



BIG IDEA

We can encourage each other.

GOD STORY

Paul Is Encouraged (Acts 21:1–16, 23:12–33)

KEY VERSE

Encourage each other. (From 2 Corinthians 13:11, NLT)

MUSIC

“Cheer Each Other On” (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Masking tape
- Furniture (e.g., table, chairs)
- Jerusalem picture

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Create an obstacle course that includes a pretend boat (chairs or a taped outline).
- Hang the picture at the end of the course.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Tell the children that in one of today’s Bible stories God tells Paul’s friends that Paul will be in danger if he goes to Jerusalem. He decides to go anyway because he has work to do for Jesus!
- Encourage everyone to pretend to be on a journey like Paul as they move around the obstacles on the course.
- When you all arrive at the Jerusalem picture, let the children know that God kept Paul safe when he was in danger. This was very encouraging for Paul!
- Explain that in today’s other Bible story, Paul is encouraged by his nephew who arranged a horse to help him get away safely.
- Pretend to gallop away on horses!

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week’s video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

3 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Doorknob hanger
- Key Verse
- Glue stick
- Stickers
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child a doorknob hanger and a Key Verse.
- Place the other supplies where they can be shared.
- Direct the children to glue the verse onto their hangers.
- Guide them to decorate their crafts.
- Review today’s Bible stories and encourage everyone as they work.



4 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse sign

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Place the Key Verse sign where everyone can see it easily.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather your family to sit in a circle on the floor.
- Explain that you're going to play a game like Duck, Duck, Goose. The person walking around the outside of the circle will say, "Encourage" as they gently tap each person's head. When they choose someone to race, they'll shout, "Each other!"
- Choose a child to start.
- When they select someone to race, guide the two people to travel around the circle in opposite directions and return to the empty seat.
- No matter who gets there first, the person who was picked to race will go around the circle next.
- Between rounds, say the Key Verse together.

5 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- Take a walk around your neighbourhood now or later today. As you pass the homes of people you know or see them on the street, lead your family to say short sentence prayers for them. Take the opportunity to share encouraging words with others, too!