



3rd – 5th

May 10-11, 2014

DATE

Priscilla and Aquila

LESSON TITLE

Acts 18:1-4 and 18-28; Romans 16; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19

WHERE TO FIND IT

God wants his family to love and support one another.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

As you interact with kids, affirm them. Say something specific you appreciate about their personality or something positive you see in their character.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to share the way they intend to show God's love with someone in their family.

large group heads up

Today, we're talking about how the early church acted like a family by looking at how Priscilla and Aquila shared, helped, and supported others. We should act that way too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

KEEP IT UP

***Play this in small or large groups**

- Break the kids into the group size of your choice
- Split each group into smaller groups, and have them form two lines facing each other
- Have lines pretend to face each other across an imaginary net
- Tell them the goal is to pass the **beach ball(s)** back and forth without letting them hit the ground.
 - Nobody can touch the ball twice in a row (a new person must touch it every time)
 - Teams can help each other but the goal is to go back and forth, so add a rule about this if necessary
- After you've played, let whoever is holding the ball share about the best or worst part of his/her week. Then they can pass the ball to somebody else to share, etc.

Before you head into Large Group, remind them about your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how Priscilla and Aquila loved and supported other believers, (2) recognize that the way they loved revealed *God's* love, and (3) identify ways they can show *God's* love to others

Why? As followers of Jesus, part of our job is to reveal *God's* character through our actions.

Tip: Check for allergy alert stickers before you begin today's activity!

small group

REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER

1. Tell me about the early church.
2. Who were Priscilla and Aquila?
3. What were some of the things they did?
4. Why would some of the things they did make people say "whoa!"
5. How does *God's* love surprise and shock us?
6. Why do you think he wants us to show amazing love to others?

COMPETITION

- Split kids into groups of 5 or 6.
- Give each group a bag of **spaghetti noodles** and **marshmallows**.
- See who can build the tallest tower.
- Give them 1-4 minutes, depending on how much time is left.
- Debrief:
 - Find the tallest tower: Everybody say, "Whoa!"
 - Could you have built it that tall with just one piece? Why not? Why is every piece important?
 - Why is it important to work together as *God's* family?

***Pray with the kids, asking *God* to help us think of ways to show his BIG love.**

TAKE-HOME ACTIVITY

Give each kid an **index card**.

- On one side, they should write their answer to this question: What is ONE thing they can do this week to show *God's* love? (Be specific, whether it's helping their little sibling with homework or giving a gift to a friend.)

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- Now take that act of love and make it BIGGER. Turn it over and write your BIG act that will make somebody say “Whoa!”
 - You may have to help kids. Take somebody who is willing to share and help them make it bigger (e.g. change helping their sibling with homework to offering to do help every night this week instead of just once).
- They can put the card in their pocket or purse but remind them to use it to remember to act in love this week.

Extra time? Go back into marshmallow groups and make lists of the “craziest” ways to show love. Vote for the craziest idea. Then ask kids if anybody’s ever been so kid to them that it was shocking. What did that feel like? Would they like that to happen?

LARGE group



special notes

The goal of this lesson is for kids to understand that when we show love in BIG ways, we are revealing God's love to others in a way that makes them want to experience it!

presenter tips

We're using the word "Whoa!" to describe God's BIG love. But if you want, use another one that fits your personality.

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see you. That was a really fun game we played together during Connect Time. You guys did a great job! Was it hard to have to send the ball to a new person every time? (Let kids respond.) What made it hard? (Let kids respond.)

Yeah, we had to trust that everybody else would be able to get the ball, right? We had to rely on the help of others. But that's how teams work, isn't it? That's how families work too. Raise your hand if you ever help your family (let kids respond). How do you guys help your family? (Let 2-3 kids share.) Wow, that's great! And why do you think it's important for teams or families...or friends to help each other? (Let kids respond.)

Let's watch a fun video to see what can happen when we help each other. As you watch, I want you to see if you can figure out how the characters in the video helped each other:

Video: Be Our Guest Song

**only show part if you got started late; it's really important to make it to small group today*

Isn't that a great song? So how did they help each other? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, they all had a job to do. The plates held food...the candles lit the room...the forks helped Belle eat the food, etc. Do you think their ability to work together helped Belle enjoy her feast? Why? (Let kids respond.)

THE EARLY CHURCH SHOWED LOVE

You know what? Sometimes it's hard to do things by ourselves. We need each other for help and encouragement. One thing I love about being a part of GOD's family, is that I have so many other people—like you guys—to help me follow Jesus. Did you guys know that we can work as a team with other people in God's family?

The best part is, when people see all of us in God's family working together, they see the love



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of Jesus. And they often want to be a part of God's family with us!

We're going to read some verses about how the very first church worked together. This verse calls them "believers." That means the people who believed Jesus is the Son of God!

SLIDE: Acts 2: 42-47 The believers studied what the apostles taught. ... And they prayed. Everyone felt that God was near. The apostles did many wonders and miraculous signs. All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. They sold what they owned. They gave each other everything they needed. Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. In their homes they broke bread and ate together. Their hearts were glad and honest and true. They praised God. They were respected by all the people. Every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

When people saw God's family eating together, praying together, sharing, and hanging out having fun together, did they want to be a part of it? (Let kids say: Yes.) How do you know? (Let kids respond.) Yes! EVERY DAY, the Lord added to their group those who were being saved. That means every day people became part of God's family.

Which is great...because Jesus gave US the special job of showing others how to be disciples—or follow Jesus—which means we become part of God's family. Remember, Matthew 28:19 says this:

SLIDE Matthew 28:19 So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PRISCILLA AND AQUILA SHOWED LOVE

One couple who were a part of the early church was a married couple named Priscilla and Aquila. They showed God's love to others so that more and more people started following Jesus. They worked as a team as a family—and with other members of God's family.

I'm going to tell you some things that are all true about Priscilla and Aquila. If it's something that's nice, give me a thumbs up. If it's something that's like WOW, beyond nice, just make a shocked face and say, "Whoa!" Ready?

- They worked hard at their job, which was making tents (nice)
- They invited people into their home (nice)
- Sometimes people stayed at their home for days and Priscilla and Aquila shared everything with them (nice/whoa)
- They taught people about God (nice)
- They let lots of people meet in their house like a church (nice/whoa)
- They left their home to follow a guy named Paul and together work as missionaries, which are people who go and tell people about Jesus (whoa)
- They put themselves in danger in order to save Paul's life (whoa)

Wow, so Priscilla and Aquila are a great example of how we can work as a team. And we can be not *just* nice...but WHOA! nice. When people do things like risk their lives for somebody else or leave everything they have to help others share the good news of Jesus' rescue, we know



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that they are doing those things because the love of God is inside them.

GOD SHOWS LOVE

God's love is BIG. It makes us say WHOA! He sent his *only* son Jesus to die to take the punishment for what *we've* done wrong. He has promised to re-create a perfect home for his whole family, where we'll never be sick or sad or hurt or bored or lonely or anything bad. That makes us say "WHOA!" Our job is to show others what God's love is like, so that they want to be part of God's family and experience his love too!

Let's watch a video that gives us some ideas of how we can shock others with love. The "Be Our Guest" video is great, but let's face it...we're not plates and candles and forks, are we? Let's look at some real of examples of things WE could do. See if you can figure out what happens that makes people think "WHOA!" in this video:

Video: Blow People Away

OK, so what made people feel loved in this video? (Let kids respond.) Yes, some girls who were cold got snuggles; some Ohio State Buckeye fans got a dessert called buckeyes, and a couple who just got engaged walked outside to a carriage ride! None of those things were necessary. They were things that were SO nice, they made people say "WHOA."

Just like in the video, God gives us opportunities to serve others. And he wants us to be like Priscilla and Aquila, helping others and supporting others. He wants us to help in small ways...but also in BIG ways.

WORSHIP

(Make sure you have time for small group. If it's running long, please skip one song)

We'll talk about that more in small groups. For now, let's thank God that he loves us in such amazing and wonderful ways!

Song: Wake

Song: Crazy Love

PRAY

Ask somebody to ask God to help us look for opportunities to shock people with his love this week.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

- 1 beach ball per small group

small group supplies

- Markers
- Bible
- 1 colored index card per kid
- 1 stopwatch per group
- 1 “kit” per 5 kids with the following items:
 - 10(ish) uncooked spaghetti noodles
 - 10(ish) standard size marshmallows

large group supplies

- Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: Be Our Guest (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afzmwAKUppU>)
2. SLIDE: Acts 2: 42-47 The believers studied what the apostles taught. ... And they prayed. Everyone felt that God was near. The apostles did many wonders and miraculous signs. All the believers were together. They shared everything they had. They sold what they owned. They gave each other everything they needed. Every day they met together in the temple courtyard. In their homes they broke bread and ate together. Their hearts were glad and honest and true. They praised God.
3. SLIDE Matthew 28:19 So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
4. Video: BPA Final (on Public Drive: Kids' Club>AV and Media>Videos>Misc)
5. Song: Wake (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=io2WQQ-3aVs>)
6. Song: Crazy Love (with dance moves)

connect questions

Kids will do an activity with marshmallows. If your kid is allergic, give him or her an allergy alert sticker. Tell me about Priscilla and Aquila.

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Today, we talked about two people who were part of the early church, named Priscilla and Aquila. They are mentioned seven times in the Bible. You can find them here: Acts 18:1-4 and 18-28; Romans 16; I Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19. This couple is a great example of how it looks to treat others in God's family as a team.