give him courage?** (It showed he would make it safely out of Jerusalem because God had plans for him to speak to the people in Rome.) **When have you needed courage to speak to others about Jesus?**

God not only gave Paul courage to speak to his enemies, but He gave him the heart to love his enemies enough to want them to know about Jesus. Even when Paul was in danger, he remembered the job God had given him to tell everyone about Jesus.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 700 years earlier, Isaiah promised to tell others what God had done. Reveal Isaiah 63:7. Find It First. Highlight. 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?**

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