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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.
Isaiah 25:1

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 35 • Session 1

PAUL RETURNED TO JERUSALEM

Acts 21-22

WHY SHOULD WE PRAISE JESUS?

WE SHOULD PRAISE JESUS FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE TO PROVIDE OUR SALVATION AND BECAUSE HE WILL ONE DAY MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT.

As Paul traveled, he visited with Christians. In the city of Caesarea, a man named Agabus visited Paul. Agabus asked to borrow Paul's belt. He tied to belt around his own hands and feet. Then he said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'This is how the Jews in Jerusalem will tie up the man who owns this belt.'" Paul's friends begged him not to go to Jerusalem, but Paul said, "I am ready to die for the name of Jesus."

When Paul arrived in Jerusalem, Paul began to share what God had done among the Gentiles. People from other nations had trusted in Jesus! Thousands of Jews in the city had become Christians too. That was good news, but Jewish Christians were upset because they had heard things about Paul that weren't true.

One day, Paul went into the temple. When some Jews saw him there, they caused a big commotion. A crowd grabbed Paul. As the crowd was trying to kill Paul, the Roman commander in the city hurried to figure out what was going on. The commander decided to take Paul somewhere safe. Before he left, Paul asked to speak to the crowd. Paul said that God sent him to tell the Gentiles about Jesus. This made them angry. They didn't like the Gentiles. The soldiers took Paul indoors. Paul told them he was a Roman citizen. The soldiers had to take good care of Paul until he could have a fair trial.

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.

My child has completed the Christ Connection on his/her own and has discussed it with me:

Parent Signature: _____