

Imagine

Year 2, Unit 2, Session 1

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Jesus Changes Paul

Based on Acts 9:1-19



Let's put Jesus' friends in jail!

PREVIEW

Paul!
Paul!

Why are you trying to hurt me?



Help me!
I can't see!

Directions:

Do you know people who love Jesus like Paul did? Maybe someone in your family? A friend of yours? Draw their pictures next to Jesus.

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Dear Jesus, thank
you for loving me!

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Dear Family:

Ask your child to use the pictures on the front of this paper to tell you the first part of Paul's story—and talk about its amazing ending, pictured above. Summarize its wonderful truth: Jesus changed Paul from an enemy into a friend! Talk about the people in your own family or your child's friends who are also friends of Jesus. There's room inside to name and draw pictures of some of them. Invite your child to find today's story symbol in your God's Big Story cards box for more fun activities!

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Memory



Challenge:

Acts 16:31

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Jesus Keeps Paul Safe

Based on Acts 9:20-31



PAUL



JESUS



LOVE



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JAIL



GATE



BASKET

PREVIEW

P	A	G	A	T	E	D	R	F
B	E	P	D	W	A	L	L	
J	C	A	Z	A	G	E	F	
A	F	U	V	L	O	V	E	
I	G	L	H	I	U	H	L	
L	I	L	J	E	S	U	S	
N	M	M	N	T	O	P	S	
B	A	S	K	E	T	R	Q	






Directions

We learned a big word today—MISSIONARY! Do you remember what it means? Now look inside the word search puzzle and find the small words that are listed on this page. (Draw a circle around each word you find.)





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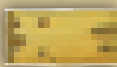


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Paul and the Tall Wall





Everywhere  went, he told people all about . “ me—and he  you too!”  told everyone.

Many people listened to  and were happy to hear about



But some people didn't want to listen to . They didn't want to know about . Instead, they wanted to catch  and put him in .





’s friends came running to tell him about the plan to put  in jail. “Quick, , you must get out of this city!” they warned. So  ran as fast as he could to the  in the tall  around the city. But it was too late. . . . ’s enemies were waiting by the  to arrest him.


’s friends prayed to  to keep  safe. They prayed for a way to help  get out of the city.


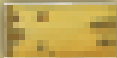
 showed ’s friends a way to help  escape—an amazing way! When it was very dark that night, ’s friends







came to get him. They took a giant  and a very long rope, and they climbed the tall  that went around the city.

Then they said, "Hop in, !"
's friends let the giant  down over the city . Slowly...

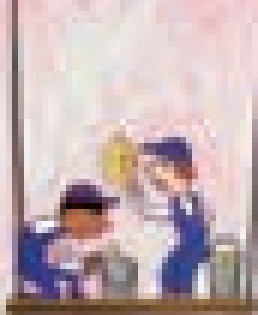
slowly... slowly... thump!  landed safely on the ground outside of the city.

He climbed out of the , waved goodbye to his friends on top of the ,

and ran away as fast as he could.  knew that  had kept him safe. He knew that he would have the chance to talk to many more people about

 and his !

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People, people everywhere
need to hear of Jesus' care.
Who will tell them? Who will go
to tell them Jesus loves us so?

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Dear Family,

Learning about Paul means learning about his love for telling others about Jesus! Ask your child to tell you what Paul loved doing more than anything. Enjoy the story of his escape from people who didn't want to hear about Jesus' love (Acts 9:20-31). Use the picture on this page to talk with your child about people all around us who need to know that Jesus loves them.

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Jesus Sends Paul Out

Based on Acts 16:11-40



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Hey Kids

Here I sit with my friend, Silas, in jail! Look carefully and find all of these things—put an X on each one. Can you find them all?

- Someone who locked us up.
- Little creatures.
- Something that tells you it's nighttime.
- Something that keeps us from escaping.
- Something that shows you we're not afraid.

When Paul and Silas talked about Jesus, some people became angry. They grabbed Paul and Silas and beat them.

PREVIEW

The people put Paul and Silas in prison. The jailer chained their hands and feet. Then he locked the door so Paul and Silas couldn't escape.

But Paul and Silas weren't frightened. They sang songs to Jesus, because they knew he was taking care of them.

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the Night

Crash! Bang! In the middle of the night God sent an earthquake. The prison shook. The bars broke. The chains fell off Paul and Silas.

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Paul and Silas knew Jesus was with them—but the jailer was very frightened. “What must I do to be saved?” he cried. “Believe in Jesus!” said Paul.

The jailer did believe—and so did his whole family. Paul baptized everyone at the jailer’s house. It was a happy night!

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Dear Family:

Ask your child to tell you the exciting story of Paul and Silas in prison at Philippi (Acts 16) by arranging their story pictures and gluing them in the correct frames on the inside pages. Spend some time this week singing about your own love for Jesus too. (Check out the simple project below, and make an instrument to accompany your praise.)

Directions:

1. Cover one end of a toilet paper tube with paper.
2. Place a rubber band tightly around it.
3. Pour a handful of beans or rice into the open end.
4. Cover the open end with paper and secure it with another rubber band.
5. Decorate your shaker.
6. Attach crepe paper streamers to one end.
7. Use your shaker when you sing your favorite songs of praise to Jesus!

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Jesus Helps Paul Escape

Based on Acts 23



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Connect the dots and you will see a way to escape, just waiting for me!

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A Ride in the Night



was in trouble again. When he couldn't stop telling


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people about , his  tried to kill him. The safest place for Paul was ! But  wasn't afraid, for he knew that  was taking care of him.

One day, Paul's nephew came running to  with scary

news. "Uncle Paul, your  are planning to kill you!"

said the .

"Go quickly and tell the head soldier," said .

 ran to tell the head soldier about the plan. And the head

soldier called his .



That night the



came to the



with a big



Paul

. The head soldier

brought



outside and



ordered the



Jesus

enemies

to gallop away with



jail

to a faraway place where his



could not find



nephew

him.



had lots of work for



soldiers

to do—lots of



horse

still needed to hear

about



!



people

PREVIEW



Directions: Take a closer look! These pictures are *not* the same. Can you find five things that are different? Put an X on each one.



Dear Family

Today your child learned that children are important to Jesus. Ask your child to tell you the story of how Jesus used Paul's nephew to save Paul and to make sure that the good news about Jesus was carried to faraway places (Acts 23). Talk together about ways all of us, children and adults alike, can help to spread the good news about Jesus to others.



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Acts 16:31



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Jesus Keeps Everyone Safe

Based on Acts 27



Don't be afraid.
Jesus will keep
us safe!

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Thank you Jesus!
You kept us safe!

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Dear Family:

Ask your child to tell you the dramatic story from Acts 27 of Paul at sea (the pictures on the front will help). Use the story as an opportunity to talk about your own fears—and those of your child. The pictures below might help your child begin to identify and express some personal fears. The prayer provides a simple way for your family to thank Jesus for taking care of you everywhere—and always! For more story fun, see card 162 in your God's Big Story cards.



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Dear Jesus,

We're happy that you love us.

We're thankful that you care.

We're sure that you are with us,
here—and everywhere!

Amen.



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Directions: Help Paul and the others get safely to shore!

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Jesus Helps Paul in Malta

Based on Acts 28:1-16



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Everyone from the ship was thankful to be alive—especially Paul! He knew he would soon be in Rome telling more people about Jesus.

But Paul didn't have to wait to get to Rome to preach about Jesus. Strangers from the island came to help Paul and the others. In their arms they carried towels and dry clothes—and wood for a fire. But as Paul threw wood onto the fire, a snake crawled out of the bundle and bit Paul's hand. Everyone waited for Paul to get sick. Perhaps he would even die!

But Paul just shook the snake into the fire and began to tell the island people about Jesus. Then they knew that Jesus was taking care of Paul. They knew that Jesus had kept Paul safe from the snake.

Turn to page 4 to see how Paul's story ends.

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ON THE RO

ENTRANCE

Help Paul on his way today. Put a small treat, like a piece of candy or a cookie, on each picture. Tell the first story about Paul to someone at your house. Then share your treat and move to the next picture. Don't let anything scary stop you! Tell all of the Paul stories—and help him make it safely to Rome!

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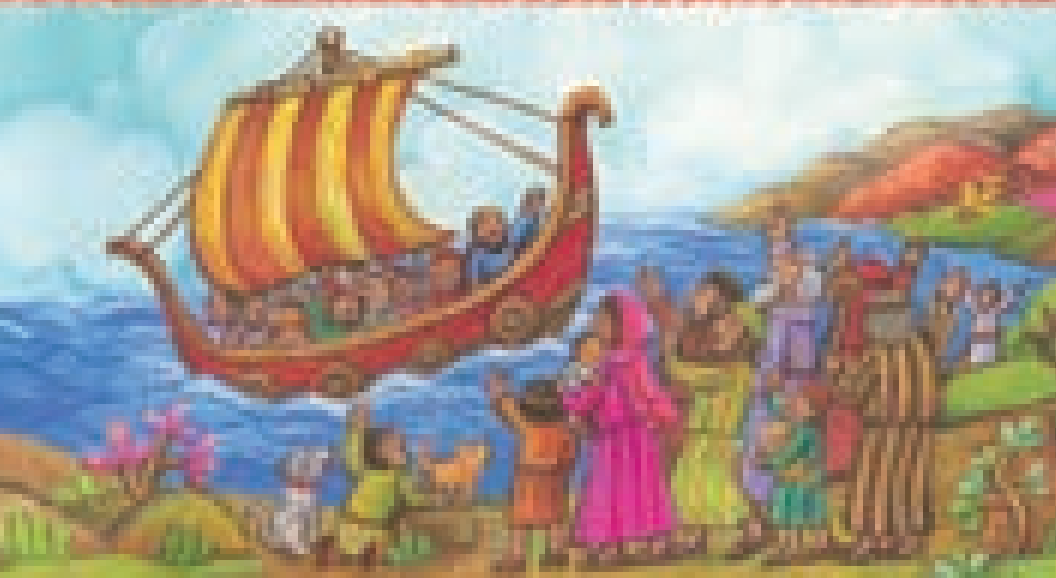
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AD WITH PAUL

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The chief of the island invited Paul to his home. While he was there, Paul prayed to Jesus to heal the chief's old father, who was very sick. When the people heard about Jesus and his power, they brought their sick friends to Paul for healing! "What great power you have, Paul!" they said. But Paul just smiled and said, "No! It is Jesus who makes us well!"

Do you remember that Jesus promised to take Paul safely to Rome? Before long a new ship came to the island to get Paul and his friends. And it sailed safely—all the way to Rome!

Dear Family:

Today's dramatic story from Acts 28 marks the end of the stories about Paul. After reading it together from the front and back pages, review all six Paul stories using the game inside.

And don't forget to say the memory words together too—by now they should be familiar!



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Memory Challenge:



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