



JULY

W-3

July
18 & 19

Grades

1&2

I can trust God no matter what.

Trouble in Mind

Bible Story: Trouble in Mind (Paul Shipwrecked) • Acts 27:1—28:10

Memory Verse: God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. Ephesians 2:8

Life App: Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

WEEKLY ITEMS – see opposite page

OPENING ACTIVITY

Snaps and Claps Verse

[Hear from God | Memory Verse Review]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Gather the kids to stand in a circle. Look up and review Ephesians 2:8 together.
- Repeat the verse in short phrases, snapping or clapping twice after each phrase as written below:
"God's grace (*snap, snap*)
has saved (*clap, clap*)
you because (*snap, snap*)
of your faith, (*clap, clap*)
in Christ. (*snap, snap*)
Your salvation (*clap, clap*)
doesn't come (*snap, snap*)
from anything (*clap, clap*)
you do. (*snap, snap*)
It is (*clap, clap*)
God's gift." (*snap, snap*)
Ephesians 2:8 (*NIRV*)
- If time allows, repeat the verse with different motions. (*pat, pat, clap, clap or stomp, stomp, pat, pat, etc.*)

What You Say:

“God has made a way for us to be saved through Jesus! It’s not based on anything we do. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can know for sure that He is with us and that His plans are bigger and better than anything we could dream up on our own. That’s faith! No matter what problems we face, no matter what happens this week, we can remember that Jesus is with us! Because **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**”

Let’s watch the video and see how we can see our problems and make them less scary.

LESSON VIDEO

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BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY

Paul’s Crazy Adventure

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: “Dot to Dot Map” Activity Page, “Paul’s Journey Cards” Activity Page, pencils, and plastic magnifying glasses

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Dot to Dot Map,” a pencil, and a magnifying glass.
- Encourage the kids to draw a line to connect the dots on the page, following along with all the places Paul traveled on his journey to Rome.
- Pass out the “Paul’s Journey Cards” to volunteers to read in order to the group.
- As the cards are read, encourage the kids to look through their magnifying glasses as they trace the places mentioned with their fingers on the “Dot to Dot Map.”

What You Say:

“Paul’s travels were CRAZY! From Sidon to Cyprus to Crete to fourteen days caught in a storm to a shipwreck and a snake bite, Paul faced SO many problems along his journey. But to Paul it was ALL worth it. He wanted everyone to hear the good news about Jesus and he knew that nothing he faced was too big for God. God was with Paul through all those crazy ups and downs, and that promise is true for you and me. God promises to be with us, always. He might not take our problems away or fix them the way we want them to be fixed, but He CAN help us look at those problems differently. Remember, you can trust God no matter what, through every happy thing and every really hard thing. Because **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**”

[Make it Personal] (Tell the kids about a problem you faced this week. Select something that was more like a minor annoyance or an everyday problem that would bother most anyone. Remember to keep the example age appropriate. How did knowing that Jesus was with you change the way you faced that problem? Maybe you got stuck in traffic but you used the extra time in the car to listen to a sermon podcast or pray. Maybe you forgot your lunch at home but that allowed you to grab lunch with a coworker.)

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

I Got Problems

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Butcher paper, markers, masking tape

What You Do:

- Tape the butcher paper to a focal wall in your small group area or lay the butcher paper on the floor at one end of your space.

- Gather the kids on the opposite side of your space.
- Instruct the kids to think of one problem they've faced in the past whether big, small, significant, or trivial. Anything goes, as long as it's a problem!
- Call two kids at random to run to the wall and draw or write their problem on the page.
- Give them 30 seconds for each round.
- Once the 30 seconds are up, send the first two kids back and call on two more.
- Repeat until every kid has had a chance to add to the paper.
- Gather all of the kids around the butcher paper.

What You Say:

"You've listed or drawn a LOT of problems! Some of these problems are pretty big. Some of them might seem big, and some are just little things that get in our way. Either way, these problems are no match for Jesus. There isn't anything He can't handle. When we remember that Jesus is with us, it can change the way we face our problems! You are never alone, even when (*name some things they've listed on the page*) happen. You don't have to face any of these problems alone. Say it with me, **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**"

PRAY

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: Index cards, pencils

What You Do:

- Pass out an index card and a pencil to each kid.
- Instruct the kids to write down one current problem they're facing.
- Kids can write their names on the cards if they want to; you'll be the only one seeing them.
- After a few minutes, collect their cards.
- Explain that you will take the cards with you and pray for them this week.
- Close the group in prayer.

What You Say:

"Sometimes, we forget that we don't have to face our problems alone. Jesus is always with us. We can talk to Him about the things we're worried about and when we do, He can help us look at our problems differently. Because **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**

"Heavenly Father, we love You. Thank You for Jesus! Help us to follow Him this week and remind us that You are with us, always. When things are great and when things aren't so great, we know we can put our faith and trust in You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

VIDEO

Play the monthly worship video if you have time.

Or the "So and So" show that is shown to Grades 3 & 4.