

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 270: PAUL'S MINISTRY IN ROME
ACTS 28:17-31

Three days later Paul sent for some of the most important Jews. When they came together, he said, "My brothers, I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our fathers. But I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. They asked me many questions, but they could not find any reason why I should be put to death. So they wanted to let me go free. But the Jews there did not want that. So I had to ask to come to Rome to have my trial before Caesar. That doesn't mean I am accusing my people of doing anything wrong. That is why I wanted to see you and talk with you. I am bound with this chain because I believe in the hope of Israel." The Jews answered Paul, "We have received no letters from Judea about you. None of our Jewish brothers who have traveled from there brought news about you or told us anything bad about you. We want to hear your ideas. We know that people everywhere are speaking against this new group." Paul and the Jews chose a day for a meeting. On that day many more of these Jews met with Paul at his house. He spoke to them all day long, explaining God's kingdom to them. He used the Law of Moses and the writings of the prophets to persuade them to believe in Jesus. Some of the Jews believed what he said, but others did not believe. They had an argument among themselves and were ready to leave. But Paul said one more thing to them: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet. He said, 'Go to this people and tell them: You will listen and you will hear, but you will not understand. You will look and you will see, but you will not understand what you see. Yes, the minds of these people are now closed. They have ears, but they don't listen. They have eyes, but they refuse to see. If their minds were not closed, they might see with their eyes; they might hear with their ears; they might understand with their minds. Then they might turn back to me and be healed.' "I want you Jews to know that God has sent his salvation to the non-Jewish people. They will listen!" Paul stayed two full years in his own rented house. He welcomed all the people who came and visited him. He told them about God's kingdom and taught them about the Lord Jesus Christ. He was very bold, and no one tried to stop him from speaking.

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MEMORY VERSE:

“...The salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it.” **ACTS 28:28**

Review Questions

True or False

1. After three days Paul sent for some of the most important Jews.
2. Paul told them that he had not done anything wrong.
3. Paul said he was bound with this chain because he believed in Caesar.
4. The important Jews told Paul that they had heard of him and they got lots of letters about him.
5. Paul and the Jews chose a day for a meeting. On that day, many more of them came to meet with Paul.

Questions

1. Did Paul do anything wrong to be arrested?
2. Did the Romans want to kill Paul?
3. When Paul and the important Jews met at his house, what things did Paul tell them about?
4. When Paul told all the Jews there about Jesus, did all of them believe?
5. Paul told the Jews that the Holy Spirit spoke through the prophet Isaiah and said, “You will listen and you will hear, but you will not _____.”
6. He also said, “They have ears, but they will not _____, and they have eyes, but they will not _____.”
7. Paul stayed at his own house for two years. What did things he tell anyone who would visit him?

Lesson 270 Craft

Watchmen's Yell-a-rama

Long ago people who lived in a village would have a watchman. The watchman would watch out for robbers, invading armies, fires, or other dangers. If they saw a danger, they would sound an alarm by blowing a horn or banging a loud drum. What would you do if you saw someone's house on fire? Take turns around the circle and hear exactly how each student would sound the alarm.

Explain that people who do not know Jesus are in terrible danger, too. We should be telling people about Jesus whenever God gives us the opportunity to share. *It's important to share the truth of Jesus, even if people don't believe.*

Go That Way!

You will need balloons and water. Put as much water in the balloons as they will hold without being inflated (or rising), then blow up as usual. The balloons go in unexpected paths when rolled on the floor (because of the water).

Divide the class in half and seat them on the floor in two rows facing each other. Give a balloon to each child in one row. Have them try to roll their balloon to the person across from them.

Explain that we must tell people about Jesus even though they do not always go the way we want them to. *It's important to share the truth of Jesus, even if people don't believe.*

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to tell their friends about Jesus, even if they do not believe. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.