



KIDS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for Sept 25th - October 1st

**Acts In 30 Week 18: Paul and His Friends**

**Family Activity: Trust Me I'm A Doctor**

To show how Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla were tentmakers and preached the gospel, we're going to play a game of Charades: Career Addition! As the teacher, select someone to come up and whisper a job title in their ear. They will act out that job without speaking, spelling, or doing anything other than moving. Whoever guesses it first gets to go next. Finish the game by having someone act out "tentmaker." Chances are no one will get it, but it's a great segue into the discussion! *Did you know Paul made tents when he wasn't preaching?*

**FOCUS: Acts 18:1-4**

**Aquila and Priscilla**

**REFLECT** — Paul meets a couple named Aquila and Priscilla who were forced to leave their homes in Italy because they were Jewish. They owned a tent making business, and believe it or not, so did Paul. Paul was a tent maker during the week and then on Sabbath, he would go to the synagogue and teach people there.

**Q1 - Is there anyone you know who has a really cool job? What do you want to be when you grow up? How did Paul balance making tents and reaching people with the gospel?**

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**FOCUS: Acts 18:5-8**

**Good Friends and Good Neighbors**

**REFLECT** — Later on, Silas and Timothy finally meet up with Paul. They allowed Paul to preach more often, but unfortunately, Paul was not very welcome in the synagogue any longer. This made Paul sad and he eventually moved on to preaching more to the gentiles. Paul went next door to the synagogue where there was a family who worshipped God but were also gentiles. They believed in Jesus that day and followed the Lord.

**Q2 - Paul had some really good, supportive friends; do you feel like you have good friends? Why, or why not?**

**When the people in the synagogue wouldn't listen, Paul went (literally) next door and there was a whole family there ready to hear about Jesus; are there people near you who haven't heard about Jesus and how could you be a light to them?**

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**FOCUS: Acts 18:9-11**

**Jesus Encourages Paul To Keep Going**

**REFLECT** — Paul became sad when the people he preached to didn't accept Jesus. Jesus gave Paul a vision encouraging Paul to keep going and not to give up. Jesus said, *"Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city."*

**Q3 - Paul was sad when his hard work didn't seem to pay off; have you ever felt this way? Explain. Jesus comforted Paul personally and helped him keep going; how has Jesus helped you when you are feeling down?**

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**FOCUS: Acts 18:12-23**

**Paul Strengthens the Disciples**

**REFLECT** — Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla left Corinth and sailed away. Paul was on a mission to go back to all the small communities of Christians he had planted so he could strengthen them and encourage them. Paul was being a good shepherd of God's people by visiting the disciples everywhere he had been and not forgetting about them.

**Q4 - Who are some people you may have not spoken to in a while that you could check-up on, like grandparents, old-friends; etc? Do you have people who check-up on you?**

