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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 35

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UNIT 35: PAUL'S MISSION TO ROME

Session 1: Paul Returned to Jerusalem Acts 21-22



Sunday, June 30

Why should
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Jesus?

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 25:1

"Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness."

Session 1 Monday



Before you read...

- ▶ Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about the apostle Paul. Paul was a faithful servant of God who traveled and shared the gospel. This week, we will learn that Paul followed God's plan for his life even when he knew danger awaited him in the city of Jerusalem.
- ▶ We will begin reading in Acts 21 when Paul and his companions were returning from their third missionary journey. They were traveling towards Jerusalem and stopping to visit believers along the way.



Read Acts 21:7-14

- ▶ What did the prophet Agabus say would happen to Paul in Jerusalem?

- ▶ How did Paul respond to this news?

- ▶ Why do you think Paul was so confident?



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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the prophet Agabus told Paul he would be tied up and handed over to the Gentiles in Jerusalem. But Paul was confident in God's protection and plan for him.



Read Acts 21:17-25

- ▶ There were many Jews who believed in Jesus, but were still zealous for the Old Testament Law. What did they say Paul taught people to do in verse 21?

- ▶ What advice did these people give Paul in verse 24 to show that he still obeyed the Old Testament Law?

- ▶ This question will test your memory. Do Christ followers still have to follow all of the Old Testament Laws? Why or why not?

Session 1 Wednesday



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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that many Jews who believed in Jesus thought they still needed to follow the Old Testament Laws. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice to fulfill all of the Laws. Christ followers do not have to obey all of the Laws, they only must believe in Jesus.



Read Acts 21:27-32

- ▶ What did the crowd shout about Paul?

- ▶ What was the crowd trying to do to Paul?

- ▶ Who stopped the crowd from rioting against Paul?



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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that there was a large crowd in Jerusalem who was against Paul and trying to kill him. The Roman commander saw that the whole city was in an uproar and stopped the crowd from rioting against Paul.



Read Acts 21:33-39

- ▶ What did the commander do with Paul?

- ▶ What did Paul ask the commander to be able to do?

- ▶ What do you think Paul will say?

Session 1 Friday



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Roman commander arrested Paul and carried him away from the crowd. But, Paul requested to speak to the people. We are going to skip Paul's speech. He tells the story of how he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. We read this a few weeks ago. You can read his account here again, if you want to in Acts 22:1-21. Paul tells the people that God sent him to tell the Gentiles about Jesus. This made the people very angry because they hated the Gentiles.



Read Acts 22:22-29

- ▶ What did the commander order to happen to Paul?

- ▶ What caused the Roman soldiers to stop before they flogged Paul?

- ▶ Being a Roman citizen was a really important status. Because Paul was a Roman citizen, that meant he deserved a fair trial. God knew all along that Paul needed to be a Roman citizen in order to fulfill the plan God had for him. God's plan for each of us is so unique and specific! What special thing can only you do for God in your family, neighborhood, or school?

Paul was in Jerusalem.

He was _____

_____ of teaching the wrong things and defiling

the temple. He was _____ from the temple,

_____ and _____

He _____ to the people about his life and how he

_____ because of Jesus. He was

_____ before the Sanhedrin. He said he had

_____ his duty to God. He said

he was _____ because of his hope in the resurrection of the dead. His statement _____

_____ a violent dispute between the Sadducees and the Pharisees.



Use the code to fill in the blanks.

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J K L	M N O	P Q R
○○○	○○○	○○
S T U	V W X	Y Z

Add and subtract to find the missing words.

- ① - AT + - CHCH + - C = _____
- ② - NT + - AR + - KNE + - P + D = _____
- ③ - T + - G + - NDA + - LAF + - OUSE = _____
- ④ - E + - UMP + - GT + - KE = _____
- ⑤ - PE + - OOS = _____

The Lord said to Paul, "Take ① _____! As you have ② _____ about Me in ③ _____, so you must also ④ _____ in ⑤ _____."

UNIT 35: PAUL'S MISSION TO ROME

Session 2: Paul Was On Trial Acts 23



Sunday, July 7

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 25:1

"Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness."



Before you read...

- ▶ Let's take a moment to remember the different events in the life of Paul. First, Paul was a Pharisee who hurt Christians and put them in jail. But then, Paul had an amazing encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul was saved and became a Christian! Next, God called Paul to become a missionary. We learned about Paul's missionary journeys and how he told Jews and Gentiles about Jesus. During his missionary travels, he also started many churches. Last week, we saw how Paul traveled back to Jerusalem and was arrested. This week, we'll see what happened to Paul as he was on trial.



Read Acts 22:30-23:5

- ▶ What did Paul tell the Sanhedrin?

- ▶ What did the high priest order to be done to Paul?

- ▶ Why were they so angry with Paul? (Look back at last week to help you remember.)

Session 2 Tuesday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about what happened to Paul when he was on trial in Jerusalem.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul was brought before the chief priests and all of the Sanhedrin and told them that he had fulfilled his duty to God in all good conscience.



Read Acts 23:6-11

- ▶ What is the difference between what the Pharisees believed and what the Sadducees believed?

- ▶ What did the commander think might happen to Paul during the dispute?

- ▶ What did the Lord tell Paul?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about what happened to Paul when he was on trial in Jerusalem.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul caused a dispute between the Pharisees and the Sadducees whether the resurrection is true. The commander was afraid Paul would be harmed, so he put Paul in jail. The Lord told Paul to have courage to testify about God in Rome.



Read Acts 23:12-22

- ▶ What did the Jews decide to do to Paul?

- ▶ Who overheard the Jews' plan?

- ▶ What do you think will happen to Paul?

Session 2 Thursday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about what happened to Paul when he was on trial in Jerusalem.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Jews were planning to ambush Paul and kill him when he was brought before the Sanhedrin again. But, Paul's nephew overheard and told the Roman commander about the Jews' plan.



Read Acts 23:23-30

- ▶ Where did the Roman commander send Paul?

- ▶ Did the Roman commander think that Paul deserved death or imprisonment?

- ▶ The Roman commander was not a Jew or a Christ follower, yet God was using him to help Paul get to Rome to preach the good news about Jesus. Who can God use to teach others about Him?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about what happened to Paul when he was on trial in Jerusalem.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul was sent to Caesarea to meet Governor Felix. The Roman commander did not think Paul had committed any crime that deserved imprisonment or death.



Read Acts 23:31-35

- ▶ Who did the soldiers take Paul to?

- ▶ When did the governor say he would hear Paul's case?

- ▶ How long do you think it will take Paul's accusers to get to Caesarea?

The Plot to Kill Paul
Acts 23

Who Says?

Read about the plot to kill Paul in Acts 23:1-12, 16-24, 31. Who said or who might have said these things? Put your answers on the spaces provided. Then use the numbered letters to solve the puzzle in the box.

Paul said,
"I am a _____."
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
I stand on trial because of my hope in the resurrection of the dead."

- "Strike Paul on the mouth!" _____
5
- "I did not realize that he was the high priest." _____
1
- "There is no resurrection!" _____
3
- "I'm afraid for Paul. Take him to the barracks." _____
4
- "You must testify about me in Rome." _____
7
- "We will not eat or drink until we kill Paul." _____
6
- "More than forty men are waiting to kill Paul." _____
2
- "Paul asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you." _____
8



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|---------------|-----------|
| Ananias | Paul |
| Sadducees | commander |
| the Lord | the Jews |
| Paul's nephew | centurion |
| Pharisee | |

UNIT 35: THE CHURCH GOES

Session 3: Paul Was Sent to Rome Acts 24-26



Sunday, July 14

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Session 3 Monday



Before you read...

- ▶ A couple of weeks ago, we learned that Paul was arrested in Jerusalem because the Jewish leaders lied about him. But God was with Paul and protected him. Even when the Jewish leaders planned to kill Paul, God helped Paul safely get to Caesarea through the Roman commander's orders. Paul was in dangerous situations, yet he continued to share the good news. This week, we will learn that while Paul was in prison, he shared the gospel with as many people as he could.
- ▶ Today, we will begin where the high priest, Ananias, is making an accusation against Paul to Governor Felix.



Read Acts 24:5-16

- ▶ What did Ananias and the Jews accuse Paul of?

- ▶ What did Paul admit to Felix?

- ▶ Has Paul committed any crime that should be punishable by prison or death?

Session 3 Tuesday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about all the people Paul shared the gospel with while he was in the Roman prison.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul told Governor Felix that he did not do any of the things the Jews were accusing him of and that he only worshiped God and followed Jesus.



Read Acts 24:17-23

- ▶ What did Paul come to Jerusalem to do?

- ▶ What did Governor Felix allow Paul's friends to do?

- ▶ Why do you think the Governor allowed this?

Session 3 Wednesday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about all the people Paul shared the gospel with while he was in the Roman prison.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul came to Jerusalem to bring gifts to the poor and to present offerings and the Jews have accused him of many things that are not true. Governor Felix kept Paul under guard, but allowed Paul's friends to care for his needs.
- ▶ This went on for 2 years! Eventually, Felix was no longer governor and Paul had to make his case before the new governor, Festus. Paul begins this passage making his appeal to Festus.



Read Acts 25:8-12

- ▶ Who did Festus want to do a favor for?

- ▶ Who did Paul appeal to?

- ▶ Why do you think Paul appealed to the emperor of Rome?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about all the people Paul shared the gospel with while he was in the Roman prison.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul made his defense to Festus and insisted he had done nothing wrong. He ended up appealing to Caesar, who was the Roman emperor. Festus agreed to send him to Caesar.
- ▶ Meanwhile, King Agrippa and his wife Bernice came to visit Festus and were interested in what Paul had to say. Festus agreed to have Paul speak to them.



Read Acts 26:1-8

- ▶ What did Paul say King Agrippa was well acquainted with?

- ▶ What did the Jews know about Paul?

- ▶ What hope did Paul have?

Session 3 Friday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about all the people Paul shared the gospel with while he was in the Roman prison.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul spoke to King Agrippa. He told the king that he grew up a Pharisee and followed all of the Jewish Laws and customs. Paul said he has hope in what God has promised and that is why he is on trial.
- ▶ Paul continued to tell the king about when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. As Paul was telling about his experience with Jesus, Governor Festus interrupted him. This is where we will begin reading today.



Read Acts 26:24-32

- ▶ What did Festus say about Paul?

- ▶ What did Paul want for all who were listening to him that day?

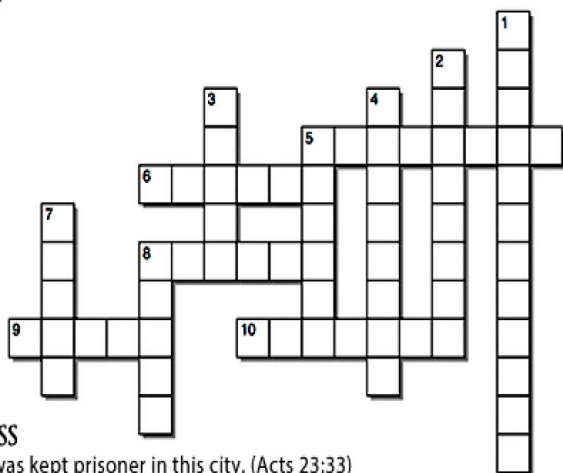
- ▶ Did King Agrippa and Festus find Paul guilty of any crimes?



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Paul before King Agrippa

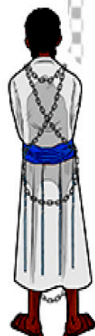


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- 5) Paul was kept prisoner in this city. (Acts 23:33)
- 6) Who did Paul meet on the road to Damascus? (Acts 26:15)
- 8) Who accused Paul of being crazy? (Acts 26:24)
- 9) Paul's Hebrew name. (clue: begins with the letter 's')
- 10) Name of King Agrippa's wife. (Acts 25:13)

DOWN

- 1) Paul received permission from the _____ to persecute believers. (Acts 26:12)
- 2) Paul lived as a _____. (Acts 26:5)
- 3) "I say nothing except what both _____ and the prophets said would happen.." (Acts 26:22)
- 4) Paul was of which tribe of Israel? ((Phil 3:5)
- 5) Paul asked to stand before this Roman ruler. (Acts 25:12)
- 7) "I am sending you to open their eyes, so they will turn from darkness to _____." (Acts 26:18)
- 8) Roman governor of Judea. (Acts 24:5)



UNIT 35: THE CHURCH GOES

Session 4: Paul Went to Rome Acts 27



Sunday, July 21

Why should
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Memory Verse: Isaiah 25:1

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Before you read...

- ▶ In the past few weeks, we have learned that Paul told Festus he wanted to go to Rome and have his case brought to Caesar. Paul hadn't done anything wrong, but God used his imprisonment to get him to Rome. God had told Paul that He would send Paul to Rome to share Jesus with the people there.
- ▶ This week, we will read that Paul was on his way to Rome by ship when a terrible storm threatened his journey.



Read Acts 27:9-12

- ▶ What did Paul warn the men of the ship's crew about?

- ▶ What did the centurion decide to do?

- ▶ Who do you think the centurion should have listened to?

Session 4 Tuesday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading that Paul was on his way to Rome by ship when a terrible storm threatened his journey. God had told Paul that He would send Paul to Rome to share Jesus with the people there.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul warned the centurion and ship crew that it was too dangerous to sail at that time, but they did not listen to Paul and set sail anyway.



Read Acts 27:13-20

- ▶ What kind of wind did they face at sea?

- ▶ What did they throw overboard?

- ▶ Why do you think they gave up hope?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading that Paul was on his way to Rome by ship when a terrible storm threatened his journey. God had told Paul that He would send Paul to Rome to share Jesus with the people there.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the ship faced a hurricane force wind and was violently battered. They had to throw all of their cargo overboard and had given up hope of being saved.



Read Acts 27:21-26

- ▶ Who visited Paul and what did they say?

- ▶ What did Paul believe would happen to them?

- ▶ Why do you think Paul was so sure?

Session 4 Thursday



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading that Paul was on his way to Rome by ship when a terrible storm threatened his journey. God had told Paul that He would send Paul to Rome to share Jesus with the people there.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that an angel visited Paul and told him that God would graciously save the lives of all those who sailed with him because God wanted Paul to stand trial before Caesar.



Read Acts 27:27-38

- ▶ How did Paul say the men would be saved?

- ▶ What did Paul encourage the men to do that they had not done for 14 days?

- ▶ Do you think the men on the ship thought they would be saved?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading that Paul was on his way to Rome by ship when a terrible storm threatened his journey. God had told Paul that He would send Paul to Rome to share Jesus with the people there.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul told the men they must stay with the ship in order to be saved. He also encouraged them to eat and broke bread and gave thanks to God in front of them.



Read Acts 27:39-44

- ▶ What happened to the ship?

- ▶ What did the soldiers want to do to the prisoners?

- ▶ Who reached land safely?

Pauls Shipwreck Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

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N	N	T	A	O	I	Q	A	A	T	I	E	O	I	T
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BEACH
CARGO
CENTURION

COAST
DANGEROUS
FAITH
PAUL

SAFETY
SAILORS
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UNIT 35: PAUL'S MISSION TO ROME

Session 5: Paul Preached in Rome Acts 28



Sunday, July 28

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 25:1

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Session 5 Monday



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we left off right after all of the people on Paul's ship made it to shore safely after the shipwreck. This week, we'll see how God's promise to get Paul to Rome came true and how Paul once again used every opportunity to tell others about Jesus.



Read Acts 28:1-6

- ▶ What happened to Paul when he was gathering wood?

- ▶ What two different things did the island people think about Paul when this happened?

- ▶ Who was protecting Paul...from shipwreck and from the poisonous snake?



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we left off right after all of the people on Paul's ship made it to shore safely after the shipwreck. This week, we'll see how God's promise to get Paul to Rome came true and how Paul once again used every opportunity to tell others about Jesus.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that a snake bit Paul as he was gathering wood. At first the islanders thought he was a murderer, but then when Paul did not suffer any ill effects from the snake bite, the islanders thought he was a god. But, God was protecting Paul because He had a great plan for him.



Read Acts 28:7-10

- ▶ What did Paul do for Publius, the chief official of the island?

- ▶ How was Paul able to do that for this man?

- ▶ How did the people of the island respond to this event?

Session 5 Wednesday



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- ▶ Last week, we left off right after all of the people on Paul's ship made it to shore safely after the shipwreck. This week, we'll see how God's promise to get Paul to Rome came true and how Paul once again used every opportunity to tell others about Jesus.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul healed the father of the island's chief official. After that, many other sick people came to Paul and were healed. God was doing mighty work through Paul even after they were shipwrecked on a random island!



Read Acts 28:11-20

- ▶ How did Paul live when he got to Rome?

- ▶ What did Paul tell the leaders of the Jews in Rome?

- ▶ Why do you think the soldiers allowed Paul to live by himself with a guard instead of putting him in prison?



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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Paul was allowed to live by himself with a guard instead of being put in prison. Paul told the leaders of the Jews that he had done nothing against their people, but that the Jews in Jerusalem had arrested him anyway.



Read Acts 28:21-24

- ▶ Had the Jewish leaders in Rome heard any news about Paul before he arrived?

- ▶ Did all of the people believe Paul as he shared about Jesus?

- ▶ Just like Paul, we can share the good news about Jesus with others. And just like Paul, some people might not believe us. Does that mean we should stop sharing?

Session 5 Friday



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Jewish leaders in Rome had not received any letters about Paul. They listened to him share the good news about Jesus. Some believed him and others didn't.
- ▶ We can be like Paul. God has called all of us to share the good news about Jesus. It is our job to tell others about Jesus, but it is God's job to change their hearts. They have to make the choice to follow Him.



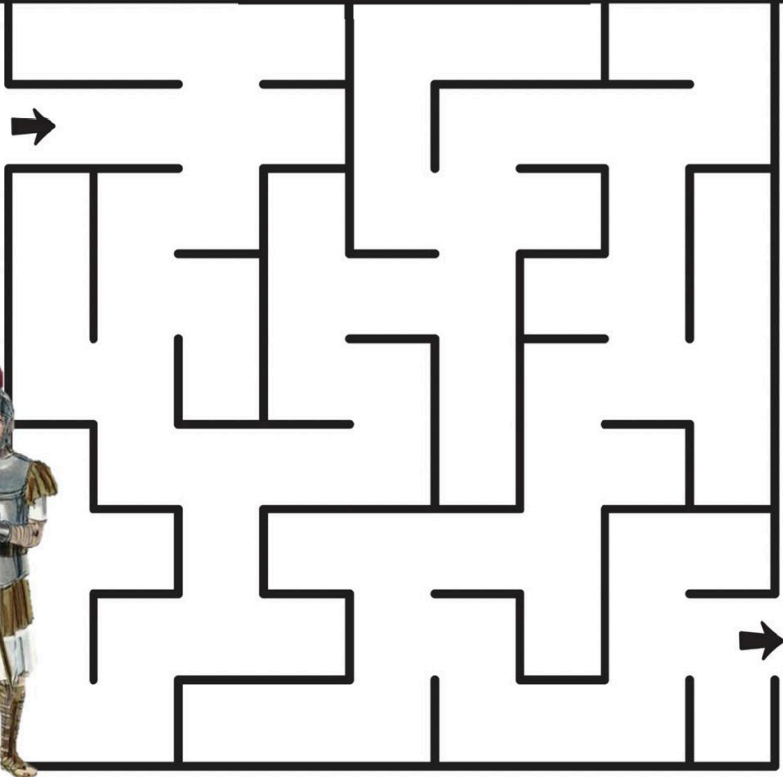
Read Acts 28:25-31

- ▶ Who did Paul say God's salvation had been sent to?

- ▶ How does verse 31 say that Paul shared the kingdom of God?

- ▶ Who can you share boldly with? What will you tell them?

Paul taught in
his own house in Rome!
Acts 28:30





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