

Journeys for Jesus

Paul's journey and trials Acts 13-14; 16; 20-21; 25; 27-28



Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- **What did Paul believe God wanted him to do?** (tell the Gentiles about Jesus)
- What happened to Paul after he was unfairly arrested? (He was shipwrecked on his journeyed to Rome. Then he lived in Rome as a prisoner.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Paul knew that God wanted him to spread the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. He was committed to do this, even when he was a prisoner in chains. Nothing could stop God from using Paul to fulfill His purpose, and nothing could stop Paul from obeying God's plan for his life.



Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

God used Paul's time in prison to inspire Paul to write some of the books of the Bible. God can use the hard times we go through in our lives today to fulfill His plan for us.



For the next two years (raise two fingers), Paul lived in Rome (bring fingertips together above your head) at his own expense. He welcomed (smile and wave) all who visited him, boldly proclaiming (cup hands around your mouth) the Kingdom of God (point both hands up) and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ (touch your middle finger to the other palm, then switch). And no one (shake head) tried to stop him (stretch arm forward with hand out). Acts 28:30-31 (NLT)



Dear God,

It is amazing to know that nothing can stop the plan You have for my life. When I feel stuck or worried, help me to remember that You are always in control. Amen.

