Ready, Set, Move: Follow Jesus Here, There, and Everywhere!

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



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

Memory Verse

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift." Ephesians 2:8 NIrV

Bible Story

Paul Shipwrecked Acts 27:1–28:10

Key Question

What helps you remember that God is with you?

Use this guide to help your family learn about faith.

Activity

You Had a Bad Day

What You Need:

Internet access and smartphone or other device (if needed)

What You Do:

Say to your child: "Have you ever read the book or seen the movie Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day? What happens?"

Let your child explain the plot of the story to you, or you can remind them if they need help.

Note: If you or your child aren't familiar with the story, you can take a minute to watch the trailer—or even take a night to watch the movie together. (Preview the trailer to make sure you're comfortable with the humor.)

When it's over, say, "In our Bible story, Paul didn't just have a bad day. His whole journey to Rome was full of dangers and challenges. But through it all, God was with him."

Talk About the Bible Story

Why was Paul traveling to Rome? (He was being taken there as a prisoner.)

During the storm, what did Paul say to the other people on the ship? (He encouraged them that God would keep them safe.)

How do you typically respond when difficult things happen to you?

What helps you remember that God is with you?

Is there anyone in your life who you admire for their faith in God? If so, how do you think they keep their faith strong?

Parent: Briefly share about a time when God was with you through a tough situation. Maybe a fellow believer encouraged you. Or maybe God gave you peace when your relationship with family got difficult.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, You are an amazing God! You are with us when life is good and when life is hard. Thank You for always being with us, through anything we might face in life. Thank You for never leaving us. We love You! Amen."

