

PAUL'S SECOND JOURNEY

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 16:11-34

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

MAIN POINT: Christians tell about Jesus.

The Bible Story

Acts 16:11-34

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

God sent Paul and Silas on another trip to tell people about Jesus. Paul and Silas went to a city called Philippi. They met a woman named Lydia. She sold purple cloth. They told her about Jesus. Lydia and her family believed. While Paul and Silas were in Philippi, some people made trouble for them. Paul and Silas were put into jail. In jail, Paul and Silas were singing and praying when there was an earthquake. Their chains fell off and the doors opened! The jailer came to see what happened, and he was scared. Paul said, "We are all here!" The jailer said, "What do I need to do to be saved?" Paul said, "Believe in Jesus." The jailer and his whole family believed.

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- * God sent Paul on another trip.
- * Paul and Silas told Lydia about Jesus.
- * Paul told people about Jesus even in jail.

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Babies Activities



LOOK IN THE BIBLE

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Acts 16. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: God sent Paul on another trip. Paul told people about Jesus even in jail. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.** [*Pray for the babies.*]



SING A SONG

Sing the chorus of “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go.” If you are unfamiliar with the tune, check it out online before class.

“Wherever He leads, I’ll go. [*Repeat.*]

I’ll follow my Christ who loves me so.

Wherever He leads, I’ll go!”

SAY: CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS. God sent Paul on another trip to tell people about Jesus.



SHAKE CHAINS

Provide interlocking teething links for babies to shake. You may also wrap the links around favorite toys or objects for babies to remove.

SAY: CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS. Paul told people about Jesus even in jail. The jailer and his whole family trusted in Jesus.



EXAMINE PURPLE CLOTH

Provide a basket filled with long scraps of purple cloth and ribbons in various textures and styles. Invite babies to touch and wave the cloths. Supervise babies closely, especially babies on their tummies.

SAY: God sent Paul on another trip. Paul and Silas told Lydia about Jesus. Lydia sold purple cloth. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Gospel Gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

Toddler Activities



CIRCLE TIME (5 MINUTES)

Provide small Bibles. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Acts 16. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the Main Point and Gospel Gems. Pray.



MAKE A SUNCATCHER

Provide several shades of purple tissue paper. Tape clear contact plastic sticky side out on the table for each toddler. Guide toddlers to stick the tissue paper to the plastic. Cover it with another piece of contact plastic. Hole punch and thread a purple ribbon to make a hanger. Write the Main Point on each toddler's art.

SAY: Lydia sold purple cloth. Paul and Silas told Lydia about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



JOURNEY WITH PAUL FLANNELGRAPH

Gather the "Journey with Paul" printables, felt, and supplies. Use the Paul figure from the previous weeks as you tell the story.

SAY: God sent Paul on another trip. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



FOLD CLOTH

Guide toddlers to fold purple hand towels or fabric squares. You may also make a clothesline using twine and wooden clothespins.

SAY: God sent Paul on another trip. Paul and Silas told Lydia about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



MIX COLORS

Squirt red and blue food color in opposite corners of a ziplock bag. Squirt clear shower gel into the bag. Seal it with duct tape. Invite toddlers to mix the colors to make purple. You may also tape the bag to a window or light table for added effect.

SAY: Paul told Lydia about Jesus. Lydia and her family believed in Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Bonus Teaching Hour

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TRANSITION ACTIVITY: MAKE CHAINS

Provide strips of construction paper for toddlers to decorate with stickers or crayons. Tape interlocking loops to make a chain for toddlers to shake. Write one word of the Main Point on each link.

SAY: God sent Paul on another trip. Some people made trouble for Paul and Silas, and they were put in jail. Paul told about Jesus even in jail. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS** everywhere they go.



PLAY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Set out rhythm and musical instruments for toddlers to play music. Talk about how Paul and Silas sang songs about Jesus even when they were in prison.

SAY: God sent Paul on another trip. Paul told about Jesus even in jail. The jailer and his family trusted in Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



TEST AN EARTHQUAKE

Help toddlers stack foam blocks no higher than chin level, and then stomp nearby to make them fall. Briefly review the story and play again.

SAY: Paul told about Jesus even in jail after the earthquake. The jailer and his family believed in Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Main Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.