

BRING IT HOME



Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel. Our desire is to see families use this resource as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19

UNIT 35: PAUL'S MISSION TO ROME

After three missionary journeys on which God used Paul to plant many churches and see many people trust in Christ, Paul returned to Jerusalem where he was arrested. Paul would eventually be sent to Rome as a prisoner, but this did not stop him from doing everything he could to preach the gospel and make much of Jesus.

**BIG
PICTURE
QUESTION**

Why should we praise Jesus?

Our mission is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**KEY
PASSAGE:**

Isaiah 25:1

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

June 23 | Session 1:
PAUL RETURNED TO JERUSALEM | ACTS 21-22

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul followed God's plan and returned to Jerusalem even though he faced danger in the city. Paul believed that God, who was faithful to raise Jesus from the dead, would help him in his troubles. We can follow God's plan to tell others about Jesus and trust God to take care of us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How does knowing God has a plan help you face hard situations?

How can trusting God's plan give you strength for those situations?



FAMILY ACTIVITY: Talk as a family about different ways you can share the gospel with others. Practice using gospel tracts, personal testimonies, or other evangelism methods. Then pray for God to present opportunities for your family to share the good news about Jesus with boldness.

June 30 | Session 2:
PAUL WAS IN TRIAL | ACTS 22-23

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul trusted God and believed that God, who showed His love for the world by sending His Son to die on the cross and rise again, would use the danger Paul faced to get Paul to Rome. We too can risk everything to share the gospel with courage because we know that God loves us and will care for us.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How can we be reminded that God loves us and cares for us?

How can we use the promises God makes to help us in hard times?



FAMILY ACTIVITY: As a family, put together a jigsaw puzzle. As you work on the puzzle, talk about how Paul's life and other Bible stories remind us of God's faithfulness to work all things according to His plan. Remind one another that God is working His plan in your lives for His glory.

July 7 | Session 3: **PAUL WAS SENT TO ROME** | ACTS 24-26

CHRIST CONNECTION: God chose Paul to take the gospel to Gentiles, kings, and the Israelites. Paul met with people again and again to tell the good news about Jesus. He wanted everyone to believe that Jesus is Lord. Because Jesus has the power to save people from sin, Paul was willing to do whatever it took to share the gospel.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why is the gospel the most important news to share?
What should we do if others make fun of us or are mean to us for sharing the gospel?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Set aside some time to pray for local and national government leaders. Consider mailing an encouraging card to their office to share that your family has prayed for them and the work they're doing. Remind kids that one way to honor God is to pray for people He has placed in positions of authority.

July 14 | Session 4: **PAUL WENT TO ROME** | ACTS 27-28

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul trusted God to keep His promise to rescue him from the storm. He encouraged the sailors to trust and obey God too. God calls us to trust in His Son, Jesus, who died to rescue us from sin and death, and to invite others to believe this good news as well.



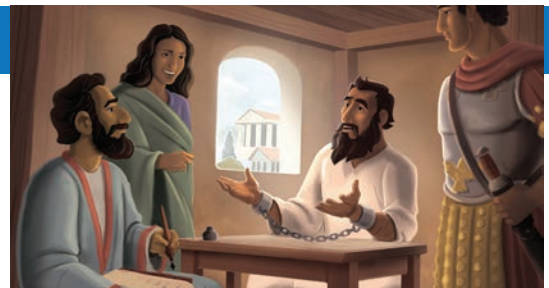
FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How does it make you feel to know that God is always in control and that He cares for you?
Why can God always be trusted, even in hard times?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Invite each family member to create a boat from aluminum foil. Fill a large bucket or sink with water to test the buoyancy of each boat. Discuss how scary Paul's shipwreck must have been. Remind kids that Paul trusted God because he knew God always keeps His promises.

July 21 | Session 5: **PAUL PREACHED IN ROME** | ACTS 28

CHRIST CONNECTION: Being a prisoner in Rome did not stop Paul from sharing his faith. He continued to share the gospel even when people disagreed. The message about Jesus seems foolish to some, but everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Are you ever shy or afraid to share the gospel? Why?
How does Paul's preaching the gospel, even in prison, give us an example to follow?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Research a ministry that works to share Jesus with incarcerated populations. Discuss as a family how God used Paul's time in prison to help others believe in Jesus. Pray that God would work through the ministry to help others trust in Jesus as their Savior.

July 28 | Session 6: **BIG PICTURE SESSION**
WE ARE TO MAKE OF MUCH OF JESUS / 1 THESSALONIANS 4-5

CHRIST CONNECTION: Christians have a special purpose to spread the good news of Jesus and to live in a way that honors Him. We live holy lives, loving one another and finding joy in Jesus as we remember God's promise to one day return and make all things right.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How does Jesus' love for you encourage you to love Him?
How can your love for others point them to Jesus?
How does loving others glorify Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Create a "Family Hug" time for each night this week. Take a few minutes to share how much you love one another, giving specific reasons why you love each person. Give each other hugs and remind kids that we are called to love one another because Jesus has first loved us.