

Family Discussion

Elementary

God Statement: God is Salvation

Family Memory Verse: Psalms 65:5 'You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, '

Blessing: May you know that your Heavenly Father loves you. May you know that He sent His Son down to earth to die for your sins and pay for your salvation. God has sent His Holy Spirit to be with you always to remind you and to help you remind others that God is salvation

Lesson: Paul in Rome

Scriptures: Acts 27-28

Discussion Questions:

1. What is faith? Hebrews 11:1 (knowing that we can have confidence in God and the work that He is doing even though we can't see Him)
2. What is something you've done that required faith?
3. Was following God easy or difficult for Paul? Why? Acts 9:16 (He suffered for the name of God)
4. What are some of the things that happened to Paul as he followed God's call to tell the world about Jesus? Acts 27:23-26; 28:1, 11, 16, 30 (He got beat up, throw in jail)
5. Why do you think Paul encouraged the Romans to live their lives as "living sacrifices"? Romans 12:1 (Because Paul knew that no matter what happened we are called to live a life that honors God)
6. Why was Paul telling everyone about Jesus? Romans 1:16 (Because he was set apart to bring others to Christ)
7. What do you feel like God might be calling you to step out in faith and do?

Family Activity

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Purpose: While Paul was under house arrest, he was chained to a guard. In this activity, children will discover the challenge of completing a task while tied to another person.

Paul lived a life based on faith. But much of his life was challenging. For instance, he spent a lot of his time in jail. Today we'll see how he was chained with a Roman soldier guarding him—and some think Paul was chained to the soldier! It was probably difficult and even awkward most of the time. But it never seemed to stop Paul from spreading God's Word.

Supplies:

- Ribbon or string (approx. 12" per child)
- Scissors
- Games or crafts that require 2 hands (1 activity for every 2 children)

Prepare Ahead:

Cut the ribbon or string into pieces approximately 12 inches long. Cut one piece for every two children.

Instructions:

- Have everyone pair up.
- Once everyone is paired up, loosely tie each pair together by one wrist with a ribbon or string.
- Then have the kids try to play a game or do another activity while bound together.
- The children will soon realize how challenging this can be!

Family Worship Response

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Purpose: For the past few weeks, we have seen Paul's passion for the lost to be found flourish! He desired those who didn't know God to come to salvation. He shared the Gospel message with countless people so that they might receive salvation! In this worship response, your children have the opportunity to explore where they stand in regards to salvation. Do they understand what it means? If so, how do they feel about sharing that news with others? We encourage you to gently initiate this conversation about salvation with your kiddos through this worship response.

Supplies Needed:

- Paper
- Pen/Markers/Crayons
- Envelope (optional)

Activity:

- After hearing the lesson, ask yourself these questions:
 - o What does "salvation" mean?
 - o Is this something you understand? Is this something you believe? Why or why not?
- With the answers to those questions in your mind, grab a piece of paper and some writing/drawing utensils.
- If you understand what salvation means, take this time to write a letter to a friend or family member you know who doesn't know Jesus. In this letter, tell them what you believe; that God is Salvation and Jesus died and was resurrected to forgive our sins! Tell them the Gospel story, like Paul did!
- If you need help understanding what "salvation" means, that's okay! Write a letter to God, asking Him to help you understand. Tell Him what you don't understand. If you'd like, ask your parent or guardian to help you understand, too!