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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about what happens to Paul once he makes it to Rome. Remember, in our last lesson, Paul was shipwrecked on the way to Rome. Eventually, Paul arrives only to sit in jail. And guess what? He didn't waste his time feeling sorry for himself or complaining that life wasn't fair. Remember, Paul was in jail for loving Jesus. That's it. He didn't commit any crime that landed him in jail. But Paul knew God's greater purpose for his life and so that's what he focused on while he was there. So, you know what he did? He invited people to visit him in jail so he could tell them about Jesus. That's all he did for two years. He shared the good news of Jesus with anyone who would listen. Some people responded well to his message and others didn't. Paul wasn't concerned about that. He knew his job was to share the message of Jesus and God would take care of the rest. Kids, we should do the same. Share Jesus with everyone!

Big Idea

Everywhere you are is a good place to share about Jesus.

Key Question

How can you share Jesus with others?

Memory Verse

1 Peter 3:15 "And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY:** Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
2. (5 min) **WARM UP:** If you were having a big party, how would you go about inviting your friends? How would your parents do it? (Tip: You send out invitations for a party or you call and invite directly. Paul invited people over to his place to share the message of Jesus.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
6. (3 min) **KQ:** Answer the Key Question. (Answer: **By being a good example and sharing your story.** (An easy way to share Jesus is just by living your life to honor him. People will notice that you're different and they might ask you what makes you who you are. You can tell them that Jesus lives in your heart! But you can also be more direct and share who Jesus is to you and what he did for you on the cross. This gives people a chance to ask you questions to learn more about Jesus.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** How can you share Jesus with others? What are some things you do that honors God?
 - 4-5th:** What's the hardest or scariest part about sharing your faith in Jesus?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE:** Read Colossians 4:5-6. Identify everything this passage tells us to do. What is the most important information we need to know in order to help a friend to trust in Jesus? (Answer: We should live to honor God and be purposeful. We should be kind and prepared to answer questions. The needed info is: we have a sin problem that breaks our relationship with God. Jesus is God who came to die to pay for our sins. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven and our relationship is fixed. And, we get to live in heaven.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
9. (5 min) **CLOSE:** Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: HOW DOES THIS FIT INTO THE STORY?

Instructions:

- Read the story about Paul in Rome from Acts 28: 17-24, 28-31.
- Ask the class to explain how each person or thing from the list below fits into the story.

List:

1. Paul (in jail for being a follower of Jesus)
2. Rome (place where Paul was imprisoned)
3. Invitation (Paul invited anyone to come to his jail to hear about Jesus)
4. Jesus (Paul was telling people to follow Jesus, who fixes our sins)
5. Acts (book in the Bible where our story is found)

Supplies needed: None

OPTION 2: BE A LIGHT FOR JESUS CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a candle template (page 5). Have them cut out each item.
- Have them color the candle and the candle base. Then have them glue the verse to the base part of the candle and the phrase to the candle itself.
- As they work, read the story about Paul in Rome from Acts 28: 17-24, 28-31. Remind them that Paul was a light for Jesus and shared about him with anyone who would listen. We should be lights for Jesus, too.

Supplies needed: Candle template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Glue

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BIBLE STORYLINE

Paul in Rome

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No matter where you are, it's a good place to share about the good news of Jesus.

Key Points:

- The apostle _____ finally made it to _____. Acts 28:14
- Paul started telling _____ the message of Jesus. Acts 28:17
- Some people _____ and some people didn't. Acts 28:24
- _____ you are is a good place to share about the good news of _____ . 1 Peter 3:15

Memory Verse:

1 Peter 3:15 And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *If you were having a big party, how would you go about inviting your friends? How would you parents do it?*
3. *Where was Paul in our story? Why was he there?*
4. *Who was Paul teaching about while he was in jail?*
5. *Read Colossians 4:5-6. Identify everything this passage tells us to do. What is the most important information we need to know in order to help a friend to trust in Jesus?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

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Key Question

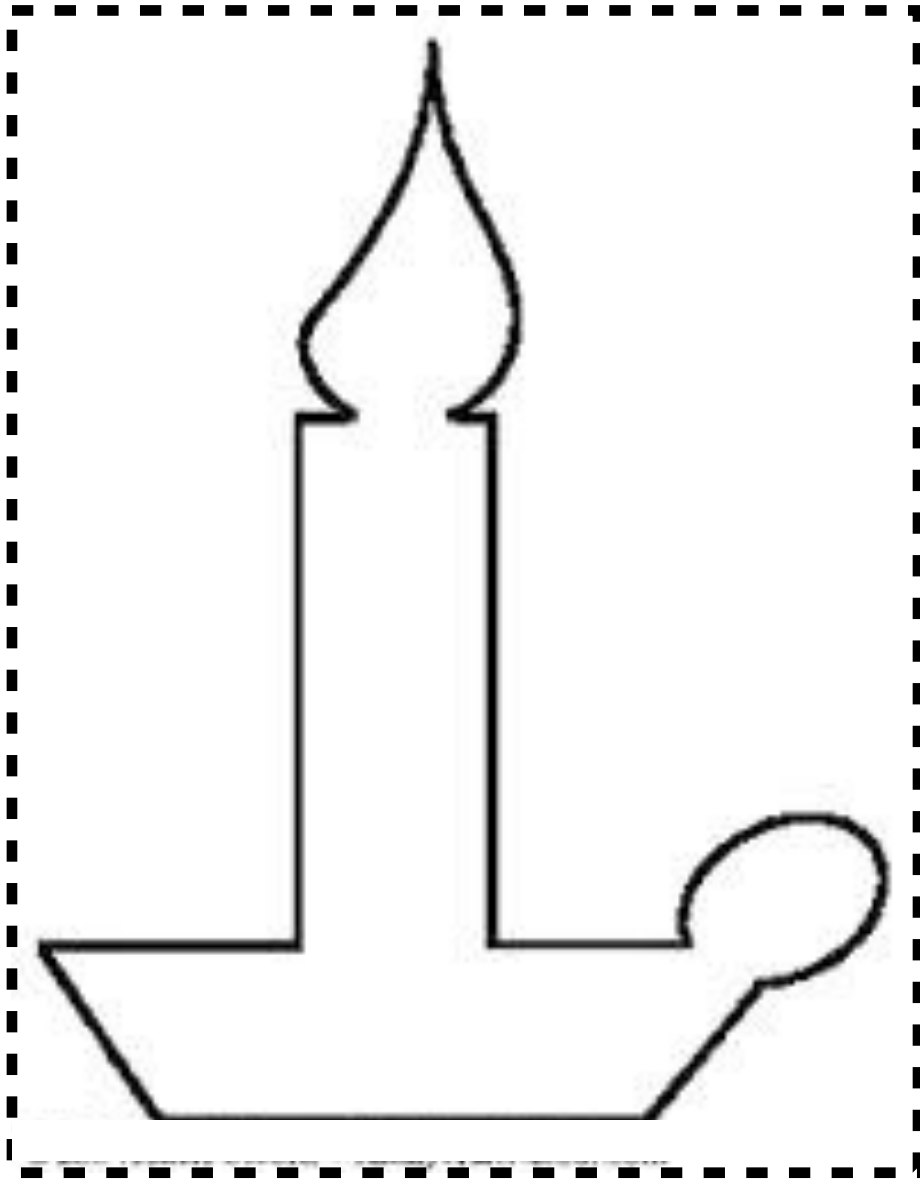
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