

PAUL PREACHED IN EUROPE

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 17:16-33

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

MAIN POINT: Christians tell about Jesus.

The Bible Story

Acts 17:16-33

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

God sent Paul to a city called Athens to tell people about Jesus. Paul saw all of the statues people worshiped, and Paul was sad. Every day, Paul went to the market and told people about Jesus. People in Athens asked Paul to tell them his message. Paul said, “God made the world and everything in it. God made all the people of the world, and He loves them. We are God’s children. God wants people to be rescued through the Man He sent to rescue us: Jesus. We know God sent Jesus because God made Jesus alive again.” Some people thought Paul was silly. Other people asked Paul to come back and tell them more. Some people believed Paul’s words and trusted Jesus.

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- * Paul told people in Athens about Jesus.
- * God made all people and He loves them.
- * God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us.

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Babies Activities



LOOK IN THE BIBLE

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Acts 17. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: Paul told people in Athens about Jesus. Paul said God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us. **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: God made all people and He loves them. God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PLAY WITH PEOPLE FIGURES

Provide people figures of various ethnicities and sizes for babies to play with. Make sure the figures do not have small parts that may pose choking hazards.

SAY: God made all people and He loves them. God made [*baby’s name*] and God loves [*baby’s name*]. God sent Jesus to earth to rescue [*baby’s name*]. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS** and His love.



LOOK AT NATURE ITEMS

Place nature items in small, sealed containers that babies can hold. Talk about how God made everything, even people.

SAY: Paul told people in Athens about Jesus. God made all people, and He loves them. **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 for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to Acts 17. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the Main Point and Gospel Gems. Pray.



MAKE GLOBE ART

Give a blue paper plate to each toddler. Trace toddlers' hands onto green construction paper. Cut out the hands. Help toddlers glue their handprints to their plate to resemble a globe. Write the Main Point on the rim of each child's plate.

SAY: God made all people, and He loves them. God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



JOURNEY WITH PAUL FLANNELGRAPH

Gather the "Journey with Paul" printables and supplies. Drape a sheet of felt over the table or pin it to the wall at child's height. Use the Paul figure from the previous weeks as you tell the story.

SAY: Paul told people in Athens about Jesus. Paul said God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



WORK A WORLD PUZZLE

Print a world map onto heavyweight paper. Cut it into a heart shape, and then cut it into four pieces. Help toddlers work the puzzle.

SAY: God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



LISTEN TO HEARTBEATS

Provide a stethoscope for toddlers to listen to their heartbeats, or listen to heartbeats on an electronic device. Talk about how God showed Jesus is God's Son by making Him alive again.

SAY: Paul told people in Athens about Jesus. He told them God made Jesus alive again. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Bonus Teaching Hour

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TRANSITION ACTIVITY: PLAY DOUGH

Invite toddlers to press animal-shaped or people-shaped cookie cutters into play dough. Talk about how the items look similar to living items, but they are not real.

SAY: Paul told people in Athens about Jesus. People in Athens worshiped statues people built. Paul said that God made all people and He loves them. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PLAY OUT A MARKET

Provide toy shopping carts, a toy cash register, and toy foods for toddlers to play out a supermarket. Talk about how Paul walked around the market in Athens, ready to tell people about Jesus.

SAY: Paul told people in Athens about Jesus. God made all people, and He loves them. God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



KNOCK DOWN STATUES

Draw smiling and silly faces on plastic cups to stack in a pyramid. Provide beanbags for toddlers to toss at the cups to knock over.

SAY: People in Athens worshiped statues they made with their hands, but God sent Jesus to earth to rescue us. **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.