



JULY

W-3

July
18 & 19

Grades

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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

GOD TIMES PAPER

God Times paper - Have the coloring page from the backside of the 'God Time' take home at the table. Connect with the children. They do not need to finish, as they can finish at home.

OPENING ACTIVITY

Smiley Face Flip

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Prepared paper plates, plastic spatulas or something similar (one per kid)

What You Do:

- Form two teams then have them stand on opposite sides of the room.
- Spread the paper plates out randomly on the floor between the two teams.
- Make sure there is an equal number of smiles and frowns facing up.
- Give one person on each team a plastic spatula.
- Tell one team their goal is to turn every plate smile-side up and the other team's goal is to turn them frown-side up.
- The only way they can flip the plates is with the spatula—no hands!
- At your signal, the kids with the spatulas run to the plates and flip over as many as possible for their team until you shout, "SWITCH!"
- At that point, they run back and another team member who continues the "Smiley Face Flip" until you give the SWITCH signal again. (Switch every 10 seconds.)
- After all of the kids have had at least one turn, stop the game and count the plates to determine the winner.
- If time allows, switch teams around and play again.

What You Say:

"We wear a smile when we're having a good day and feeling happy. But our smiles can get turned upside down very quickly when we face a problem, feel angry, disappointed, sad, or hurt. But because God loves us

SO MUCH, He brings good things out of bad days. **[Transition]** In the video we'll hear about a time when someone faced a huge problem that could have turned his smile into a frown, but it didn't. Let's find out what happened."

LESSON VIDEO

252 Story Week 3

Ask the children:

What did you see? What did you learn? (give 1 or 2 children a chance to respond)

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Seeing Things Differently

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: "Decotropes" cut-outs (Activity Page), wooden skewers, glue sticks, markers, tape

What You Do:

- Give each kid a skewer and one decotrope circle.
- Set out markers and let kids color the white areas of the circles using bright colors.
- Fold along the center dotted line.
- Tape skewer along inside at centerline.
- Glue the insides of the circles together.
- When glue is dry, help kids spin the skewer between their palms to create interesting visual effects.
- **[Make It Personal]** (As kids work, briefly tell a kid-appropriate story about a time when God helped you or someone you know see a problem differently. How did a not-so-great situation turn out okay?)

What You Say:

"When you spin a decotrope, you see the design differently. The circles don't look the same anymore, do they? Take your decotrope with you as you leave and show it to someone today. Spin it and say, **[Bottom Line]** 'Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.' When you're sad, mad, or scared, talk to God about it. Tell Him how you feel then ask Him to help you do what's right even if you don't feel like it at the time. Having faith means believing God is with you and watching you all the time even though you can't see Him. When problems don't go away, trust that God has a good plan and He will help you see things differently."

BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY

Don't Sink the Ship!

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery

What You Need: Bible, tub of water, foam bowl, towel, cups containing small objects

What You Do:

- Open the Bible to Acts 27 and ask a few questions to help the kids recall the story.
 - What were some of the problems Paul had? (*a bad storm, a shipwreck, being bitten by a snake, people who were sick*)
 - What were some good things God brought from those problems? (*people saw God's power, God sent an angel to tell Paul everything would be okay, God healed people, people believed in Jesus*)
- Set the tub of water on a towel and place the "boat" (foam bowl) in the water as you invite kids to gather around.
- Give each of the kids a cup containing the "cargo" items (small objects) to add to the "boat."

- Explain that you will read a statement.
 - If they think the statement accurately describes something in the Bible story, they can gently add one of their objects to the foam bowl being careful not to tip it.
 - If the statement is just a random comment and not about the story, they shouldn't add anything.
- Before you begin, let kids guess how many items they think it will take to shipwreck or sink the "boat" then see who comes the closest.
- Use the statements below or add others. If the bowl tips and sinks, retrieve the "cargo" then continue. Each time, challenge kids to guess how many "cargo" items it will take to sink the boat.
- Story Statements
 - God can help good come out of difficult problems.
 - Pizza tastes great!
 - An angel came to encourage Paul and help him understand God's plan.
 - Snakes are creepy.
 - The people on the island of Malta were kind to Paul and his companions.
 - Paul was a good swimmer.
 - When the storm hit, the sailors on the ship though they were going to die.
 - Paul was bitten by a snake.
 - God gave Paul amazing power to heal sick people who lived on the island of Malta.
 - The best thing about summer is ice cream.
 - Paul spent a lot of his life in prison for telling others about Jesus.
 - Paul is a good example of a follower of Jesus.
 - We can learn from Paul that God can use our problems for good.
 - Water is always wet.
 - Today's Bottom Line reminds us that **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**

What You Say:

"Let's talk about Paul for a minute. He had some wild adventures, didn't he? He was a prisoner, shipwrecked in a dangerous storm, hungry, cold, snake-bitten, hated, and alone. Those were some very big problems. But as we learned today, **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems**, and that was certainly true of Paul. He believed that God would bring something good from even his most difficult situation. He could have become discouraged but instead he chose to have faith that God was with him. He knew that God's plan, even when it was hard, was the best plan for his life. Through it all, God used Paul's life to help bring other people to Jesus."

PRAYER

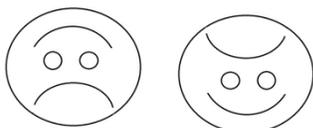
[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Index card, markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an index card and a marker.
- Show kids how to draw a reversible smiley face as shown below.



- Lead kids in the following conversation.
- Guide them in prayer to close out your group time.

What You Say:

(Ask kids to turn their cards to the sad face.) “Do problems happen to us? Yes, we all face problems. What are some problems we might have? *(Pause as kids give examples.)* Our feelings can get hurt; we or someone we love gets sick; something happens that makes us sad, mad, or confused. Sometimes we feel upset and we’re not sure WHY. We can always talk to God and He will understand. Let’s do that now. *(Pray about the problems they named earlier.)*

(Ask kids to turn their cards around so the smile faces them.) “Always remember that God loves you and will help you. He has good plans and will work them out through even your toughest problems. So, don’t forget, **[Bottom Line] knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.**” *(Pray, thanking God for helping us through our problems and always being with us.)*

WORSHIP VIDEO - Play the worship video if you have time. Music Video of the month.