



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.

Week 28: February 16, 2025

Bible Story Point: Paul followed God’s plan and returned to Jerusalem even though he faced danger in the city.

Key Passage: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Paul Returned to Jerusalem (Acts 21-22)

Acts 21 and 22 serve to build out the suspense of the troubles ahead that lay Paul in the city of Jerusalem. Not only Paul, but other disciples had likewise heard from the Holy Spirit that dangers lay ahead of him should he continue his plans for the journey ahead. Even still, the apostle ventured on, leaning into the high stakes and emotions felt by so many of his brothers and sisters in the faith.

What led Paul to set aside the warnings he had received about all that awaited him upon his return to Jerusalem? What guiding forces ushered this apostle forward as he considered the fate in store for him?

Paul displayed an unwavering trust and abiding hope in Jesus as he counted the cost of following Him. His answer to the pleadings of Agabus and the locals was that he was ready to sacrifice everything for the name of His Lord Jesus. His conviction on the matter of going forward with his plans was so strong, in fact, that the people’s response could only be to have faith that the Lord’s will would be done. Paul didn’t care about reputation, status, or prestige—only Christ crucified and His name proclaimed to the Jews and Gentiles alike.

Even the apostle’s defense to the mob in Jerusalem was deeply steeped in the grace of Jesus. He sought not to simply get himself out of trouble, but to declare the worthiness of His Lord before an audience who only wanted to see him dead. He shared with them all they had in common and the one thing that kept them distinct and separate from one another: faith in the Son of God. He was driven by a hope that they would turn to saving faith in Him, too.

Reflect on the evidence of Paul’s faith before his fellow disciples and those who were unbelievers. No one questioned his confidence in the Father, no matter the cost. Pray for the hearts of your kids as you guide them to faithfully follow God’s plans for your family. May your faith grow and be displayed before those God has set before you. May they see and experience the worthiness of His love through your devotion and fervor for His gospel.

- Where did Paul stay for 7 days as he journeyed to Jerusalem? Caesarea
- Who came to visit Paul in Caesarea? Agabus, a prophet
- What did he tell Paul? He would be bound and arrested
- What happened when Paul went to Jerusalem? Paul was bound and arrested.
- Is Paul a Jew or a Roman? Both, Born a Roman citizen but was a Jew as well.
- What has God taught Paul? To trust god no matter what.
- What difficulties do you face as a believer in Jesus?
- How is God guiding you as you count the cost of following Jesus in your life?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for giving you leaders to help you grow in your faith. Ask God to help you examine the cost of following Him and what will grow your faith in Him.

Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for February 19 Awana Awards at 7:15 in the Gym

Cubbies: Bear Hug 18 Matthew 1:21 "Give us this day our daily bread."

Sparks:

Hang Glider – Green Jewel 3:4, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude, Revelation.

Wing Runner – Red Jewel 3.1 & 3.2 – How many Books are in the Bible? AND Old Testament Part 1 – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

Sky Stormers – Red Jewel 3.2, 3.3 & 3.4; Say the New Testament in order; Colossians 4:2, Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; and say The Old Testament in order.

T & T's: – 3.5 Jesus Wants us to Follow Him

1 John 2:6, Whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, February 23

Paul's Mission to Rome (Acts 22-23)

- Who rescued Paul from the angry crowd in Jerusalem? Roman Soldiers
- What did Paul do when he spoke in front of the religious leaders? Made them realize the differences between the religious leaders.
- Once again, what did the Roman soldiers do? Kept Paul safe
- What did God tell Paul that night? I'm sending you to Rome to share the Gospel

Upcoming Activities:

February 16-TODAY!!	Preschool Leaders Appreciation Lunch and Training—Noon in the Gym
February 17	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
February 18	Good News Club (Tuesdays 2:45 - 4:15 through March 5)
February 13	Pickleball and Walking Thursday Nights 6—8
February 20—28	Our Calling Mission Trip
February 21	Youth Spud Night
February 20	Legacy Conference
March 2	VBS Directors Meeting 4:00 in Castle
March 10—14	Spring Break
March 16	Candy & Plastic Egg donations begin for Easter Egg Hunt
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt 10AM @ Acton Place Park
April 17	Wee School Spring Sing 6PM
April 18	The Seder Celebration 6PM
April 20	Easter

