

KIDS CHURCH ONLINE

Sunday 19th July 2020

THEME - STAND FIRM AND STICK IN

Acts 26:19-31 and Hebrews 12:1-2

BIBLE

Acts 26:19-31 (New Century Version)

19 “King Agrippa, after I had this vision from heaven, I obeyed it. **20** I began telling people that they should change their hearts and lives and turn to God and do things to show they really had changed. I told this first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem, and in every part of Judea, and also to the other people. **21** This is why the Jews took me and were trying to kill me in the Temple. **22** But God has helped me, and so I stand here today, telling all people, small and great, what I have seen. But I am saying only what Moses and the prophets said would happen— **23** that the Christ would die, and as the first to rise from the dead, he would bring light to all people.”

Paul Tries to Persuade Agrippa

24 While Paul was saying these things to defend himself, Festus said loudly, “Paul, you are out of your mind! Too much study has driven you crazy!”

25 Paul said, “Most excellent Festus, I am not crazy. My words are true and sensible. **26** King Agrippa knows about these things, and I can speak freely to him. I know he has heard about all of these things, because they did not happen off in a corner. **27** King Agrippa, do you believe what the prophets wrote? I know you believe.”

28 King Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think you can persuade me to become a Christian in such a short time?”

29 Paul said, “Whether it is a short or a long time, I pray to God that not only you but every person listening to me today would be saved and be like me—except for these chains I have.”

30 Then King Agrippa, Governor Festus, Bernice, and all the people sitting with them stood up

31 and left the room. Talking to each other, they said, “There is no reason why this man should die or be put in jail.”

Hebrews 12:1-2 (New Century Version)

Follow Jesus' Example

12 We are surrounded by a great cloud of people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back. **2** Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect. He suffered death on the cross. But he accepted the shame as if it were nothing because of the joy that God put before him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God's throne.

HAVE A CHAT

Below are some questions to help you explore the story

I wonder what part of the story you liked best?

I wonder what was the most important part?

I wonder where you are in the story?

I wonder how Paul felt when he was in prison for such a long time?

I wonder how Paul felt when he knew he had done nothing wrong?

I wonder how do you think Paul kept positive and kept going?

I wonder how do you keep positive when things are not going as planned?

I wonder how would you tell others about Jesus?

I wonder what Paul meant when he talked about running the race?

I wonder how Jesus can help you to never give up?

ACTIVITIES

Tell The Story

Retell the stories in your own words, creating a modern version. Can you remember all the different parts of the story? Maybe you would like to act it out, or perhaps gather different toys to retell the story.

Game

Room Race

Before the race starts gather something from each room in the house, depending on how many are playing you will need the same amount of items from each room. Make sure each person has an item from each room in front of them.

On the word 'Go' each person has to put back an item in the correct place eg. cutlery in the cutlery door. Once the first item has been put away they come back a collect another item and continue until all the items have been returned to their correct place. The first one to have all the items returned is the winner.

Keeping going and being determined to finish the race can sometimes mean we need to be positive, even when it is hard. Making sure we still do the best we can while running the race. In the game it was just as important to make sure everything is in the correct place as it is trying to finish first. Sometimes it is not always about winning but making sure we do our best and do what is right.

Challenge #1

ABC' Backwards

On a piece of paper write down the alphabet backwards. The challenge is for the person to sing their ABC's backwards. You could time each other and see who can do the challenge in the quickest time.

Sometimes it's had to change something we have been doing it a certain way for a very long time. As we grow up and follow Jesus he may ask us to change something and do it differently or be different from those around us.

Challenge #2

Thumb War

Choose a partner and hold hands with your thumbs sticking up. One person says 'One, two, three, four, I declare a thumb war'. Then start, the winner is the person who holds the other persons thumb down with their own thumb. Best of five.

When facing our challenges sometimes it can be hard to keep going. Remember you do not have to do it on your own.

Helicopter Race (Activity Sheet)

Follow the instructions on the activity sheet and make a helicopter once everyone has made a helicopter chose a good place where everyone can release their helicopters at he same time.

The person who's helicopter touch the ground first is the winner.

Chalk the Walk

Decorate the end of your driveway or the road in front of your house with art...Help to remind those who pass bye to be encouraged to stand firm and stick in! Maybe you would like to say 'Jesus Is My Strength', 'You've Got This', 'Keep On Going' or 'God's Power'.

Colouring (see the colouring folder)

If you are able print the colouring in sheets take some time to colour them in. If not why not give it a go and try and copy the design, then colour in it or make up your own design to tell the story.

Modelling

Make a model that will help you remember the story, either by using paper mache or salt dough. When it is dry paint it.

Place it somewhere to help you remember you to stand firm and stick in. Jesus asked Paul to follow him and speak to others about about Him, to show them how they must live. Jesus is with us too so we have the strength to keep going.

Rock Art

If you have enjoyed this activity your challenge this week is to find enough stones(rocks) big enough to write a phrase. We can spread God's Word in so many ways and this is a great way. Write something to help stand firm and stick in, such as 'My God Is Powerful', 'Keep going', 'You've Got This', or 'Jesus Is My Strength'.

On your walk go in search for a rock you can paint. you can paint it with any sort of paint but some paints wash off so be careful not to get the rock wet once it is dry. Acrylic paint does not wash off. Please protect your clothes.

Next time you go for a walk place the rock somewhere for someone else to see.

PRAYER

Family Prayer Activity (see sheet)

Take time to do the family prayer activity together.

And this week try to learn the memory verses.

Feeling Prayer Race(Activity Sheet)

Print out the activity sheet, you will also need a dice and counters/buttons for each player to play the game follow the instructions and play the prayer game.

**Here are a few options for paste for your paper mache.*

- 1. Use a simple mix of flour and water. Use one part flour with two parts water until you get the consistency like think glue. Add more water or flour as necessary, mix well and get out all the lumps. Add a few tablespoons of salt to help prevent mould!*
- 2. Similar to the above recipe, but definitely need adult supervision.
4 cups of water into a large pot. Place the pot on the hob and bring to the boil. While you are waiting for the water to boil, mix together one cup of flour with two cups of water, stir well to get out as many lumps as possible.
Once the water is boiling, carefully add your floured water mixture. Simmer the mixture for 2-3 minutes, until smooth. Add a few teaspoons of salt to help prevent mould. Allow to cool before you try to use it!*
- 3. You can use regular glue mixed with a bit of water. Mix using about one part water with two parts glue.*
- 4. Use wallpaper paste. Follow the directions from the manufacturer to mix this paste. Adult supervision when using it.*

***Recipe for Salt Dough**

*1 cup salt
2 cups of flour
¾ cup of water*

- In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.*
- Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.*
- Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.*
- Make your creations using the salt dough.*
- Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180C. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.*

Please remind little ones that the salt dough is not edible.

Tips and Ideas

- *Store your salt dough in an air tight container as it keeps well for a few days.*
- *You can paint your creations with acrylic paints and seal with varnish or polyurethane spray.*
- *Salt dough can also be aired dried and is an alternative to oven drying.*
- *Involve the kids in making the salt dough as this encourages and promotes so many learning opportunities, plus it is so much fun!*