

WEEK OF JULY 16, 2023



TESTIFY

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN



TALK TOGETHER

HAVE YOU EVER HELPED YOUR PARENTS LOCK YOUR FRONT DOOR?

When you fall asleep at night, it's comforting to know a random person can't walk into your house. When it's locked, only people with a key that matches your house lock can come in. Only one key will open the door.

Just like one key opens the door to your home, believing Jesus Christ died and rose again for your sins and asking Him to be your Savior **is the only way to heaven.**

The missionary Paul spent many years of his life telling people about Jesus. He was thrown in prison multiple times for saying Jesus was the only way to heaven. **But even in prison, Paul shared Jesus with the people around him.**

One day, Paul found himself before a king named Agrippa. The king allowed Paul to explain why he was a prisoner. Paul told Agrippa how Jesus changed his life. Then Paul asked the king if he would believe in Jesus. **Help me find Acts 26:26-32 to read what he said.**



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



COLORING PAGE

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



"FOR THE KING KNOWS ABOUT THESE THINGS, AND TO HIM I SPEAK BOLDLY. FOR I AM PERSUADED THAT NONE OF THESE THINGS HAS ESCAPED HIS NOTICE, FOR THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE IN A CORNER. KING AGRIPPA, DO YOU BELIEVE THE PROPHETS? I KNOW THAT YOU BELIEVE." AND AGRIPPA SAID TO PAUL, "IN A SHORT TIME WOULD YOU PERSUADE ME TO BE A CHRISTIAN?" AND PAUL SAID, "WHETHER SHORT OR LONG, I WOULD TO GOD THAT NOT ONLY YOU BUT ALSO ALL WHO HEAR ME THIS DAY MIGHT BECOME SUCH AS I AM—EXCEPT FOR THESE CHAINS.

THEN THE KING ROSE, AND THE GOVERNOR AND BERNICE AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING WITH THEM. AND WHEN THEY HAD WITHDRAWN, THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, "THIS MAN IS DOING NOTHING TO DESERVE DEATH OR IMPRISONMENT." AND AGRIPPA SAID TO FESTUS, "THIS MAN COULD HAVE BEEN SET FREE IF HE HAD NOT APPEALED TO CAESAR."

ACTS 26:26-32

HOW DID KING AGRIPPA RESPOND TO PAUL'S QUESTION?

Sadly, King Agrippa did not make Jesus his Savior that day. We don't know if his heart changed later in life because the Bible does not say. **What we do know is Paul spoke the truth and followed God's Word to share the Gospel.**

There may be times when you share the Gospel with someone and they do not accept God's gift of salvation. But you can continue to pray for God to change their heart and change their mind! And, you can continue to share God's Word with them!

Remember, there is only one way to heaven and that is through Jesus Christ. As you grow older, people will try to convince you there are other ways to heaven. They will tell you to do good things or follow other religions to get to heaven. Those things won't work.

Just like there is only one key that can unlock the door to your home, there is only one way to heaven: belief in Jesus Christ.



GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.



REDEMPTION

THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: ACTS

This week's story comes from the book of Acts. Acts is the only book of its kind in the New Testament and is not grouped with any other books. It tells the story of the earliest Christians.

The book is written by the physician Luke and picks up where the book of Luke left off. Acts introduces readers to the missionary Paul and shares how the Gospel spread to other countries.

JOURNAL

Ask an adult to help you find a lock and key that go together. Take a close look at the grooves in the key and the entrance to the lock. Only one key will open the lock.

Think about how Jesus is the only way to heaven. Now think about how important it is to share your faith with people who don't know Jesus.

Trace the key in your journal as a reminder that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

OT-NT CONNECTION

In Acts 4:11-12, Paul declares Jesus is the only way to be saved and references the Old Testament. **Read Psalm 118:22-29 to learn what Old Testament verses Paul connects to Jesus.**

- What two things are mentioned in both the Old Testament and New Testament? (Hint: Look at Acts 4:11 and Psalm 118:22.)
- Jesus is the cornerstone! Have you decided to accept Jesus as your Savior?

WHAT IF I SHARE MY FAITH WITH SOMEONE AND THEY TELL DON'T WANT JESUS?

While we are called to share the good news about Jesus with other people, we are not responsible for their decision. That's what God does. Every person must decide for themselves whether they want to follow Jesus. But anyone who chooses to believe in Him will be saved! **(John 3:16)**

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHER PEOPLE?

Jesus tells His followers in **Matthew 28** to share the Gospel with other people. When we share the Gospel, people learn about the only way to heaven and can come to know Jesus!

READ



Check out the story of Paul and King Agrippa. **Read Acts 26.** King Agrippa did not choose to accept Jesus as his Savior after Paul shared his faith. Do you think Paul's testimony impacted King Agrippa?

♥ MEMORIZE

"AND THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED."

ACTS 4:12

- Q:** WILL EVERYONE WHO HEARS THE GOOD NEWS BECOME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS?
- A:** ONLY THOSE WHO TRUST IN JESUS FOR SALVATION.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of Acts. Help your child find the book of Acts. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SHARE

Tell your kids about a time you (or someone you know) told someone about Jesus but the person did not accept Jesus as their Savior. What happened, and do you still pray for that person?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR LORD, PLEASE HELP ME TO SHARE MY FAITH WITH THE PEOPLE I MEET. HELP ME TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO FOLLOW YOU AND THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO. I REALIZE YOU ARE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN AND THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN BRING SOMEONE TO SALVATION. THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME. AMEN.

NAVIGATE

Draw a simple maze (with one answer) for your child to navigate. Jesus is the only one who can help us navigate this life. He is the only one who can offer us salvation.

PLANT

Sometimes we share the Gospel with someone, but they choose not to accept Jesus as their Savior. That doesn't mean they never will. God can use us to plant "seeds" in people's lives. Sometimes, later in life, people will remember the truth about Jesus and decide to become saved.

Help your child plant a seed! Water it, give it sunlight and watch it grow! Remind them that we are not responsible for making people accept Jesus, only for sharing the Gospel with them.

UNLOCK

Give your child a key ring full of keys and ask them to unlock the front door. Don't tell them what key is the right key. Once they've accomplished the task. Explain that just like there is only one key that unlocks the front door, there is only one way to get to heaven. The only way a person can go to heaven is to believe the Gospel and accept Jesus as their Savior.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the week to thank God for the Gospel!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!



***"AND THERE IS SALVATION IN
NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS
NO OTHER NAME UNDER
HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN BY
WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED."***

(ACTS 4:12)



**WILL EVERYONE WHO HEARS THE GOOD
NEWS BECOME A FOLLOWER OF JESUS?
ONLY THOSE WHO TRUST IN JESUS FOR
SALVATION.**

NAME: _____