



1ST-5TH GRADE PAUL PREACHES TO AN ANGRY CROWD

Open your Bible to Acts 21 and tell the Bible story in your own words. Let the children use their paper plate faces to identify the emotions throughout the story.

- Paul went to Jerusalem. The believers welcomed Paul warmly. (happy face) Paul met with the Jewish leaders in the church in Jerusalem. Paul told the leaders all the good things that God was doing among the Gentile people. The leaders were happy and praised God. (happy face)
- The leaders warned Paul that people were angry that he was telling the Gentiles about God. (sad face) Paul went to the temple. Some Jews pointed Paul out and made many people be angry with him. They rushed toward Paul and dragged him out of the temple. (sad face)
- The people were trying to kill Paul when the Roman officials heard what was happening. The officials hurried to Paul. The people stopped beating Paul when they saw the officials. The official took Paul and bound him with two chains. (sad face) The official ordered Paul into the barracks. Paul got to the steps, but he had to be carried by the soldiers because the crowd was so violent. The people screamed, "Get rid of him!" (sad face)
- Paul asked the official if he could address the crowd. The official gave Paul permission to speak. Paul stood on the steps and motioned with his hand to the people. The people became very quiet and listened carefully. (happy face)
- Paul told the crowd that he used to hurt and kill people who believed in Jesus. (sad face) One day when he was traveling to Damascus, Paul saw a very bright light. He heard a voice saying, "Why are you persecuting me?" (sad face) Paul wondered who was speaking to him. The voice replied, "I am Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus told Paul to get up and go to Damascus. (happy face)
- Paul could not see. His friends led him to Damascus. A Christian named Ananias came to see Paul. Ananias told Paul that God had chosen him to tell others about Jesus. God told Paul to travel and tell the Gentile people about Jesus. (happy face)
- The crowd listened to Paul's story, but then they became angry again. They yelled at Paul. They threw their clothes and dirt into the air. The official took Paul into the barracks and was about to beat him again. (sad face) Paul told the official that he was a Roman citizen. The official released Paul from his chains. (happy face) Paul continued to tell people about Jesus.



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THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS

PAUL PREACHES TO AN ANGRY CROWD

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- **KIDS ACTIVITY PAGES**
- **MILK**
- **FOOD COLOR**
- **DISH SOAP**
- **COTTON SWAB**
- **SMALL BOWL**
- **YOU WILL NEED A PLATE WITH A LIP TO HOLD LIQUID**

- Remind preteens that when Jesus ascended to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to help Christians. It is the Holy Spirit who gives the power to tell others about Jesus.
- Place the plate where everyone can see and fill it with milk. Explain that this milk represents the world without Jesus.
- Add about four drops of food color to four different areas of the plate of milk. Explain that these drops represent us.
- Using the cotton swab, gently move the food color through the milk and explain that we are called to go throughout the world to share the good news of Jesus. On our own, this is a tough thing to do.
- Pour a few drops of dish soap into the bowl and dip another cotton swab into the dish soap. This dish soap represents the Holy Spirit. Once the swab is loaded with soap, press the cotton swab into the center of the plate of milk. The food color will spread to the outside edges of the bowl. Explain that we can not successfully share Jesus on our own; we need the power of the Holy Spirit to help us. It is the Holy Spirit's power that draws people to Christ.
- If preteens have not already completed "Tell About Jesus' Secret Message" on the Activity Page, encourage them to do so now.



Difficult Time Drawing

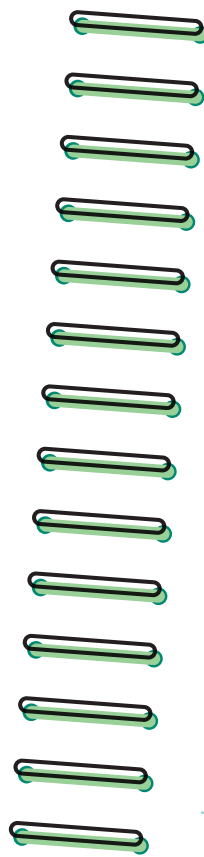
UNIT VERSE

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 1:8 (ESV)

Draw a picture of a difficult time that a child your age might have.

How could the person in your drawing tell about Jesus?



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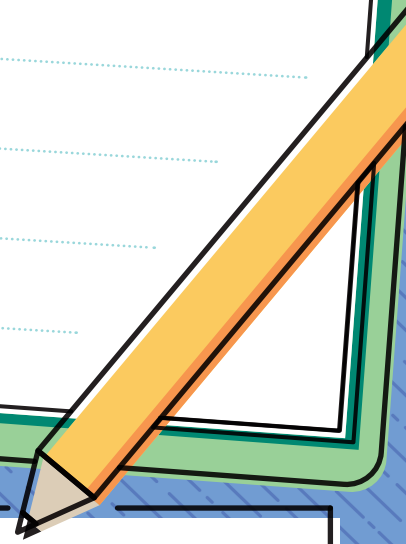
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Unscramble the Words

Unscramble the words to complete the sentence.

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CONVERSATION

Paul Preached to an Angry Crowd

ACTS 21:15–22:30

Paul went to Jerusalem. The leaders welcomed Paul. He told the leaders all the good things that God was doing among the Gentile people. The leaders were happy and praised God. The leaders warned Paul that some people were angry that he was telling the Gentiles about God.

Paul went to the temple. People in the temple began shouting, “This is the man who teaches everyone everywhere against our people, our law, and this place.” The people became so angry at Paul. They rushed toward him and dragged him out of the temple.

The officials hurried to Paul. The people stopped beating Paul when they saw the officials. One official took Paul and ordered him to be bound with two chains. The people began shouting against Paul.

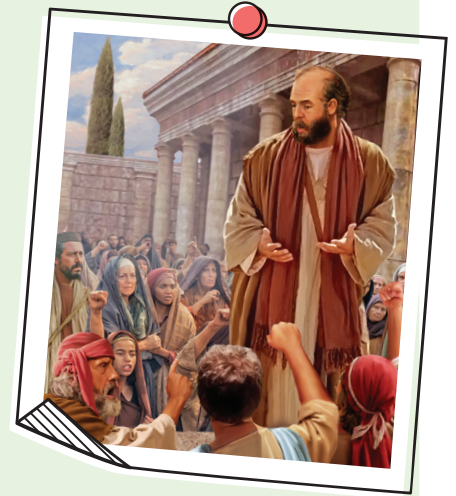
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Paul told the crowd that he used to hurt people who believed in Jesus. One day when he was traveling, Paul saw a very bright light. He heard a voice saying, “Why are you hurting me?” Paul wondered who was speaking to him. The voice replied, “I am Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus told Paul to go to Damascus where he would receive more instructions from God.

Because of the bright light, Paul could not see. His friends led him to Damascus. A Christian named Ananias came to see Paul. Ananias told Paul that God had chosen him to tell about Jesus. Paul turned away from his sins and became a follower of Jesus. God told Paul to travel and tell the Gentile people about Jesus.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Romans 8:28

LIFE POINT: People can tell about Jesus even in difficult times.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, your child learned that people can tell about Jesus, even in difficult times. Paul stood on the steps of the temple and spoke to an angry crowd. He knew why they were angry, but that did not deter him from sharing the good news about Jesus.

LIVE IT OUT

Has your child ever experienced difficulty because of her belief in Jesus? The times in which we live are becoming increasingly difficult for Christians. Help your child talk about ways to stand up for what he believes even when he faces resistance.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Missionaries are called by God to tell another group of people the good news about Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Romans 8:28
Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:4
Tuesday: Psalm 94:19
Wednesday: Romans 15:5
Thursday: Matthew 5:4
Friday: 2 Timothy 1:7
Saturday: Romans 8:15

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Paul Preached to an Angry Crowd* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.