

Paul

God's Servant



Lesson 6: Paul Looks forward to His Reward

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

1. **PRAY!** For yourself, and for the children!!
2. **Read** Paul's life and journeys from the other lessons (see outline for references) (15 min.)
3. Read pages 48-52 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.)

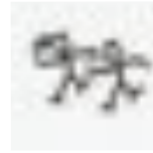
TEACHER'S TIP

Because this lesson is a lot of review, feel free to ask a lot of questions to the children, to see how much they remember from previous lessons.

Story Outline Lesson 6: Paul Looks Forward to His Reward

1. **Introduction:** Trophy Illustration
LINK: To win a trophy, you have a goal in mind, and you work hard for it. Paul had a goal in mind as he served the Lord Jesus.
2. Paul's Goal In life (Phil. 3:14)
LINK: Paul did admit that he needed to receive the Lord Jesus. This was an important decision for him to make. It is an important decision for you to make too.
GOSPEL BOOKMARK
3. Paul acknowledged Jesus as Lord (Acts 9:1-6)
4. Paul received instruction (Acts 9:15-16; 26:16-18)
LINK: He had his mind on the goal and was going to aim for it throughout his life. Do you have a goal in mind?
GROWTH BOOKMARK #1
5. God prepared Paul for service (Acts 9:15; 22:14-15)
6. Paul learned to study (Acts 22:3; 26:4-5)
7. Paul learned to obey authority (Acts 26:10, 12)
8. Paul learned to work (Acts 18:3; 20:34; 1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8)
9. Paul served the Lord (Col. 1:27-29)
10. Paul witnessed for the Lord (Acts 20:18-21)
11. Paul shared with other Christians (Acts 11:28-30; Phil. 4:18-19)
12. Paul taught other Christians to serve the Lord (Acts 16:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:2)
13. Paul kept reaching for his goal (Phil. 3:13-14; 4:13)
LINK: Paul kept the goal before him no matter what happened. To have a goal and keep aiming at it is very important.
GROWTH BOOKMARK #2
14. When the final day came in Paul's life, he could say, "I've reached my goal and there's a crown waiting for me!" (2 Tim. 4:7-8)
15. Paul kept the goal - the prize - before him and let God fulfill His purpose in His life.
LINK: As a child of God, will you today allow God to fulfill His purpose in your life?
GROWTH BOOKMARK #3
INVITATION BOOKMARK

GROWTH BOOKMARK #1



Matt. 6:33

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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: He had his mind on the goal and was going to aim for it throughout his life. Do you have a goal in mind?

1. You as a Christian belong to God. He has a goal or purpose for you. Will you allow God to fulfill His purpose in your life?
2. **As you follow God's orders each day**, you will know His purpose for you. Have you been planning your own life?
3. Maybe your goal is to be popular at school. You will do anything to get people to know who you are and to like you. Perhaps your goal is to be the top student in everything. Nothing matters but your grades. Or maybe you're trying to be your school's sport's hero.
4. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the best at what you do, **as long as you remember that those things are not the most important things in a Christian's life.**
5. God says in His Word: **READ Matt. 6:33.**
6. It's nice to be liked by others. It's good to be a top student. It's fun to be a sports hero. **But these need to be in the right order.**
7. God's purpose, His goal, should be first.

LINK: God's perfect love for you is seen in His purpose. That's where your mind should be focused. Paul's mind was focused on the goal before Him.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #2



Phil. 3:14

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LINK: Paul kept the goal before him no matter what happened. To have a goal and keep aiming at it is very important.

1. What is the goal before you? **If you know Jesus as your Savior**, are you willing to allow God to fulfill His purpose in your life?
2. Maybe up until today you have been doing the planning in your life.
3. Maybe your goal has been to be popular or to be a top student or sports hero.
4. **Would you be willing to tell God that you want, most of all, to follow Him as Paul did?**
5. Remember our memory verse: **QUOTE Phil. 3:14 together with the children.**
6. What are you doing to allow God to fulfill His purpose in your life? Are you reading and obeying His Word? Are you giving to others? Are you witnessing?
7. Instead of always trying to be most important or well-liked person, **ask God to help you put Him first in your life.**

LINK: Ask God to help you do whatever you can to allow God's purpose to be fulfilled in you. Paul's purpose in life was to serve God.

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GOSPEL BOOKMARK



Rom. 3:10

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LINK: Paul did admit that he needed to receive the Lord Jesus. This was an important decision for him to make. It is an important decision for you to make too.

1. Have you told God that you are a sinner and you believe Jesus died for your sin? Or have you been like Paul, trying to please God in your own way?
2. God's word says: (**READ Rom. 3:10**) That means all have sinned. What is sin? What are some examples of sin?
3. No matter what you do, you can't be good enough to please God. God is **HOLY**, perfect in every way. To be in His presence you need to be as good as He is.
4. God, your **CREATOR**, knows you could never be that good and that sin must always be **PUNISHED**.
5. In His perfect **LOVE**, He had His **Son**, Jesus Christ, do something very special for you. Jesus took your place when He **DIED** on the cross.
6. He gave His **PERFECT BLOOD** on the cross in order for you to be forgiven from your sins. Three days after He **DIED** and was **BURIED**, He came back to **LIFE!**
7. You must believe that Christ died and rose again and receive Him as your Savior so you can be saved from being separated from God by your sin.

LINK: You can be forgiven and your life can be changed. You can tell God that's what you want. **That is the most important decision you'll ever make.** Paul made that important decision.

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GROWTH BOOKMARK #3



Phil. 3:14

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LINK: As a child of God, will you today allow God to fulfill His purpose in your life?

1. Instead of planning your own life around things like popularity, studies, or sports, will you today ask God to help you keep your mind focused on Him?
2. You can make our memory verse your life's verse.
3. **QUOTE Phil. 3:14 with the children.**
4. **God, who is love, has a purpose for you that is good and perfect.**
5. If you would like to make the decision to allow God to work out His will in your life, will you quietly tell Him so right now?
6. I want everyone to close your eyes and bow your heads. If you have asked Jesus to be your Lord and Savior before, **you can pray silently right now and tell God that you want to fulfill His purpose in your life.** Tell Him you want Him to be number one in your life.
7. (allow for a short pause). You can all now open your eyes. If you prayed that prayer, I want you to tell one of your teachers, so we can know how to pray for you, as you focus on God's purpose for your life!

LINK: In order for God to fulfill His purpose in your life, you need to first do what Paul did.

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Rom. 10:13

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LINK: In order for God to fulfill His purpose in your life, you need to first do what Paul did.

1. **REVIEW:** Paul knew that he was a sinner, and needed to be forgiven from His sins. Like Paul, you are also a sinner, and cannot go to heaven because of the sin in your heart. But Jesus died on the cross so that now you can be forgiven from your sins!
2. **READ VERSE:** Rom. 10:13
3. **EXPLAIN VERSE:** Today, you can call upon the name of the Lord, which just means to pray (talk to God). In order to be saved from your sins, you need to ADMIT (tell) God that you know you have sinned and need to be forgiven. You need to BELIEVE in your heart that Jesus died on the cross for your sins.

Then you need to CALL (or tell God) that you want Jesus to be your LORD (to be number one in your life) and SAVIOR (to save you from all your sins). Some of you may have never done this before. I'm going to give you that opportunity right now.
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 call on the the name of the Lord to be SAVED, 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.