June 24, 2018 God's Plan for Paul

Bible Story Focus: The Plan to Stop Paul

Acts 23

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

God chose Paul to tell people about Jesus. Some people did not like Paul, and they had a plan to stop him. People put Paul in jail. Jesus appeared to Paul and said, "Have courage! You must tell people about Me in Rome." The next day, the men who wanted to hurt Paul made a bad plan. Paul's nephew heard their plan and ran to the jail. The commander asked the boy what was wrong. The boy said, "The Jews want you to bring Paul to the council tomorrow, but it is a trap!" The commander summoned two soldiers and said, "Get many soldiers and horses. Take Paul to Felix the governor to keep him safe." God kept Paul safe so he could tell people about Jesus.

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. MAKE CHAIN ART

What you need – Paper, Empty bath tissue rolls, washable paint or ink pads and plates if using paint.

What you do - Provide paper; and clean, empty bath tissue rolls for toddlers. Pour washable paint onto foam plates. Show toddlers how to dip the ends of the roll into the paint, then press it onto the paper. Help toddlers overlap the circles to make chains. Put the Main Point label on each toddler's artwork and set it aside to dry.

What you SAY- God kept Paul safe so he could do God's plan even when he was in chains. GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US, and He will always help us do His plan!