



JULY 2020 • Week 2

K-3 Parent Guide

BIBLE STORY

Paul in Athens/
Unknown God
Acts 17:16-34

MEMORY VERSE

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you because of your
faith in Christ. Your
salvation doesn't come
from anything you do.
It is God's gift.
Ephesians 2:8 (NIRV)*

LIFE APP

Faith

Trusting in what you
can't see because of
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BOTTOM LINE

You can help others
know Jesus.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others
the way I want to be
treated.

ACTIVITY: MACARONI REVIEW

WHAT YOU NEED: Macaroni or other small pasta

WHAT YOU DO:

Give each of the kids two pieces of pasta. Explain that you will ask a question about today's Bible story. If they think the answer is YES, have them put two pieces of pasta in front of them. If they think the answer is NO, have them put down only one piece.

Use the questions listed below or add others you come up with. After each question, give kids an opportunity to explain their choice and share what they remember from that part of the story.

Did everyone Paul told about Jesus believe in Him? (No)
Did Paul and his friends ever have to leave a city because the people didn't want them to tell others about Jesus? (Yes)
Does God love people only if they believe in Him? (No)
Did Paul tell the people of Athens that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead? (Yes)
Did Paul talk about Jesus to a man named Dionysius? (Yes)
Did Dionysius become a Jesus follower? (Yes)
Do we tell people about Jesus to help them smell better? (No)
Are there people you can tell about Jesus? (Yes)

Set out more pasta (about 12 pieces for each kid) then direct kids to create shapes as described in "What You Say."

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Use your pieces of pasta to make the shape of a stick person. (*Demonstrate as needed then continue as kids work.*) The Bible tells us that God loves all people everywhere. That means EVERYONE. Short, tall, large, small; God made each person who lives and He wants us to know how to be His friend forever. That's why He sent His Son, Jesus, to Earth. Rearrange your pasta pieces to make the shape of a cross. (*Demonstrate as needed then continue as kids work.*) Jesus came to Earth long ago and showed us how to know and follow God. When He died on the cross, He took the punishment we deserve for all the bad things we have done. He didn't stay dead, though. He came back to life and lives in heaven with God. Rearrange your pasta pieces into the shape of a heart. (*Demonstrate as needed then continue as kids work.*) Who do you know that you can tell about God's love and share the story of Jesus? Remember, **[Bottom Line] you can help others know Jesus.**"



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GOSPEL MOMENT

Jesus is the answer for everyone! He's the One God sent to be our Savior—our Rescuer. Jesus made a way for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever.

When Paul was in Athens, he used an altar to an unknown god to share the message of Jesus with the people. He spoke about things that the people were talking and thinking about already, to try to help them understand who Jesus is. **[Bottom Line]** **"You can help others know Jesus"**—just like Paul did. Just be real and talk in a way they can understand. You can explain what a difference Jesus has made in your life, or how He's changed your family for the better. What you say is important. But remember, helping others know Jesus isn't just in what you say; it's also in what you do.

You see, one of the reasons God sent Jesus is to show us what HE is like. We can help others know Jesus by the way we live, and the way we **[Basic Truth]** **treat others the way we want to be treated.** When we treat people with love, respect, and kindness, they can see the love of Jesus through us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In our story today, where was Paul headed? (*Athens*)
2. Why was Paul going to Athens? (*To tell the people there about Jesus*)
3. Does God want us to follow Paul's example and tell others about Jesus? (*Yes! God wants us to lead people to Him just like we did through the obstacle course earlier. He wants us to tell others how to get to Him.*)
4. How can we tell others about Jesus?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus! We are so thankful that You are not an unknown God to us! You've given us Your Word and You sent Jesus. We want everyone around us to know just how much You love them, too. Give us the courage like Paul to tell others about You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.