

Paul

God's Servant



Lesson 5: Paul Experiences God's Peace

Teacher's Prep: (set aside at least 2 hours **prior** to teaching)

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** Acts 21:27-22:22; 23:11-22; 27:1, 9-25, 44 from the Bible. (15 min.)
3. Read pages 41-44 in the **Teacher Resource book** at least 2-3 times. (30 min.)
4. Read and study the story **outline** on the opposite page. Prepare your Bible: put the bookmarks in their proper place, and read over each bookmark, practicing what you will teach the children! (30 min.)
5. Prepare your **extra activities** or visuals, if any are listed on your bookmarks. (10-15 min.)
6. **Practice** your lesson out loud, and **TIME YOURSELF!** Practice using your visuals, and make sure you hit all bookmark points. (18-20 min.)
7. **TIME TO TEACH!!!** Be sure to **teach** the information found on each bookmark!!! (18-20 min.)

TEACHER'S TIP

Kids love visuals: bringing in chains, maps, etc. can help liven up your lesson and give kids a more vivid experience with the story. However; be careful to not use up too much time with extra visuals. Remember that the content is more important than the entertainment. Especially the content of the Gospel.

Story Outline Lesson 5: Paul Experiences God's Peace

1. **Introduction:** Unscramble Word.

LINK: When you trust that God is in control, it's like unscrambling the letters. Would Paul remember God is in control and let peace fill his heart, no matter what?
2. As Paul preached in Asia, the crowd turned on him, causing the chief captain to come to his rescue.

LINK: He had disobeyed God, and that sin had to be paid for. In fact, the Bible says all have sinned, and that includes you.

GOSPEL BOOKMARK
3. Paul again preached Christ and was rejected by the screaming crowd.

LINK: Would Paul be able to let God's peace fill his heart at such a time? Maybe you know what it's like to be insulted too.

GROWTH BOOKMARK #1
4. God encouraged Paul through a vision and told him he would witness in Rome.
5. Forty radical Jews vowed to kill Paul. The Jews demanded that Paul appear before the Sanhedrin. Paul's nephew heard of the plot and told Paul.
6. Paul sent his nephew to the chief captain. The Captain told the nephew to keep secret all he had revealed to him.
7. Arrangements were made for Paul to sail, under guard, to Rome.
8. Paul warned the crew of dangers awaiting them, but his warning was ignored.
9. Ship, crew, and passengers were violently tossed about by a storm that arose.
10. The crew threw cargo and tackle overboard; all lost hope as the storm continued many days. Paul spoke to the crew, telling them he'd been encouraged by an angel.

LINK: Over and over again Paul experienced a calmness on the inside because he let God's peace fill his heart. As a believer you can experience the same thing if you will let God's peace fill your heart.

GROWTH BOOKMARK #2
11. With peace in his heart, Paul comforted all on board saying, "Cheer up! I believe God. It will happen just as He told me."
12. They all arrived safely on shore.

LINK: Today, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you need to let God's peace fill your heart.

GROWTH BOOKMARK #3

INVITATION BOOKMARK

GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



John 14:27

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Note to Teachers:

Remember: simply telling a Bible story - no matter how animated and alive you make the story - is not enough. You must **TEACH** truths to the children through the application points found on these bookmarks. These applications allow the children to take the story and **APPLY** it to their lives, which is the **REASON** you are teaching them a **LESSON**, not a story. When you isolate these application points away from the story, children are not likely to pay attention or grasp the importance of these truths. However, when you weave these points **WITHIN** an exciting story, children can make connections and identify with the main character(s), thus enabling them to apply these teachings to their lives. **DON'T** neglect the teachings on these bookmarks: this is the **MEAT** of your lesson!!

LINK: Would Paul be able to let God's peace fill his heart at such a time? Maybe you know what it's like to be insulted too.

1. As a believer you can **let God's peace fill your heart** at such times.
2. Perhaps because you pray before your meals in the school lunchroom you're insulted (people make fun of you). Some may think you're weird because you love Jesus, and they don't want to be friends with you.
3. This can make you feel terrible, **but you can still have God's peace no matter what others say or do.** You can have peace (quiet on the inside) because Jesus says:
4. **READ John 14:27**

LINK: When others hurt you with their insults, let God's peace fill your heart. Imagine how Paul must have felt when he heard the insults of the raging crowd!

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



John 14:27

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LINK: Over and over again Paul experienced a calmness on the inside because he let God's peace fill his heart. As a believer you can experience the same thing if you will let God's peace fill your heart.

1. **God is always on time.** He controls all that happens. When you're being insulted because you pray before eating in the lunchroom or you find yourself in any other difficult situation, remember what our verse says:
2. **QUOTE John 14:27** with the children.
3. Ask yourself: will I let my heart be troubled, or **will I let God's peace fill my heart?**
4. Then you can pray our memory verse back to God. **Thank** Him for filling you with His peace. **Ask** Him to help you keep your heart from being trouble or afraid. Thank Him that He is in **control**.

LINK: As you do this, **you will experience real peace and calmness in your heart** in spite of what is happening. Over and over again Paul experienced this wonderful calmness on the inside in different situations.

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK



Rom. 5:8

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LINK: He had disobeyed God, and that sin had to be paid for. In fact, the Bible says all have sinned, and that includes you.

1. You've sinned even though you may not think so. Every day your life proves it. You might get grumpy when you're told to do something at home. Or perhaps you use ugly words when you become angry.
2. Sin is a terrible thing. Who can tell me the **definition** of sin? **Who** has sinned? What is the **punishment** for sin? (allow for answers)
3. It's wonderful to know that the **penalty** for sin has been paid. The **blood** that came from Jesus' body on the cross is the only thing God can accept in payment for sin, because Jesus was the **perfect Son of God**.
4. When Jesus **died** on the cross, the punishment He suffered was for you and me. This was God's special way of showing how much He **loves** you, because He is your **Creator** (made you).
5. **READ** Romans 5:8
6. The Bible tells us that after Jesus died, He was **buried** in a tomb. **But** three days later He came out of that tomb: **ALIVE**, proving that He was the Son of God!
7. Jesus is alive today, and He gives you His **new life** if you trust Him as your Savior from sin.

LINK: When you take the new life he offers, that sin will be forgiven and your life can be changed. Paul saw how terrible his sin was.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



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LINK: Today, as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, you need to let God's peace fill your heart.

1. Whatever insults or difficulties you may face from teachers or classmates or anyone else because you serve God, **remember God is in control.**
2. He has promised His peace to you. This week, if you feel hurt or insulted because you let others know you are a believer, ask:
3. ***"Will I let my heart be troubled or will I let God's peace fill my heart?"***
4. Pray our memory verse:
Quote John 14:27 with the children
5. You can say something like this to God: "Dear God, thank you for giving me your peace, which fills me right now. I will not let my heart be troubled. I will not let my heart be afraid, because I know You're in control. In Jesus' name, A-men."

LINK: Then you will truly know what it means to experience God's gift of peace in your heart. But could it be that you have not yet believed on Jesus as your Savior from sin?

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John 6:47

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LINK: Then you will truly know what it means to experience God's gift of peace in your heart. But could it be that you have not yet believed on Jesus as your Savior from sin?

1. **REVIEW:** If you haven't, this peace isn't yours. But it can be! First, you need to agree with God that you are a sinner and are separated from Him because of your sin. Then you need to believe that Jesus died and came back to life again.
2. **READ VERSE:** John 6:47
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** Believing means not just knowing with your mind, but trusting with all your heart in the Lord Jesus and that His death on the cross is the only way your sins could be forgiven.

It means calling (praying) on the Lord Jesus and asking Him to be Lord over your life and your Savior from all your sins. You can't do this on your own: only by believing in Jesus can you have everlasting life (life forever with God in heaven).
4. Please **bow** your heads and **close** your eyes.
5. If you have **NEVER** asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and you would like to know how you can have everlasting life in heaven with God, please **SHOW ME** by raising your hand. Everyone else keep your eyes closed.
6. If your hand is raised, **FOLLOW** me so I can show you from God's Word how you can be God's child. Everyone else **STAY** here while (next teacher) prays.