

# Parent Guide

Elementary: July 12

## BIBLE STORY:

Paul in Athens  
Acts 17:16-34

## BOTTOM LINE:

You can help others know Jesus.

## ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need:

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## FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

What are some things we know about God?

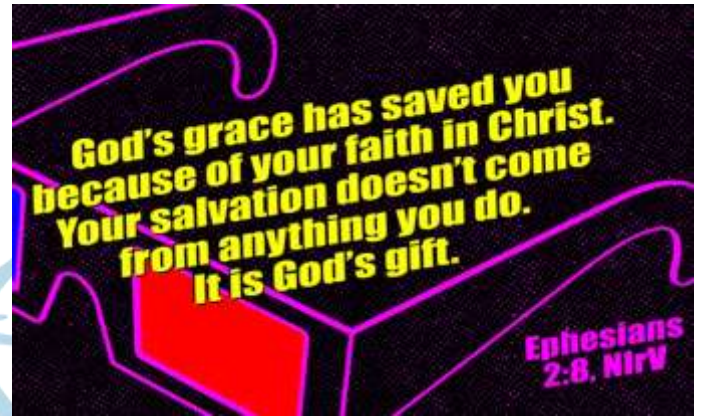
Say• Just like Paul in today's Bible story, we can TELL people what we know about God.

## ACTIVITY: EVERYBODY IN

What you need: large room, extra chairs

Scatter chairs in the middle of the room. Blindfold one person and give them instructions to guide them through the obstacle course. If they bump into a chair, they must come back and let the next person go. Keep going until someone successfully crosses the room.

Say• It makes a big difference for almost everything in life when we have help. We can help others by helping them know Jesus.



## ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

Wherever Paul went, he told everyone the good news of Jesus. But, in nearly every town a group of Jewish leaders would speak out against Paul and try to stop him. Paul got help so he could escape to Athens.

When Paul got to Athens, he walked around the streets in the city and saw statues of their false gods. The people thought these false gods were in charge of different things like weather or love.

Paul visited the Jewish temple to tell the people about Jesus. He also spoke with people in the marketplace. Paul got the attention of a group of really smart people. Paul wanted to help them understand about Jesus. Paul explained that the True God made the entire world and everything in it. He told them how God created each person with purpose.

Paul knew that the Athenians might listen to the world of their OWN writers who had actually written things that are true about God – even though these writers didn't know God, yet. Some of their writers had written, 'We are his children,' and Paul told them that this was true. We ARE his children. Paul told them that God is alive and real – not just some statue.

By sending Jesus, God had invited everyone, everywhere to follow Him. Paul told them that God proved this by raising God from the dead. Paul realized that the people of Athens already wanted to believe in God; they just hadn't heard about Jesus, yet. He thought that they might listen if he could explain that Jesus was the answer to the questions they had wondered all along.

**Pray:** God, thank you for giving wisdom to Paul to tell others about You. Please give us the courage help others know Jesus – with the words we say and the way we treat others each day. We ask this in Jesus' name.