

Unit 19 at a Glance

Messages from Paul

Unit Overview

In this unit, the students will take a look at Paul through the messages in his letters. Whether in want or in plenty, prisoner or free, Paul was steadfast in his devotion to the growth and strengthening of the church. Through his tears, warnings, instructions, pleas, passion and prayers, Paul in his letters will give the students some eye-opening messages for the church today and their lives as well.

Unit Goals

- The students will learn that Paul wanted the disciples to follow Jesus' example in every way.
- The students will understand that Paul's letters contain important lessons for disciples today.
- The students will believe that they can learn how to follow Jesus.

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Lesson 1 Joy and Contentment

Scripture Memory Verse **Philippians 4:6**
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

In this lesson, Paul shares his secret to happiness as he reveals the simple keys to joy and contentment. The students will be challenged to think about what they "think about."

Lesson 2 Love

Scripture Memory Verse **1 Corinthians 13:4**
Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Love has everything to do with this lesson in which the students will learn that love never fails. They will think of ways to show this kind of love to someone this week.

Lesson 3 Grace

Scripture Memory Verse **Ephesians 2:8**
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Amazing grace is the focus of this lesson! The students will see that grace is not only a precious and priceless gift from God, but also a powerful reason not to sin.

Lesson 4 Sin and Consequences

Scripture Memory Verse **Romans 3:23**
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
"Missing the mark" takes on a very different meaning when the mark is God. The students will not only consider the real and serious dangers of sin, but they will also see how the Bible can help them stay away from sin.

Lesson 5 Life and Doctrine

Scripture Memory Verse **1 Timothy 4:16**
Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

In this lesson, the students will be challenged to think about the importance of a disciple's example and think about ways in which they can be good examples.

Lesson 6 Teachings about Jesus

Scripture Memory Verse **Philippians 2:5**
Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Through the eyes of Paul, the students will see Jesus—God, man and a perfect example. As they consider the Lordship of Jesus, the students will choose one attitude of Jesus they will imitate.



3rd and 4th Grades

Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- As a family, create an "ABCs of Paul" in which you think of one idea or teaching from Paul's letters. Ideas could include: Ananias opens Saul's eyes; Baptized in Damascus; Christ is preached; Disciples are amazed at Paul's change; etc. Make it as simple or involved as you wish. For a more challenging version, make it chronological as well. For a super challenge, summarize the first twenty-five chapters each with one idea, all in alphabetical order, and cover chapters 26-28 with "Z," e.g. for "Zeal for the Lord consumed him." Print this on nice paper and display it in your home. Give copies to friends and family members. Share it with your child's Bible class teachers.
- Help your child lead a family devotional on one of the topics covered in this unit. Use the Unit Summary on the other side of this letter to help you come up with ideas. Think of a fun way to review the Scripture Memory Verse. Ask your child to teach your family one of the games from Bible class. For an extra special treat, invite your child's teachers to join you for dinner and attend the devotional!
- Talk as a family about Paul's "Secret to Happiness" from Philippians 4:12-13. Ask your child if he sees joy and contentment in your life. Ask him what he sees that makes you happy. (Be ready for honest answers!) Pray together for your family to get its greatest joy from knowing Jesus.
- Take some time to talk privately with the Bible class teachers about how your child is doing in class. Discuss their observations of character and attitude. Ask for ideas about how to follow-up on the lessons from this unit. Follow-up in a few weeks for a progress report.

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers