

THE MESSAGE: “CHRIST ALONE”

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 15:1-35

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

MAIN POINT: Christians tell about Jesus.

The Bible Story

Acts 15:1-35

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

God was building His church with people from many nations. Some people who loved Jesus thought you had to obey the Jewish laws that God gave Moses so you could have life with God. Paul and Barnabas went to the church in Jerusalem. They told the church about the people who were not Jews who had believed the good news about Jesus. God had even given these people the Holy Spirit! Paul said, “Even our people could not obey God’s laws. Only Jesus rescues people. Anyone who loves and trusts Jesus will be saved. This was God’s plan from the beginning.”

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- * Some people were confused about the good news.
- * Paul said that only Jesus saves people.
- * Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

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Babies Activities



LOOK IN THE BIBLE

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies. Open your Bible to Acts 15. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems. Read the key passage card.

SAY: Some people thought you had to obey rules to be saved. Only Jesus saves people. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.** [*Pray.*]



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. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.



TAKE A WALK

If you have a stroller, take babies for a walk around the church. If weather permit, walk outdoors. Talk about the church is not only the building, but the people inside it who love Jesus.

SAY: Some people were confused about the good news. They thought the church needed to follow other rules. Paul said only Jesus saves people. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PAT THE BIBLE

Sit with a baby on your lap. Hold a Bible storybook and help the baby tap the Bible as you say, “Jesus, Jesus, it’s all about Jesus!”

SAY: CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS. Paul said that only Jesus saves people. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

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 for toddlers to handle. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Acts 15. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the Main Point and Gospel Gems. Pray.



MAKE PEOPLE COLLAGES

Cut out a heart shape from construction paper for each toddler. Provide magazine cutouts of people for toddlers to glue to their heart. Write the Main Point on each child's paper.

SAY: Paul said that only Jesus saves people. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved. **CHRISTIANS TELL PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS** and His love for them.



JOURNEY WITH PAUL FLANNELGRAPH

Gather the “Journey with Paul” printables, felt, and supplies. Use the figures from the previous week as you tell the story.

SAY: Paul taught that only Jesus saves people. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.** Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.



BUILD WITH BLOCKS

Invite toddlers to build a church with blocks. Provide people figures for toddlers to put around the building. Hold up a person figure and tell toddlers the people who love Jesus make the church.

SAY: The church is the people who love Jesus—Christians. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



LOOK AT NATURE ITEMS

Provide nature items in clear, sealed containers for toddlers to examine. Talk about how God made everything, even people.

SAY: Some people were confused about the good news. Paul said that only Jesus saves people. This was God's plan when He made the world. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Bonus Teaching Hour

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TRANSITION ACTIVITY: MAKE STICKY ART

Cut out a large heart from clear contact plastic. Tape the contact plastic sticky side out to the table or the window at toddler's height. Provide shape cutouts, tissue paper squares, artificial feathers, and other items for toddlers to stick to the contact plastic. Briefly talk about the Bible story as toddlers work.

SAY: Some people were confused about the good news. Paul said that only Jesus saves people. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



SING SONGS ABOUT JESUS' LOVE

Sing "Jesus Loves Me," "God Is So Good," or "Jesus Loves the Little Children" with the toddlers as you clap to the beat.

SAY: Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



HEAR AND OBEY

Call out simple commands for toddlers to perform with you. Make some of them silly. Invite toddlers to give the commands.

SAY: Some people were confused about the good news. They thought obeying rules made God love them. Paul said that only Jesus saves people. **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.