



For Preschoolers and Toddlers

Monthly Image: Trumpet

Early Childhood Essential: God is with His people.

Memory Verse: “Go and make disciples of all nations” – Matthew 28:19

Bible Story Focus: Paul Discovers a Statue- Acts 17:16-34

Lesson Overview:

Paul tells the people of Athens of the Forever King. In this lesson, kids will hear of Paul’s travels to Athens, a city that worshipped statues and made Paul very sad. Kids will hear of Paul’s courage to stand up in front of a large counsel of people and tell them about the Forever King. Children will be reminded that God wants us to share about Jesus too... which might sound like a big job but it’s not one we have to do alone. **God is with His people.**

Pre-Video Discussion:

Have you ever seen a big statue? What was it of?

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I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

Why was Paul sad when he got to the city of Athens?

*Because he saw that the people there were worshipping statues.

Who did Paul say they should worship instead?

*Paul told them they should worship the Forever King.

Who is someone you could tell about the Forever King?

*Answers will vary

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea:

Grab some playdough (or make your own) and challenge your kiddos to sculpt something they really love. This could be a toy, book, TV character, or a favorite food. Remind your children that while these are all great things, sometimes we make them more important than they should be. When we do this, we are making them “idols” just like the people in our story today. Jesus wants us to love him and put God above all else.

For Elementary

Lesson Overview:

Children will watch a short video that tells the story of how sin entered into the world through Adam and Eve and infected everything. Children will think about the way that sin ruins and infects everything. They will also learn that even a story that has so much bad news also contains hope and the promise of a Savior.

Teaching Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/417655695>

Curriculum Video Link: Sin Enters the World (Gospel Project for Kids):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7LZnMHYrmY>

Post-Video Discussion:

- **What was the one command God gave Adam and Eve in the Garden?** (*Not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.*)
- **How did sin enter the world?** (*Eve listened to the serpent and ate the fruit that God told them not to. She gave some to Adam.*)
- **What happened?** (*Sin broke everything! Their perfect relationship with God, their perfect relationship with each other, their perfect relationship with creation. Everything from now on would be hard and contain part of sin’s curse.*)
- **What are ways that sin infects your life?** (*Share responses.*)
- **Even though this story contains so many sad, hard things, it also contains a hopeful promise. What is it?** (*That God would send someone born of a woman to crush the head of the snake and rescue and restore all that he had made from the curse of sin.*)

Independent Activity for Kids:

Use old magazines to create a “sin’s curse” collage. Cut out pictures that show ways this world isn’t the way it’s supposed to be. Next week after our redemption lesson, you can cover them with a cross to show how Jesus’s death and resurrection overcomes the curse and power of sin.

For 4th and 5th graders:

Look at the following verses and create a graffiti board that lists what they tell us about the destruction of sin’s curse. Consider memorizing one set this week.

Romans 6:23

Romans 8:20-21

1 Corinthians 15:22