July 15, 2018 God's Plan for Paul

Bible Story Focus: Paul's Joy in Prison Philippians 1:12-30 Key Passage: Philippians 1:21 Main Point: God is always with us.

Story Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

What You Do: Introduce the story

While Paul was in jail in Rome, he wrote many letters to the churches that he had started on his trips. Paul had good news for the church in Philippi. Paul wrote, "I wanted you to know that God is using me in jail to tell people about Jesus. Even the guards have heard about Jesus! I will praise God for the chance to tell people about Jesus even in jail. Whether I live or die, it's all about Jesus. If I live, it means I get to tell more people about Jesus' love. If I die, then I get to be with Jesus! Live for Jesus, even suffer for Him. This is God's good plan!"

PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Check diapers and serve snack.

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

1. WORK AS A TEAM

What you need: A Parachute or bedsheet

What you do: Provide a parachute or a bedsheet for toddlers to hold onto together. Make waves with the sheet. Briefly review the story.

What you SAY: You made waves with your friends. Paul was happy to tell about Jesus. Paul trusted God's plan. GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.