



# 3RD - 5TH

35-3  
Paul Sent  
To Rome



## CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **Have you ever wanted to do something so much that you were willing to do whatever it took to do it? Why?**



## YOU BE THE JUDGE

**Start by 9:20/10:45**

Before the session, write different statements on individual index cards such as the earth is the largest planet, Moses delivered Israel from Egypt, cows produce milk, bananas are pink, and so on. Create a card for each kid. Then place all the cards in a paper bag.

Form kids into two teams. Invite kids one at a time to draw a card from the bag. Tell kids they will be the "judge" and will need to determine if what is stated on the card is true or false. Tell kids that if they guess correctly, they earn a point for their team. Repeat until all kids from both teams have had an opportunity to be the "judge." The team with the most points wins.

**People don't always make very good judges. In fact, our story today teaches us that certain rulers, kings, and Jewish leaders didn't always judge Paul rightly as he shared about Jesus. Thankfully, we do have a good and righteous Judge. Let's get ready to hear how Paul taught about the one true Judge and how He saves all who trust in Him.**

**START BY**  
**9:30/10:55**

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



**LARGE GROUP**

# SMALL GROUP



## BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to Acts 26.

- Explain that while Paul didn't write Acts (Luke did), much of Acts focuses on Paul's life as a missionary. Remind kids that Paul was called by God to preach the gospel to Jews, Gentiles, and even kings.
- Choose a volunteer to read aloud Acts 26:28-29.

**While defending himself before King Agrippa, Paul shared his testimony of how Jesus saved him. He desired that everyone, even King Agrippa, hear the good news of Jesus and experience the forgiveness only Jesus can give. This is a reflection of God's heart for people. When we share the good news, we are showing people the love of Jesus and displaying our love for God.**



## DISCUSSION

- **Paul shared the gospel with his enemies and even those in authority over him. Would this be difficult for you? Why?** Paul's boldness and love for others came from the Holy Spirit within him. The grace of God had changed Paul and allowed him to see that anyone, even our enemies, can be saved. Paul was once an enemy of the church, but now risked his life for Jesus. (Option: read 2 Tim. 1:7-9.)
- **Felix was afraid when he heard God was going to judge the world. Do we need to fear God's judgment if we are in Christ?** There is no condemnation or punishment for those who are in Christ. Jesus took our punishment on Himself when He died on the cross. We are set free from the law of sin and death. (Option: read Rom. 8:1-2.)
- **Paul met with Felix over and over again and shared the gospel. Should we ever give up sharing Jesus with others? Why?** We should continue to share the good news because it is the only way for people to be saved. We cannot make people believe, but we can trust God to work in people's hearts as they hear the truth about Jesus. (Option: read 2 Cor. 3:12.)



## SEEK THE LOST

Invite kids to take off one of their shoes and toss it in a pile. Tell kids to close their eyes. While the kids' eyes are closed, choose one shoe and place a red sticker on its sole. Bury the shoe back in the pile. Then lead kids to open their eyes and on your start, direct them to search for the shoe with the red sticker. Award a point to whoever finds the shoe. Repeat as time allows, challenging kids to be the first to find the shoe.

Then read Matthew 9:35-38 and Luke 15:4-6. Discuss how Jesus is the Shepherd who has compassion on those who are lost. Point out that in Acts 26:28-29, Paul displayed the heart of Jesus for those who are not saved.

**You all searched for the shoe with the red sticker and were excited when you found it. Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost in their sin. When we follow His example, like Paul did, we display a heart that has been changed by God's grace.**



**Key Passage:** *Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness. Isaiah 25:1*



**Big Picture Question:** *Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for what He has done to provide our salvation and because He will one day make all things right.*



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.  
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.