

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Paul Appears before Felix

WHAT YOU NEED

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- Wordless Book Instruction Sheet
- Plain paper (1 sheet per family member)
- Scissors
- Crayons/Pencil Crayons/Kokis

LET'S READ THE BIBLE

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Have someone in your family read the following passage:

- Acts 24:10-27

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Previously, in Jerusalem, Paul had been attacked and falsely accused of causing riots and defiling the temple. Wishing to avoid more unrest, the Roman commander secretly transferred Paul, under protective guard, to the governor's court in Caesarea.

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Paul was under guard in Herod's Palace awaiting the arrival of his accusers from Jerusalem.

Because he was a Roman citizen, Paul's rights were protected and his original accusers from Jerusalem had to make their case against him before a Roman official.

Paul's first court appearance took place five days after Paul arrived in Caesarea. The High Priest and a lawyer came from Jerusalem to make their accusations before governor Felix. But after hearing from both sides, Felix was not convinced of the accusation. He dismissed Ananias and the other accusers.

Paul was kept in prison for 2 years. Paul was able to talk about Jesus often. Although Felix and his wife, Drusilla, often called Paul out of the prison just to hear him talk about faith in Jesus, they never made a commitment.

This didn't discourage Paul and he kept on sharing the Good News about Jesus whenever he had the opportunity.

God wants us to keep sharing the Good News about Jesus whenever and wherever we can. How people react to the Good News is not our responsibility, but we do have to keep on telling others.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Are these statements TRUE or FALSE?

- Felix found Paul to be guilty.
- Felix knew a lot about the Lord's Way.
- Felix ordered that Paul be locked up and no one was allowed to see him.
- Paul spoke to Felix and his wife about having faith in Jesus Christ.
- Because Felix wanted to do the Jewish leaders a favour, he released Paul.

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NOW WHAT?

- Have you ever been in a situation where you had an opportunity to share the Good News about Jesus, but didn't? What was stopping you?
- What can we do to help us share the Good News about Jesus wherever and whenever we can?

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Follow the instructions on the "Wordless Book Instruction Sheet" to make your own Wordless Book to use when telling others the Good News about Jesus.
- Try to memorise what each colour means.
- Practice telling each other the Good News about Jesus using your Wordless Book

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