

PAUL'S THIRD JOURNEY

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 18:1-4,24-28; 20:17-38

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

MAIN POINT: Christians tell about Jesus.

The Bible Story

Acts 18:1-4,24-28; 20:17-38

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

God sent Paul to the city of Corinth. Paul met Aquila and his wife, Priscilla. They made tents. Paul made tents too, and they became friends. Paul told many people in Corinth about Jesus and started a church. Then he, Priscilla, and Aquila went to Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla and Aquila helped a teacher named Apollos understand the good news better. Then God told Paul to go to Jerusalem. Paul asked for the leaders in Ephesus to come to him. Paul said, "The Holy Spirit tells me that I will have trouble in Jerusalem. For me, telling people about Jesus is most important," Paul said. His friends in Ephesus were sad. They prayed for God to keep Paul safe.

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- * Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went.
- * The Holy Spirit sent Paul to Jerusalem.
- * Telling people about Jesus is most important.

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Babies Activities



LOOK IN THE BIBLE

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to hold. Open your Bible to Acts 18. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems. Read the key passage card.

SAY: Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went. **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: The Holy Spirit sent Paul to Jerusalem. Telling people about Jesus is most important. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



MAKE HEART ART

Cut construction paper into a heart shape for each baby. Provide people cutouts from magazines and help babies glue them to their heart cutout. Write the Main Point on each child’s paper.

SAY: CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS. Telling people about Jesus is most important!



GO AND TELL

Clear the floor of obstacles. Each leader will hold a baby and walk slowly in a circle as you play music. Stop the music and say the Main Point or key passage. Repeat several rounds.

SAY: Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went. **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 18. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the Main Point and Gospel Gems. Pray.



MAKE TENT ART

Provide brown or tan construction paper for toddlers to decorate with stickers. Help toddlers fold the paper in half and stand it up like a tent. Briefly review the story.

SAY: Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went. Priscilla and Aquila told about Jesus too. **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: The Holy Spirit sent Paul to Jerusalem. Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS,** and we can too!



READ THE BIBLE

Print extra key passage cards in the translation of your choice. Place them in hand-size Bibles and invite toddlers to look through them. Read the key passage to each child.

SAY: Our key passage tells us that telling people about Jesus is most important. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



FLOAT BOATS

Provide a plastic tub with a half-inch of water. Supervise toddlers closely as they float plastic boats. Keep towels handy for cleanup.

SAY: The Holy Spirit sent Paul to Jerusalem. Paul told about Jesus everywhere he went. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Bonus Teaching Hour

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TRANSITION ACTIVITY: SHOUT THE MAIN POINT

Play music and invite toddlers to march around the room. Stop the music and invite toddlers to shout the Main Point. Play again as time allows, varying the stop and start times.

SAY: Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went, and we can too. Telling people about Jesus is most important. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PLAY IN A TENT

Set up a tent using a blanket and a few chairs. Invite toddlers to look at Bibles, serve toy food, or play with toys inside the tent. Briefly talk about the Bible story.

SAY: Paul told people about Jesus everywhere he went. Paul met Priscilla and Aquila, who made tents like he did. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PLAY OUT TEACHING

Arrange chairs, Bibles, dry erase boards, and other items for toddlers to play out teaching a Bible story. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY: Priscilla and Aquila helped Apollos understand the good news about 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.