



# 3RD - 5TH

35-5  
Paul Preached  
In Rome



## CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: **If people came to you and asked you to teach them something, what would you teach them? Why?**



## TELL ME

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

Form kids into pairs and give each pair an index card. Tell kids not to look at their card. Direct pairs to hold their card to their forehead and take turns telling each other hints about what is on their partner's card. Kids may say "your card is a person" or "your card is a type of book." Allow pairs to continue telling each other hints until they have guessed the word on their card correctly. If time allows, lead pairs to swap cards with another pair and play again.

**You all had to tell each other truths about your cards so you could know the words on your cards. Today, we will see how some people came to Paul and wanted him to tell them what he believed. Let's get ready to learn how Paul told them the truth about Jesus.**

**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 28.

- Share that while Paul was under house arrest in Rome, he wrote the letters Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Invite kids to find these books in their Bibles.
- Choose a volunteer to read aloud Acts 28:23.

**While Paul couldn't go freely under house arrest, he didn't let that stop him from sharing about Jesus. Instead, he invited others to come to him—including the Jewish leaders. He used the Scriptures to show people the truth about Jesus.**

**Like Paul, we can use the Bible to help others know and trust in Jesus. The main message of the Bible, in both the Old and New Testament, is how Jesus saves people from their sins.**



## DISCUSSION

- **Why is knowing and studying God's Word important?** When we read and learn from the Bible, we discover more about who God is and how He saves us. Knowing what the Bible says helps us tell others about Jesus in a clear way. The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to help people see their sin and believe in Jesus. (Option read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.)
- **Is sharing the gospel always comfortable? Why?** Discuss how people may think we are crazy or strange when we share our faith, but even so, we must share the gospel. We should not be concerned with pleasing people but with pleasing God. (Option read Galatians 1:10.)
- **Those who believed in Jesus were filled with joy and hope. How has Jesus filled you with joy and hope?** Answers will vary. Remind kids that Jesus has saved us and gives us the promise of forever life with Him. Even when life is hard, we can still have joy and hope because we trust in God and know His promises are true. (Option read Romans 15:13.)



## PAUL'S LIFE SKITS

Form kids into groups of three or four. Tell kids to think about the life of Paul, from his life before he met Jesus to his life after he met Jesus. Consider reviewing past Bible stories about Paul or giving kids Bible references to look up. Invite groups to choose one story from Paul's life to act out in front of the entire group. For example, kids may choose to act out his conversion, his shipwreck, or when he preached to the people in Athens. Allow kids a few minutes to brainstorm their ideas and practice their skits. Then encourage groups to share their skits with everyone.

**God worked through the apostle Paul to share the good news about Jesus with many people. Paul was willing to risk his life and let go of his comforts so that people could hear the gospel. Eventually, it is believed that Paul was killed for his faith in Jesus. But one truth is certain: Paul was not ashamed of the gospel, and he rejoices now in the presence of His Savior and Lord.**



**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.