



Kindergarten-2nd

November 21-22, 2015

DATE

I'm In: Paul

LESSON TITLE

Luke 10:38-42; Matt. 6:33

WHERE TO FIND IT

Paul shows us how to seek God's Kingdom

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

Today's lesson is a little heavy, so temper it with fun in Connect Time and the Large Group intro!

check-in/out

Ask kids why they have an envelope with Jesus' name on it, and what's inside.

Give kids an **Advent postcard** on their way out!

large group heads up

Paul was willing to give up everything, even his life if necessary. We're talking about what we can give up in order to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.



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.*

SILLY CHOICES

- Keep kids in one large group and have them stand on one side of the room.
- Have a leader give two choices to kids. **They can only do one, not both!** (Make sure to demonstrate the actions so kids know for sure what their choices are.)
- If you want, play music while kids act out the following choices, and pause it when you give them a new choice.
- Say: "You can either..."
 - Walk across the room on one leg, **or** walk across the room like a crab (belly up, walking in hands and feet)
 - 10 jumping jacks **or** 10 foot kicks in the air
 - Lay down on your back **or** lay down on your tummy
 - Walk across the room acting like a duck **or** acting like a cow
 - Shout your name in a really high voice **or** a really low voice
 - Swim across the room like a fish **or** slither across the room like a snake
 - Give someone a high five **or** give someone a hug
 - Bark like a dog **or** meow like a cat
 - Roll across the floor **or** spin around in a circle
 - Make up your own!
- Give kids time to complete each action before moving on to the next.

TALK ABOUT IT

- Which choice was your favorite? Which was your least favorite?
- What was the best, or worst, part of your week?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand that Paul sought after God at expense to himself and (2) recognize that we can do that too.

Why? Following Jesus isn't always easy, no matter what age you are. We have to choose to follow Jesus, even if we have to sacrifice our own comfort.

Tip: Really help kids come up with concrete ways they plan to follow Jesus at cost to themselves this week.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

***To do that, we're making "popsicle Pauls"!**

1. Give each kid one strip with an **angry (pre-following Jesus) Paul** and **happy (now that he follows Jesus!) Paul** and **markers**
2. As kids color angry Paul, ask: what did Paul do BEFORE he met Jesus? (He beat Christians up, didn't love Jesus at all)
3. As kids color happy Paul, ask: What did Paul do AFTER he started following Jesus? (He told everyone about Jesus, he went to jail and got shipwrecked, got beat up, but still followed Jesus)
4. Give each kid **a popsicle stick**.
5. Fold the paper for the kids, so the Pauls are back-to-back. Then use gluesticks to stick angry Paul and happy Paul on either side of the popsicle stick.
6. Ask: Why was Paul willing to go through all those hard things AFTER he started following Jesus? (he loved Jesus more than anything)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- What's one thing you're willing to do for Jesus this week? (Remind kids that it might be what they came up with during Large Group. Or help them come up with things like: share our stuff with others, tell our friends about Jesus even if they don't think it's cool, invite others to Kids' Club, obey our parents even when we don't want to)
- Give each kid **a piece of paper, markers and an envelope**.
- Tell kids to **write or draw** the way they want to follow Jesus this week (it can be what they thought of in Large Group)
- Next, **have them put a "Jesus" sticker on the front of the envelope**. Obeying Jesus is a gift we can give him to show we love him with our whole heart!

- Review the verse (with **the verse card**) and hand motions.
 - **Matthew 6:33** – hold up 6 fingers, then 3 fingers
 - **Seek the kingdom of God** – put a hand over your eyes and look around
 - **Above all else** – stretch one hand out, palm forward, and spread it side to side
 - **And live righteously** – two thumbs up
 - **And he will give you** – hold your hands out in front of you
 - **Everything you need** – Stretch hands up toward the ceiling

*Extra Time? Give kids a **coloring page**. If you still have extra time, play the **Connect Time choice game** again, and make up new choices for kids to do. You could have kids take turns going on stage and making up choices for the others.*

*Make sure each kid gets an **Advent postcard** on the way out!*

special notes

Kids' choices at this age may be a lot simpler, like obeying their parents or sharing with friends, but they're still important! Encourage kids to choose a really specific example of a way they can follow Jesus that might not be easy.

presenter tips

Our verse for the last several weeks, Matthew 6:33, has been a big part of recent lessons. Make sure to help kids memorize it today by doing the motions, and repeating the verse several times.

script

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WELCOME AND INTRO

Hey everybody! We're so glad to have you in Kids' Club today. You all did a great job playing that game. I saw a lot of funny actions! Raise your hand if you...acted like a duck! (Let kids respond.) Raise your hand if you...acted like a cow! (Let kids respond.) Raise your hand if you...slithered like a snake? (Let kids respond.) Okay, did anyone...swim like a fish? (Let kids respond.) Okay, let's do one last silly choice. You can either...count to 20, or sing the ABC's! Ready? Go! (Give kids time to respond.)

All right, good job everybody. Those were some silly choices, but they were also kind of hard, because you could only choose one! What if we had even harder choices to make? You don't have to answer out loud, you can just answer in your head. What if you had to choose between... following Jesus or following your friends? Would that be hard to do? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it might be hard, because sometimes, our friends don't want to follow Jesus. Can you give me a thumbs down? (Let kids respond.)

Today, we're going to talk about how we have to make hard choices to follow Jesus. Sometimes, we even have to give up things we like, or do something we don't want to do. But guess what? Jesus was sent here to rescue us, which means he can help us make hard choices.

THE STORY OF PAUL

There was a guy in the Bible named Paul. Can you say, "Paul"? (Let kids respond.) Good job. You'll want to remember his name, because he did some amazing things for Jesus. Before he followed Jesus, though, he did some not-so-good things. He actually beat up people who loved Jesus. If you think that was a bad choice, give me a thumbs down. (Let kids respond.)



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The good thing is, after he did those bad things, he chose to follow Jesus! If you think that was a good choice, give someone a high five. (Let kids respond.) Paul was really excited to tell people about Jesus. The thing is, not everyone loves Jesus. Some people didn't follow him, so Paul had to make some hard choices.

We're going to watch a video about Paul's life. As you watch, try to figure out why Paul went through hard things so that he could tell others about Jesus.

Video: God's Story / Paul (4 min.)

Paul had a pretty amazing life! Did he love Jesus at the very beginning of the story though? (Let kids respond, "No") No, he didn't. But then, God showed him that Jesus came to the world to rescue him, and everyone! What did Paul do after that? (Let a few kids answer.) You're right. Paul followed Jesus no matter what.

PAUL FOLLOWED JESUS NO MATTER WHAT

Remember how we made all those silly choices today? Well Paul had to make a lot of choices too, but they were much harder. He got thrown in jail, because he told people about Jesus. Do you think that was the right thing to do? (Let kids respond.) It definitely was! Do you think it was easy to do though? (Let kids respond.) I bet it was hard. He might have even been scared, or sad at first. But guess what? Jesus was always with him.

Nowadays, we won't get thrown in jail if we talk about Jesus. But we still have to do hard things sometimes. We might have to give away something we love, or obey our parents even if we don't want to. We might even get made fun of. We've been learning a verse these past few weeks to help us remember how God wants us to live. Here it is:

SLIDE: Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Do you think Paul lived like this verse says to do? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he did! He knew that following Jesus was more important than ANYTHING in the whole world? If following Jesus more important than...making our friends happy? (Yes!) Is following Jesus more important than...being comfy? (Yes!) Is following Jesus more important than...having lots of cool stuff? (Yes!) Good job guys. You see, making our friends happy or having cool stuff isn't bad. It's just not as important as Jesus!

We've been doing some hand motions for this verse in the past couple weeks, so let's do it one more time! (Lead kids in repeating the following phrases, with hand motions.)

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Good job everybody! The end of that verse is super important. It says, “He will give you everything you need.” That means that even if you have to give things up, or make hard choices to follow Jesus, it will be okay because God gives us what we need when we seek his kingdom first!

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

Let’s all take a minute and think of one thing that’s hard for us to do. It might be obeying what our grownups say. Maybe it’s being nice to our brother or sister when they’re annoying us. It could be inviting friends to Kids’ Club, even if that’s hard to do. Everybody think about it quietly, in your head. I’m going to play a music video while you think about it, and I want you to just watch and listen, and ask God how he wants YOU to follow him this week. This time is for you and God.

Music Video: Boss of Me (2:46)

PRAY

God, you are always with us, so we never need to be afraid or worried about making hard choices. Following you is more important than anything. We love you. Amen!

WORSHIP

One of the best ways to focus on Jesus, and spend time with him, is to worship! This next song is about we don’t have to be afraid because our God will protect us, and give us we need!

Music Video: I’m Not Afraid

SHOW ADVENT IMAGE (you can leave it up during small group so parents see it too)

If you want to have some fun counting down to Christmas, ask a parent to go to CrossroadsKidsClub.net/advent starting on December 1. There will be a video or activity you can do together to celebrate. You’ll get a postcard on your way out to remind you—invite a friend to do it with you!

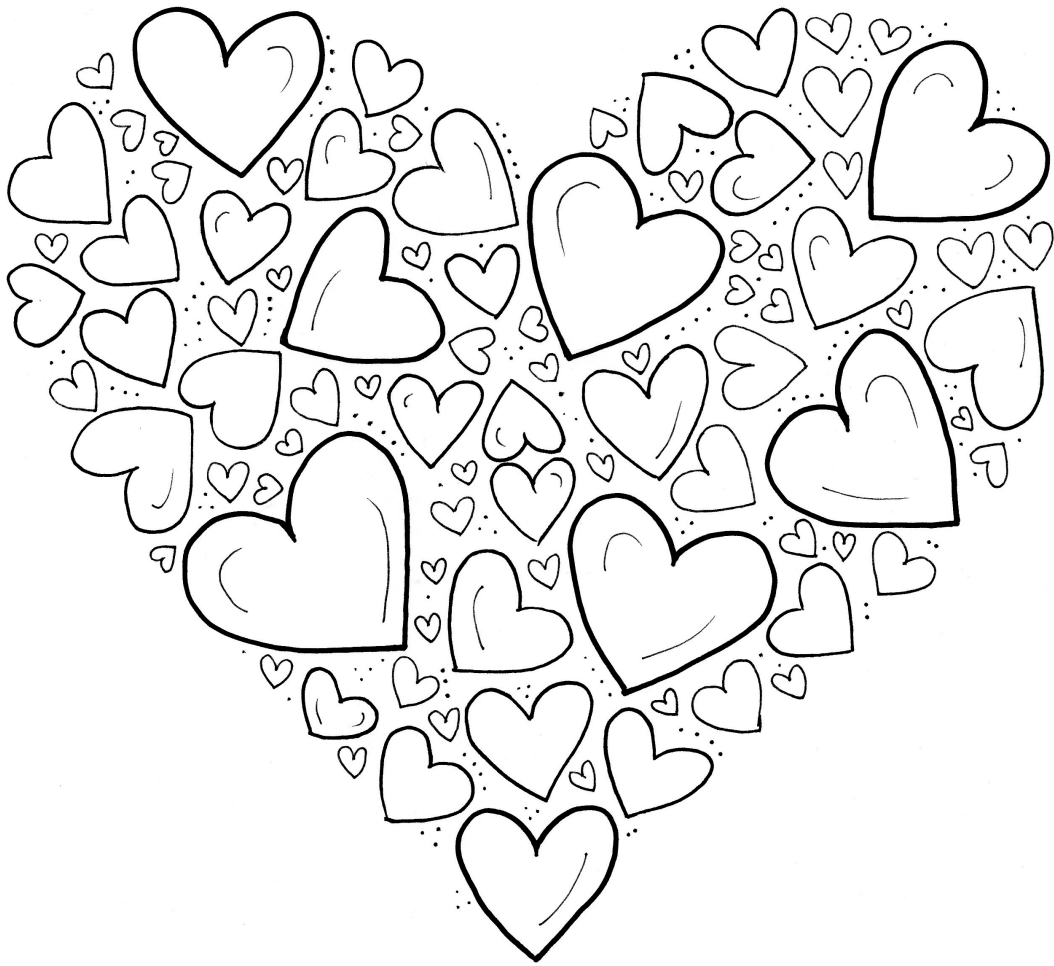
Now let’s head to small groups!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per room

"You Can Either" game. No supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid

1 piece of white paper, 1 white envelope, 1 Jesus sticker
1 strip of paper with an angry Paul and a happy Paul
1 popsicle stick
1 Advent postcard (to be handed out at the door)

Per group

1 Bible, markers, gluesticks
Matthew 6:33 verse card

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: God's Story / Paul (<https://vimeo.com/30378739>)
3. Slide: Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
4. Music Video: Boss of Me (<https://vimeo.com/118151941>)
5. Music Video: I'm Not Afraid (<https://vimeo.com/121403086>)
6. Image: Advent

connect questions

Tell me about Paul.
How did Paul follow Jesus?

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