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# **MEMORY VERSE**

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# **LIFE APP**

FAITH:

Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

# **BIBLE STORY**

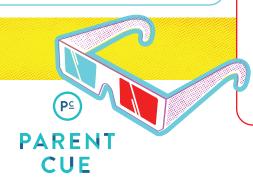
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# **BOTTOM LINE**

You can help others know Jesus

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCE**

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# **ACTIVITY: DO YOU TRUST ME?**

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

A bandana, scarf, thin towel, or adult-sized T-shirt (anything that can be used as a blindfold); a bunch of toys/stuffed animals

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Create an obstacle course using the toys, scattering them in a trail around a room. Show your kid the course. Tell them you're going to lead them through the maze of obstacles, but they'll have to trust that you're telling them the right way to go.

Blindfold your kid and spin them around a couple of times. Using only the sound of your voice, guide your kid through the obstacle course. Say things like, "Do you trust me? Hop to the left. Now, slide two steps forward. Stop! Now, do the chicken dance! Okay. Follow me. Listen to my voice. Keep going to the right!"

#### Talk about the Bible story:

- o In our story today, where was Paul headed? (Athens)
- **o Who was Paul?** (Paul was a man who used to hate Jesus-followers. Then he met Jesus on the road to Damascus and became a Jesus-follower.)
- o Why was Paul going to Athens? (To tell the people there about Jesus)
- o Does God want us to follow Paul's example and tell others about Jesus? (Yes! God wants us to lead people to Him just like we did through the obstacle course earlier. He wants us to tell others how to get to Him.)
- o How can we tell others about Jesus? (There are lots of ways to share the story of Jesus with others. We can invite them to a small group party, tell them the story of how we came to know about Jesus, or simply ask them if they've ever heard the story of Jesus. Sometimes, just being kind to someone others aren't kind to shows people that we love Jesus.)
- o As a family, let's talk about some ways we can help others know Jesus. We can volunteer to mow the neighbor's yard. We can invite our neighbors to church (or send them digital resources, like the one you're using now). We can love others whether they're similar to us or different from us. There are so many ways we can help others know Jesus.

## **PRAYER**

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, we know You always hear us when we pray. Right now, we pray that we would lead others to You. We pray that the way we treat people inside AND outside of our home would show people that we love You. We pray You would give us the courage to share the story of Jesus whenever we can. Thank You for Paul's example in the Bible, and most of all, thank You for Jesus. We need You, God, and we love You! Amen."



Have fun learning and playing with your preschooler.

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**ACTIVITY:** 

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## **BIBLE STORY**

Peter's Denial (Luke 22:54-62: John 21:15-19; Ephesians 2:8-9)

## REMEMBER THIS

"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." John 20:31, NLV

## **SAY THIS**

Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus.

### WHAT YOU NEED:

**HEART HOPSCOTCH** Sidewalk chalk, beanbag (or other item to toss) (For an indoor version, you can use painter's tape to make squares on the floor and use a paper heart.)

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Draw hopscotch squares on your driveway or sidewalk with the chalk. Draw a heart in the last square. Take turns playing hopscotch. Toss the beanbag onto a square and that's the square they skip. Start on square one and hop to the end and back, skipping over the square where the beanbag lands. When you get to the heart, say, "Jesus loves me. I can believe in Jesus." Repeat as desired.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Today, we heard a story about Peter. Peter learned that Jesus loved him, no matter what! Guess what? Jesus loves us, too. He wants to be our friend forever. Peter went on to tell everyone that Jesus is God's son and that He wants to be our friend forever. He helped so many people believe in Jesus. And we can, too! Tell me, who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus."

# PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to love us, no matter what. Sometimes, we mess up and we don't even mean to do it. Other times, we choose to do the wrong thing, and we're sorry for that. We are so thankful to have a friend like Jesus who will never stop loving us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."





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# **ACTIVITY: Amazing Race**

**WHAT YOU NEED:** A few chairs or stools (kitchen table sized), something to use for a blindfold (bandana, scarf, thin t-shirt), and a timer (optional)

**WHAT YOU DO:** As much as possible, clear out some space in a room and scatter around the chairs or stools from one side to the other.

Blindfold your kid and put them on the opposite side of the room from you. Using only the sound of your voice, guide them through the chairs. Say things like, "Do you trust me? Okay, take two steps to the left. Stop! Now, one small step to the right. One more small step. STOP! STOP!"

(You can make it sound a lot more complicated than it really is, giving them extra directions between chairs.)

When they're finished, it's your turn! Put on the blindfold and follow the sound of your kid's voice from one end of the room to the other. If you're feeling competitive, use a timer and see who can complete the maze the quickest!

#### Talk about the Bible story:

- o What stood out to you the most about today's story? (Discuss)
- o Why do you think Paul was so passionate about telling others about Jesus? (Because of his experience on the road to Damascus; Because he'd once hated Jesus-followers and now he was one; Because of all that Jesus had done for him. There is no "right" answer.)
- o **Has Jesus done something for you?** (Yes! He died on a cross for me. He loves me. He hears my prayers. He gives me what I need when I need it.)
- o Like Paul, we have so many reasons to tell others about Jesus. Think back to our activity earlier with the chairs. How is what we did similar to telling others about Jesus? (Sometimes it takes someone else to lead you to what you need. Talk more about this with your kid, letting them share their thoughts.)
- o How can you help others know Jesus? (Invite them to small group (even if it's online), simply tell them the story of Jesus, ask them if you can pray for them, tell them the story of how you met Jesus.)

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