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BIBLE STORYLINE

Paul Hits The Road

PursueGODkids.org**Slide: Welcome***(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Before we get into our lesson for the day I want you guys to answer some questions! What is your favorite animal? (allow kids to answer.) What is your favorite food? (allow kids to answer.) What is your favorite game? (allow kids to answer.) Those are all some really good favorites!

Have you ever wondered if God has favorites? Well, in today's story, we're going to hear about what Paul learned about God and favorites. In Paul's day, they thought God had a favorite group of people: the Jews. But, Paul discovered something different about that.

We'll talk about that some more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing a song together.

Song*Song #1*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea*All together:*

God didn't play favorites when he gave the gift of Jesus. (Repeat)

Video*Play lesson video.***Slide: Recap**

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What did some of the Jews do when Paul taught about Jesus? (said mean things)
- Who did Paul go teach after the Jews were mean? (the Gentiles)
- True or False: God only sent Jesus to save his favorite people. (F)

Exactly! God doesn't care who you are or what you've done in your life. All he cares about is that you love Jesus and try your hardest to honor him. You don't have to be some special person in order to be a Christian. You don't have to have a certain job, or a certain hairstyle, or eat a certain way, or dress a certain way. All you have to do is put your trust in Jesus. God sent him to this earth to die for EVERYONE'S sins. He wants all of us to be able to live in heaven with him someday, so he gave all of us the choice and opportunity to follow Jesus. And, because he sent Jesus for all of us, we should be willing to tell anyone about him.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles (put arms up and sweep them out), to bring salvation (hands over heart) to the farthest corners of the earth (march in place)." Acts 13:47 *(Repeat)*

The Gentiles were all of the people who weren't Jewish. Those people didn't know all of the Jewish laws and they didn't know much about God. That's the reason the Jews thought they were God's favorites. They knew the law, and they followed it, so they thought they were extra special and didn't actually need Jesus. They thought that they could make it to heaven all on their own. So, they didn't listen to Paul. But, because the Jews rejected Paul and his message, Paul realized that the Gentiles needed to hear about Jesus, too.

God showed Paul that he loved everyone, not just the Jews. This was a big deal back then and it changed the way Paul and others did ministry. Instead of trying to convince the Jews that they needed Jesus, they went to the people who had hearts to hear about who Jesus was and why they needed him. Paul realized that God's love and forgiveness was for every single person on earth. So, he made it his mission to teach everyone he met about the awesome power of Jesus! And, if Paul hadn't learned this lesson, most of us wouldn't be Christians today. He would have just kept teaching the Jews about Jesus and no one else would have had the chance to accept Jesus into their hearts. Aren't you glad Paul learned this lesson?

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God didn't play favorites when he gave the gift of Jesus. *(Repeat)*

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.