

Bringing The Story Home-Ch. 30- Week of September 3rd

Paul's Final Days

Bringing The Story Home is a tool for you to use with your family to connect with the weekly lessons taught in "The Story" curriculum. Feel free to use these activities in a way that fits your family life. Do what works with the time you have each week.



Big Idea: I Can Serve God!

Bible Basis: Acts 20:22–28, 36–38; 22:22–29; 27:1, 9–41; 28:1–10

Key Verse: I only want to complete the work the Lord Jesus has given me. He wants me to give witness to others about the good news of God's grace. —Acts 20:24

Parent Tips: Read and discuss the Big Idea from TrueKidz. Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table or at some point this week. The Living Faith activity has your family do a puzzle together.

Table Talk:

Younger Elementary

- **What kind of job do you want to do when you grow up? How can you serve God in that job?**
- **The holy spirit protected Paul many times, but the spirit also prompted Paul to go to Jerusalem where he knew he'd be arrested. Who also went to Jerusalem even though he knew he'd be arrested? (Jesus)**
- **By being arrested, Paul got to share about Jesus with a lot of Romans. Do you think that's part of why God allowed Paul to be arrested?**
- **Can you always see how God's plans are going to turn out? Do you think God usually shows you his plan one step at a time?**

Older Elementary

- **Paul is clear that salvation is a gift from God—nothing that's deserved or can be earned. Since the Bible is so clear, why do people still believe they'll go to heaven because of their good works?**
- **Why is it easy to get caught up comparing yourself with other people instead of to God's standard?**
- **God's Word is powerful and useful. Paul mentions four specific ways that the Bible is helpful (2 Timothy 3:16). Look at each one:**
 - **How is the Bible helpful in teaching?**
 - **In what ways can the Bible correct us?**

Living Faith: Paul's shipwreck on Malta is one of the most exciting stories in the Bible. As soon as everybody is safely on land, Paul goes to gather firewood and is bitten by a poisonous snake. Paul shakes the snake into the fire as the Maltese people wait for him to swell up and drop dead. But God saves him, and Paul is able to share about Jesus Christ and see many people come to faith over the next three months.

Print out this puzzle: <http://sundayschoolzone.com/activity/pauls-shipwreck-puzzle/view> and put it together with your family.

As you do the puzzle, talk about how you can serve others around just like Paul.

Prayer Time: Dear God, help me to serve you in my life. When I'm at school, at home, or anywhere I go! Amen