

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation Unit 4, Lesson 21

Paul Imprisoned in Rome

Lesson Aim: To challenge children to serve God faithfully.

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. He was waiting for his trial before Caesar. Instead of a prison cell, 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 28:23-24, 30-31. Pray.

After he arrived, Paul called together the leaders of the Jews. He wanted them to understand he was never against the Jews. Read Acts 28:23-24, 30-31.

THE WAY SERVING FAITHFULLY

Who stood guard at the door to Paul's house? (A Roman soldier.) How long did Paul have to stay there? (Two years.) How would you feel if you had to stay in chains inside the same house for two years?

Paul spoke to the Jewish leaders about Jesus from morning until night. Did everyone that heard Paul speak believe Jesus was the Lord? (No.) A few listened and believed Jesus was the Savior they had been hoping for. Each person who decided to believe in Jesus

that day was given a new life forever close with God. Do you think it was worth Paul's time to tell so many people about Jesus if only a few believed? Each person God created is very important to Him. The greatest thing we can do for others is to point them to Jesus. What gift does each person receive when they believe in Jesus as their Savior? (Life forever close with God.)

Paul knew some would believe him about Jesus and others would not even listen. Have you ever been worried that people won't listen if you tell them about Jesus? What else worries you about telling others about Jesus? The Holy Spirit is the one who causes people to believe. Just as Paul did, you can speak boldly to point others to Jesus, and pray for them. Trust the Holy Spirit will bring them closer to Jesus. Paul pointed others to Jesus by speaking boldly. What are some other ways we can point others to Jesus?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Even though he spent the rest of his life in chains, God still gave Paul ways to serve Him. Over 1000 years before Paul, Samuel spoke about serving the Lord. Reveal 1 Samuel 12:24. Read.

Samuel spoke about serving the Lord faithfully with your whole heart. Paul did this by speaking boldly about Jesus to everyone and by encouraging believers as they followed Jesus. There are many ways to serve the Lord faithfully with all your heart. You can serve the Lord by speaking boldly about Him, teaching others, helping others, caring for others, comforting others, showing God's love to others, encouraging others, or anything that in some way points others to Jesus. What is your favorite way to serve the Lord? You can start each day by asking the Lord to show you ways you can serve Him that day!

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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Love Shuffle, Do the Wave

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW