

Priscilla and Aquila Help Paul

Bible Point: God wants us to share the good news about Jesus.

Bible Verse: "Believe in the Lord Jesus" (Acts 16:31a).

Prayer

- Read Proverbs 27:5-6.
- When have you been helped by a friend who confronted you with something you needed to address?
- Pray: God, help the children in my class learn to be good friends, even when...

Hear and Tell the Bible Story

Show the kids the map of Paul's missionary journeys below...



SUPPLIES: modeling dough, coffee stirrer, paper, tape

Optional: Before class, press a bit of modeling dough into the bottom of one-half of a *plastic egg*. Tape a 2-inch triangle of white paper to a coffee stirrer, and then press the stirrer into the modeling dough. Use this as your “boat.”

Ask: • Whom did Paul meet in Philippi? (Lydia; a lady who sold purple cloth.)

• What happened when Lydia heard the good news about Jesus? (She believed it; she was baptized; she told other people, too.)

Choose a child to move the boat from Philippi to Corinth while other children pretend to row. Say: This is where our next story takes place.

Paul left the city of Athens and continued traveling to Corinth. There, he met a man named Aquila and his wife, Priscilla, who made tents. In Bible times, many people lived in tents. They could carry their tent houses with them wherever they went or put tents on their roofs to sleep in during the hot summer. Lots of people needed tents, so Priscilla and Aquila were very busy. Since Paul knew how to make tents, he helped Priscilla and Aquila. During the week they’d work, eat, and talk about God together. Then on the Sabbath, Paul went to the synagogue and talked with people there, teaching them that Jesus was God’s Son.

Paul stayed in Corinth with Priscilla and Aquila for many days. When it was time for Paul to leave, his friends Priscilla and Aquila went with him! They all sailed to the city of Cenchrea and then to Ephesus, where Priscilla and Aquila decided to stay and teach people about Jesus. Paul wanted to continue traveling—he couldn’t stay in one place until people everywhere knew the good news about Jesus! So Priscilla and Aquila waved goodbye to their friend, Paul, as he traveled back toward Jerusalem.

Soon Priscilla and Aquila met another traveling teacher named Apollos. So Priscilla and Aquila made friends with Apollos and taught him everything they’d learned from Paul. Before long, Apollos was excitedly spreading the good news about Jesus to everyone in Ephesus! But Apollos didn’t want to stop in Ephesus—he wanted to travel and tell people everywhere about Jesus! So Priscilla and Aquila helped Apollos leave Ephesus to spread the good news in more countries. Because Priscilla and Aquila worked and taught and encouraged other Christians, people for hundreds of miles around got to hear about Jesus.

Ask: • How did Priscilla and Aquila help Paul? (They gave him a job; they were his friends; they told people about Jesus, too.)

• Who else did Priscilla and Aquila help? (Apollos; other Christians; the people in Ephesus.)

Say: Each time Priscilla and Aquila are mentioned in the Bible, someone is hearing the good news about Jesus. In the Bible book of Romans, Paul says he’s thankful to his friends Priscilla and Aquila. They helped spread the good news about Jesus while they worked as tentmakers! God wants us to share the good news about Jesus, too. It doesn’t matter if you’re a tentmaker, a doctor, a missionary, or a kindergartner...anyone who knows and loves God can spread the good news about Jesus!

Do the Bible Story

SUPPLIES: CD player

Choose two children to be Priscilla and Aquila. Have them stand and face each other and then raise their arms and touch their hands together to form a “tent.”

Say: While we’re singing “The Good News,” we’ll walk through Priscilla and Aquila’s tent. When we sing the last line in each verse that says, “All the good news about Jesus,” they’ll bring their arms down to capture one or two people. To get out of the tent, those people must tell something good about Jesus,

such as “Jesus loves us,” “Jesus died for our sins,” or “Jesus is God’s Son.” Then whoever was caught in the middle may choose a partner and become the next Priscilla and Aquila. Ready?

Lead children in singing “The Good News” (track 20) to the tune of “The Mulberry Bush” with the *CD*. After each verse, pause the *CD* player so children can think of and share their good news about Jesus. Encourage children to choose partners who haven’t yet been Priscilla or Aquila.

God wants us all to share the news,
Share the news,
Share the news.
God wants us all to share the news,
All the good news about Jesus!

Paul was sent out to tell the world,
Tell the world,
Tell the world.
Paul was sent out to tell the world
All the good news about Jesus!

Lydia heard and she believed,
She believed,
She believed.
Lydia heard and she believed
All the good news about Jesus!

Priscilla and Aquila knew.
Yes, they knew.
Yes, they knew.
Priscilla and Aquila knew
All the good news about Jesus!

In a stormy sea, Paul shared the news,
Shared the news,
Shared the news.
In a stormy sea, Paul shared the news,
All the good news about Jesus!

Now you and I can tell the world,
Tell the world,
Tell the world.
Now you and I can tell the world
All the good news about Jesus!

When the song ends, turn off the CD player and gather children in a circle.

Ask: • What good news can we share about Jesus? (He loves us; he’s God’s Son; he’s powerful; he’s waiting for us in heaven.)

• How can you share that special news? (By telling people; singing songs about Jesus; bringing people to church.)

Say: God wants us to share the good news about Jesus. We can be like Priscilla and Aquila, who shared the good news themselves as they helped Paul and Apollos. Pray: Dear God, thank you for loving us and sending your Son, Jesus, so we can be forgiven for all the bad things we’ve

done. Help us tell everyone we know the wonderful news about Jesus. Show us ways to tell people that Jesus loves them, too. In Jesus' name, amen.

Craft

"Good News" sun catcher

Supplies: Blue and green tissue paper, contact paper (could use a paper plate cut a hole and put clingwrap in center), yarn or string to hang.

Cut the blue and green tissue paper into small squares. Lay them on the sticky paper to create the earth. Cut the circle out and hang it up to remember to share the good news with everyone!

Example:

