

CITY SG July 15-17, 2023

Due to summer scheduling, these activities can be done in small groups or in one large group.

1. Yes/No Review

What You Need: “Yes/No Questions” Activity Page (1per bin)

What You Do:

- Ask the kids to stand up in the middle of your space.
- Tell them you will ask some yes/no questions to review the Bible story.
- Instruct them to go to one side of your space if they think the answer is “yes” and the other side if they think the answer is “no”.
- After you’ve asked all of the questions, have the kids sit down and ask a few more questions:
 - What were some of the bad things Paul experienced? (*Imprisoned, falsely accused, shipwrecked, bitten by a snake, etc.*)
 - What did Paul continue to do despite being imprisoned, falsely accused, shipwrecked, and bitten by a snake? (*Trusted God, prayed, gave advice, talked about God, healed, etc.*)
 - Do you think you would have been able to do what Paul did? (*Invite responses.*)
 - What do you think gave Paul the courage and strength to continue to share God’s love with others? (*he had faith, he trusted God, he knew he was with him, etc.*)

2. Bad Scenarios Group Activity

What You Need: “Bad Scenarios” Cards (cut and in baggies, 2 per bin) large paper, and markers

What You Do:

- Divide your group into groups of 2-4 kids depending on the size.
- Give each group a “Bad Scenarios” card, a piece of paper, and markers.
- Instruct each team—or if they prefer, each kid—to illustrate their idea of the assigned scenario on a section of the butcher paper.
- After teams have completed their drawings, invite them to present their scenarios to the entire group.
- After each team has presented their scenario, together as a group, brainstorm ways God can help them through each difficult situation.
- Ask, “What are some things you can do to help you face a bad situation?” (*You can pray, talk to adults you trust, listen to encouraging music, do things you enjoy, etc*)
- Remind them that The most important thing to remember is that **when bad things happen, God is with you.**

3. Memory Verse Review

What You Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Remind the kids of this month's memory verse and say it together a few times, "*God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift.*" Ephesians 2:8 (NIRV)
- Encourage kids to tell you action words like jogging, skipping, hopping, marching, etc.
- Make a note of a few of the words they said.
- Tell kids to stand up. You call out one of the prompts they said below, adding the "action" to the blank.
- Lead the kids to say the verse in that way.
- Prompts: Say the verse . . .
 - quickly while [action word].
 - as you shout while [action word].
 - in a whisper while [action word].
 - in an opera voice while [action word].
 - in slow motion as you [action word].

4. Pray

- "God, thank You for Paul's story and for reminding us how we can trust in You. Thank You that when we face these scenarios in front of us, and more, You promise to always be with us. I know many of us are facing different things in this upcoming week—some happy and exciting, some that make us nervous and anxious. Help us remember Your promise that **when bad things happen, God is with you**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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