

Dates: August 8-9, 2020

Bible Passage: God Calls Us to Life with Him (Acts 27)

Activity 1 Supplies: Lined paper & envelope (*one per child*), pencils, crayons

Activity 2 Supplies: Music CD/player, ball

2-4 SMALL GROUP

SECTION

Children respond to what the Holy Spirit is teaching them as they reflect on the day's portion of The Big God Story, engage in relationship, and create meaningful pieces of art individually or together.

Reflect: God Calls Us to Life with Him

Encourage the kids to open their Bibles to the book of Hebrews, chapter 11

Questions for Older Kids

- **What is faith?** Hebrews 11:1
- **What is something you've done that required faith?**
- **Was following God easy or difficult for Paul? Why?** Acts 9:16
- **What are some of the things that happened to Paul as he followed God's call to tell the world about Jesus?** Acts 27:23–26; 28:1, 11, 16, 30
- **Why do you think Paul encouraged the Romans to live their lives as "living sacrifices"?** Romans 12:1
- **Why was Paul telling everyone about Jesus?** Romans 1:16
- **What do you feel like God might be calling you to step out in faith and do?**

Engage:

Activity 1: Letters

SUPPLIES: *Lined paper, envelope, pen/pencil (1 per child), crayons*

Jesus turned Paul's whole life around. From the day Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus and throughout all of Paul's journeys and challenges, God was in Paul's life. God led Paul through some pretty crazy experiences, and Paul responded with faith, following God's call to tell people about Jesus Christ.

Invite your child to take a sheet of paper, an envelope, and a writing utensil and write a letter explaining the good news of Jesus Christ dying on the cross to pay for our sins and rising from the dead.

If the child can think of specific people they want to write to, invite them to do so. If not, encourage them to write the letters as if they plan to give them to people who don't know Jesus.

They can also draw pictures and decorate their letters to help show how Jesus has changed their lives.

Activity 2 Memory Verse Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: *Music CD, player, ball or object to pass to each other*

As a member of God's family, it is important that we know His word so that we can share it with others. That is why each week we will do a Memory Verse activity to help you learn a verse from the Bible.

Today we will be playing *Hot Potato* to help us memorize our verse. You will begin to gently pass the ball (or object) when I start the music on the CD player. Whoever is holding the ball when the music stops, will get a chance to say our memory verse and earn a Kids Cash.

Give a child the ball and hit play for the music to start when you are ready for the game to begin. Encourage them to try saying the verse even if they only know part of it!

Memory Verse:

**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven
given to mankind by which we must be saved.
Acts 4:12**

Bless:

Encourage your child to hold their hands in front of them, palms up. Then open a Bible and read Ephesians 1:3–4:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

May you live by faith as you walk with God. May you see how God wants to use you to grow His kingdom and help others live in their new identity.

