

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Paul Arrested in Jerusalem

WHAT YOU NEED

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- "I Can..." sheet, printed (*alternatively you can make your own cards*)
- Scissors
- Pens/pencils/crayons

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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Have someone in your family read the following passage:

- Acts 21:27-36

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Who do you know who is brave? What does it mean when a person is brave? Today we are learning about someone in the Bible who was very brave. Many people told Paul it was dangerous to go to the city of Jerusalem, but the Holy Spirit told him to do the brave thing and go.

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Paul wanted to get to Jerusalem before Pentecost so he travelled quickly. But even though he was in a hurry, Paul did meet with some of the believers along his journey to encourage them and say his farewells.

When Paul arrived in Jerusalem, he went to the temple where the Jews accused him of doing something he didn't. A crowd gathered and they became so angry that they dragged Paul out of the temple area and began to beat him.

The Roman commander heard what was happening and he arrested Paul to stop the riot. The commander decided that Paul must have a chance to tell his side of the story. A time to meet was set up for the very next day.

Paul had shared the Good News about Jesus when he was a free man. Now he was going to be telling about Jesus while he was in prison. Paul had the courage to do what was right no matter where he was or who he was with.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Even though people told Paul that there was much danger there, what city did Paul really want to go to?
- Paul wanted to get to Jerusalem before what feast?
- What did the Jews in Jerusalem say Paul was doing wrong?
- Why did the Roman commander have Paul arrested?

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NOW WHAT?

- What things in our lives can make it hard for us to obey what God has asked us to do?
- How can we overcome these things and make sure we do what God has asked us to do?

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Print out the "I Can..." sheet
- Cut out and give each person in your family one "I Can..." card.
- Ask family members to think of and write down one thing that God has asked them to do that is hard/difficult.
- Share what you've written on your cards with the rest of your family and then pray together that God would give you the courage and strength to do what He has asked you to do.
- Stick the cards up where every can see them. Keep encouraging each other to do these things and celebrate your successes.

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