



BIG IDEA

We can encourage each other.

GOD STORY

Paul Listens to Jesus (Acts 26:12–32 & 27)

KEY VERSE

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

MUSIC

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

1 | Start

FIND THE PICTURES SUPPLIES

- Pictures

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hide the pictures all around your home.

TIP

- Read Acts 26:12–32 and 27 ahead of time to familiarize yourself with today’s stories.

FIND THE PICTURES INSTRUCTIONS

- Challenge the children to search for the hidden pictures and bring them back to you.
- When they’re all found, look at the pictures together. Explain that they’re from today’s Bible stories about Paul. They show Paul, King Agrippa, Jesus, a boat, a lake, a bright light, a storm, and a group of people.
- (Optional) Keep the pictures handy and review them after story time.

SWIM TO SHORE SUPPLIES

- Masking tape

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Use masking tape to create a boat shape on the floor on one side of the room. Make it large enough for your family to sit in together.
- Create a pretend shoreline with tape at the opposite side.

SWIM TO SHORE INSTRUCTIONS

- Gather everyone to sit in the boat shape.
- Tell the children that in one of today’s stories from the Bible, Paul’s boat gets stuck during a big storm. But he knows that God is with him! Paul encourages everyone to jump out of the boat and swim to shore.
- Pretend there is a huge storm. Lead everyone to make loud storm sounds!
- Guide the children to jump out of the boat and pretend to swim to the taped shoreline.
- When you reach safety, cheer!
- Remind everyone that God was with Paul and his friends.
- Highlight that we can be encouraged that God is always with us, too!

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

- Father's Day (or alternate Cone) activity pages
- Ice cream scoop cutouts
- Red pom-poms
- Glue sticks
- Coloring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page, an ice cream scoop cutout, and a red pom-pom.
- b. Place the glue and colouring supplies where they can be shared.
- c. Guide the children to glue their ice cream to their cone.
- d. Help them glue the pom-pom onto the ice cream so it looks like a cherry on top.
- e. Encourage everyone to colour their crafts.
- f. Read aloud the text on the page.
- g. Help the children give what they made to their dad or another special person in their lives. It's a great way to encourage them!

4 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Media player
- "Cheer Each Other On" (*The Meeting House Kids Music*)
- Large ball

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Gather your family to sit in a circle on the floor.
- b. Play the music.
- c. Guide the children to pass the ball around the circle as the music plays.
- d. Pause the music.
- e. Prompt whoever is holding the ball to say, "Encourage each other! 2 Corinthians 13:11"
- f. Restart the music and resume passing the ball.
- g. Continue playing as long there is interest.

5 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. 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!